



## **SOLIS LOUGH ESKE CASTLE ACCLAIMED IN THE PRESTIGIOUS CONDE NAST TRAVELLER HOT LIST 2008 IN THE TOP NEW HOTELS CATEGORY**

The Condé Nast Traveller, the bible of world travel, has named Solis Lough Eske Castle in their 2008 Hot List for Top New Hotels. This is the magazine's annual definitive guide to the hottest new hotels around the world - only 136 hotels, from a record 53 countries are selected for this esteemed 'New Hotels' list. Experts from all over the globe, with the most discerning of tastes have compiled this elite list for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row. As the magazine states, "Hotels are like cars: Newer models can dazzle with flashy looks and marketing hype, but only after you test drive them does their true performance come to light."

Andrew Turner, General Manager at the hotel commented: "We are absolutely delighted with this recognition which is a testament to the hard work of all the ladies and gentleman working at the hotel. We are looking forward to a busy summer season ahead as we welcome travellers to explore Donegal and enjoy the hotels full range of facilities including our newly opened spa."

Solis Lough Eske Castle is nestled within a 43 acre forest estate on the shores of Lough Eske. This property is built to an exceptionally high 5 star standard and is redefining the meaning of luxury in the North West. The hotel boasts 96 beautifully appointed and spacious guest rooms and suites, a 6000 square foot spa, Cedars restaurant and 6,500 square-feet of conference facilities in addition to the fully redeveloped Tudor-Baronial castle, which features a number of drawing rooms and bars.

Spa Solis at the hotel uses "Sodashi" products from Australia. In Sanskrit, Sodashi translates to "wholeness, purity and radiance" and these words aptly describe Sodashi's 100% natural products and uniquely luxurious spa treatments. The pool and SPA building sits in the footprint of the original Glass House.

Laurence Agnew, the Executive Chef at Solis Lough Eske Castle is a renowned chef having previously worked at the celebrated L'Auberge de Sedona resort where he served as Chef de Cuisine and as Sous Chef at Victor's Restaurant at the famed Ritz-Carlton New Orleans.

The picturesque area of Lough Eske is situated 5km to the North East of Donegal town and is at the foot of the Blue Stack Mountains which form part of the outstanding natural beauty of the area. Lough Eske (meaning Lake abounding in fish) has 12 islands, one of which still contains the ruins of a prison where the O'Donnell clan held their captives in the 1400's. Donegal has grown in popularity for surfers and there are many other activities available locally including golf, whale watching, pony trekking, hill-walking and game fishing.

Other hotels on the 2008 Hot List include South Africa's Londolzi Private Game Reserve, Qualia in NSW in Australia and a 3000 room tower on Macau's Cotai Strip.

See [www.solislougheskecastle.ie](http://www.solislougheskecastle.ie) for more details.

**Ends**

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