

# Travel firm is top for staff

BRISTOL-based Serviced Apartment Company is the best small travel company to work for in the UK, according to an annual survey of employers.

The firm, also known as SACO, came in at number 67 in *The Sunday Times* 100 Best Small Companies to Work For list, scoring higher than any other travel provider.

The company was commended for its working environment, with 85.3 per cent of its employees reporting an absence of stress in the workplace.

SACO chief executive Lesley Freed, who is based in the Bristol head office, said: "As we grow as a business, so do the development needs of our employees. Getting the right training to attract and retain people is vital to our success.

"We offer all our employees five free nights in our apartments each year, healthcare and life insurance and we hold regular social events — it's very important that people feel part of the team."

SACO employs 83 people, owns and operates serviced apartments in 14 towns and cities across the UK and can offer more than 12,000 apartments in 35 countries.



**Happy in our work:** From left, Lesley Freed, chief executive; Julie Fudala, reservations executive; Steve Harding, technical development; Sigi Foster, business development manager; Matt Edwards, marketing manager