So Gordon & McPhail is a local company, started in Elgin in 1895. It's owned by a family, the Urquhart family, 4th generation now, and started off as a shop in South Street in Elgin, which is still there. Then they grew into wholesalers selling products around Scotland and the local area and then they started to develop their own brands and they started to sell those nationally and then latterly the brands have been sold internationally. So you got everything from a shop in Elgin to selling very expensive whiskey, say in China, and the Ethos of the business is very much one of the family owned business. Lots of local employees but also with the diversity that’s required through bringing skills in from other areas and the skill base in the company is also incredibly diverse.

So the major brand within the business is Gordon & MacPhail whiskies and Gordon & MacPhail whiskies are renowned within the industry as being some of the most interesting and some of the most expensive. We also have Benromach as a brand. That's a single malt whisky. A distillery in Forres which the company renovated back in the 90s and it's been going out for 20 years. Originally it was made in, it was founded in 1898. So quiet historical, old-fashioned but quite a modern brand mainly sold internationally. And then last year we developed red door gin, really on the back of the of the huge trend in gin consumption both in the UK and internationally and we had all the expertise of distilling and marketing. So we thought why not put that, instead of doing risky let's do something as well.

So the business started in Elgin, as I said in South Street, and so we have a retail outlet there we also have a head office in Elgin and warehousing and that's the home of our UK wholesale operation. But within the UK wholesale operational we also have sales people all over the UK and so we also have a satellite office in Edinburgh. We have a distillery in Forres but all the admin for that is done in Elgin as well and in the next month's I'm going to be recruiting in-market sales people. So in-market would be Asia, the North America's and and Europe. So we have got 160 people, some very locally and some very, very far away.