



TOP SHOP: Fifi And Ally's and, right, manager Gerry Reilly with staff Natalie Velenti and Stephanie Morris

SUPER STORE

Glasgow shops are voted among top 100 in **WORLD**

TWO Scots shops have been voted among the world's top 100 stores.

Glasgow's Fifi And Ally and furniture firm James Houston were included in the list, along with retail giants such as Bloomingdales of New York.

The "100 Shops You Must Visit" list was put together by industry journal Retail Week, who asked some of the top names in the business for their

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choices. Making it into the top 100 is a major coup for the two Glasgow stores as many top names, including Harrods and Marks & Spencer, failed to make it.

Fifi And Ally, who were opened in the city's Princes Square last year by cousins Fiona Hamilton and Alison Fielding, stock designer children's clothing.

Fantastic

The store, who also have a restaurant, rank actor Robert Carlisle and rock star Sharleen Spiteri among their customers.

Last night, Fiona said: "It's been a lot of hard work. We are a young company and to get a booster like this is fantastic.

"We didn't know anything about this until the phones started to go mental this morning.

"But the feedback has been

brilliant. This will certainly help us open more doors in the future."

Alan Levy, spokesman for James Houston, of Clarkston, said the news was a "positive ego trip" for all the staff.

He added: "The family have been in business for nearly 100 years. The shop has a special ambience and it must have contributed towards this recognition."

Other High Street names making it into the top 100 include value grocer Aldi, Carphone Warehouse and Selfridges in London's Oxford Street.

Lesser known top choices from abroad include Mumbai retailer Hypercity, Lotte Town in Seoul, Canadian chain No Frill and Patchi in Beirut, who sell everything from chocolate to silver.

A spokesman for Retail Week said: "You might think creativity and innovation in retail were dead and every other shop was a Tesco.

"In fact, nothing could be further from the truth."

