



IT'S A GOLDEN JUBILEE FOR SUNWAY IRELAND

IT'S a big year for one of the country's top holiday providers who are celebrating their golden jubilee this year.

Sunway Ireland is now a household name in travel with a plethora of awards to its name and amazingly for today's world of commercial buy-outs and takeovers, it's still a 100 per cent Irish owned family business.

Sunway was founded in 1966 by Roy Beatty who passed the business on to his daughter, Madeline Kilbride, in 1974. Roy's granddaughter, Tanya Airey, took over the helm in 1998 and her dad, Jim Furlong, has been Sunway's chairman for 42 years.

The family connections don't stop there either as Tanya's husband, Philip, is a company director while cousin Brian McGovern is financial director.

Sunway originally opened in Blackrock as a corporate and leisure travel agency and in 1991 started tour operations, with Morocco being its first destination.

The budding company began to expand, with four Sunway shops opened in Dublin, while its corporate and incentive travel business also continued to develop.

Over the years Sunway, now located in Dun Laoghaire, has continuously been first to bring the best holiday destinations to the Irish market and is recognised as an authority on all aspects of the travel business.

Sunway provides a choice of over 70 destinations worldwide including summer and winter sun breaks, USA & Canada holidays and ocean and river cruises.

Holidays sold through Sunway include Sunsail, Neilson, Mark Warner Beach Clubs, Club Med, Escorted Tours, Adventure Tours, Weddings & Honeymoons and even Santa visits in Lapland.

On top of industry awards such as Best Long Haul, Best Specialist Tour Operator, Best North America Tour Operator and Best Sun Holiday provider, Tanya Airey has been awarded Image Business Woman of the Year, a Travel Trade Industry Achievement Award and Irish Travel Industry Award for her contribution to the Irish travel industry.

"Sunway is proud to be celebrating our 50th year in business and we look forward to another 50 years providing exceptional holidays at competitive prices," she said.



A FAMILY BUSINESS: Sunway Ireland's Tanya and Philip Airey win another award