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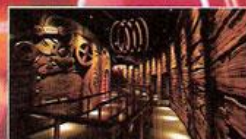
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Polin reveals new water rides

AMONG the latest developments from waterpark specialist Polin are two recently introduced manufacturing processes for its waterslides and two brand new water rides.

The company's waterslides are now all made using a resin transfer moulding (RTM) process which provides a uniform thickness, two finished sides and low emissions, along with easier maintenance and a more visually pleasing product.

Also now incorporated into Polin slides, where required, is its Natural Light Effects (NLE) system. This is a manufacturing process that allows natural light into an enclosed tube slide via translucent rings along the tube, thus creating various natural light effects within the tube, notably when combined with the flowing water, without the need for electricity. Indeed, Polin has also recently combined the NLE effects with the RTM process to create another option for clients.

The two new rides now available are the Dragero, a four-lane racing slide using head first ride mats which takes riders up a hill, into a tunnel, around a "U" bend and along a straight to the end of the attraction. Additionally, the

D-Wave has now been introduced, this featuring two towers and a "U" shaped slide making it compact and particularly suited to indoor use. It uses two-person tubes so rides four people at one time and one example had been sold at the time of writing.

Discussing various projects, Polin's Sohret Pakis said: "We've done two slides in Canada recently and have a total of 52 compact slides projects in the US. It is important for us to do these rides in the US. But the recession has affected the US more than anywhere else."



From left to right: Polin's Sohret Pakis, Sandinavian representative Eija Tervo and Kubilay Alpdogan, with a model of the new D-Wave attraction