

BACKGROUND

Martin Currie is a specialist investment management business based in Edinburgh. The company is employee-owned and manages equity portfolios for clients around the world.



Regarded as 'The Big Boutique' they blend the best attributes of both large and small investment managers. Their vibrant, entrepreneurial culture means that they can act quickly to meet the needs of their growing client base.

A company of Martin Currie's stature requires that their team building events have to reflect the dynamism of the company and its people.

BlueSky Experiences, the award winning team building and events management specialists were asked to organise a teambuilding event that was unique, fun and rewarding for their Dealing team. They were also tasked with project managing the entire logistics of the event including the transport and accommodation for the group.

THE TEAM BUILDING EVENT

BlueSky arranged for the group to be collected in Edinburgh by coach the night before and stay at a hotel in Perth. The next morning, after a great evening, they were collected by coach and taken to BlueSky's purpose-built team development and conference centre near Perth.

However the client only requested some traditional away day activities such as clay pigeon shooting and quad biking but BlueSky outlined the benefits of choosing the 'High Ropes' activity course that creates a unique and exhilarating team experience: taking a team journey of motivational challenges where trust and support are essential for team success!

In the morning the group of eleven were split into two teams to complete the 'Ultimate High Ropes' course, including the '125m

Zip Wire' and Scotland's tallest tree climb activity (a 65ft tree climb). With these events the individuals were asked to push their own boundaries as well as encouraging trust, support and motivation from the other team members.



Having worked with one another to achieve a common goal both teams came together to conquer the 40ft Jacob's Ladder – with everyone helping each other to achieve this.

After lunch the 'reward' element of the day began with individual fun activities including quad bike trekking in some of Scotland's most stunning scenery and splashing through streams on the way! The group also honed their accuracy skills at the very addictive sport of archery. The day was rounded off with a well deserved bottle of champagne at the prize giving ceremony.

Caroline Martin from Martin Currie Investments commented: *"We were looking for a team away day with a mix of fun activities and a group activity that encourages members to work together. What really impressed us about BlueSky was the choice of events that they offered and the level of detail they go into in the planning of these events."*

Caroline added: "James and his team were very enthusiastic about our event from the beginning; he was full of ideas and advice. We were extremely pleased with the service we received from BlueSky, the knowledge and professionalism shown by them, coupled with their friendly and humorous personalities helped put our group at ease at the very beginning. We had a very enjoyable day; they have a fantastic piece of land in the Perthshire countryside – a great getaway for us city based folk!"

The feedback from our team has been very positive, particularly on the activities and the accommodation that BlueSky organised. We very much hope to use them again in the future and won't hesitate to tell others what a great job they done! Superb!"

BlueSky Experiences, the award-winning specialist in team building, team development, corporate entertainment and event management throughout the UK was founded in 2001.

Based near Perth, Scotland the company counts some of the country's leading corporates amongst its clients including Royal Bank of Scotland, HBOS, Shell, BP, Norwich Union, Scottish Power, William Grant and Diageo as well as a number of SME's.

The company prides itself on providing training which is that little bit different and creative whilst

still keeping corporate goals and objectives firmly in sight.

BlueSky Experiences has dedicated high quality venues throughout the UK as well as its own purpose-built team development and conference centre in Perth. The company has made a six-figure investment in the centre which boasts 700 sq metres of team building/conference space. The centre is set in 700-acres of land which provides a mountain bike track, rope climbing and a puzzle zone offering what are believed to be the best team-building facilities anywhere in Scotland.



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