



### **Munster Arkaden obtains Ecoprofit certification**

Sonae Sierra believes that to be a business leader in today's world, it is also necessary to be a leader on environmental issues. In 2009, Münster Arkaden shopping centre in Germany reduced its Co<sup>2</sup> emissions by 1,375 tonnes and increased its recycling rate to 77%, the second highest in the Sonae Sierra portfolio. This enabled us to reduce waste management costs from €109,180 to around €67,000.

In recognition of these achievements, in 2010 Münster Arkaden was awarded the ecoprofit Certification award. Ecoprofit is a programme which promotes sustainable economic development among local authorities and companies in and around Münster. It is coordinated by the municipal environmental Department together with the Chamber of industry and Commerce for north Rhine-Westphalia and the Chamber of Crafts and the economic Development of Münster. Each year, ecoprofit awards organisations which have demonstrated successful savings in energy and water consumption and improvements in waste management which have also resulted in reduced costs.

