



Another accolade makes it a hat-trick for Solis Lough Eske Castle Hotel

Five star Donegal hotel named one of the world's best castle hotels by global travel expert

January 2010: Hot on the heels of being named the world's top luxury country hotel, Donegal's five-star Solis Lough Eske Castle Hotel has now being named one of the world's best castle hotels by US based travel expert Stephanie Abrams.

This is the third prestigious award for the Castle in as many months, winning world's best Luxury Country Hotel 2009 in late November and being named My Guide Ireland's No 1 Hotel in Ireland in December. Completing the hat-trick, Lough Eske has been named in the "2010 – You're The Tops Castle Hotels" list by world-renowned radio show presenter Stephanie Abrams. Ms Abrams has been named as one of the 100 most powerful women in travel by Travel Agency Magazine and names Lough Eske in her list alongside a number of other international and Irish castle properties. Stephanie visited the property twice since it first opened and has carried out a number of interviews with General Manager Andrew Turner.

Commenting on the hotel's latest commendations, Mr Turner said that this accolade was a further tribute to the exceptional facilities and service on offer at Donegal's only five-star hotel. "Solis Lough Eske Castle opened for business just two years ago and in the space of just 24 months has climbed to the top of the industry ladder. This is an achievement we are immensely proud of and reflects the commitment of the entire team to delivering the best possible guest experience here.

“The awards and the publicity around them will help raise public awareness of what we and Donegal have to offer and will, we hope, ultimately lead to more visitors coming to this glorious county.”

Solis Lough Eske Castle boasts 95 spacious bedrooms and suites, an Aromatherapy Associates Spa, fitness centre and swimming pool, Cedars Restaurant, two bars and 600m² of conference and banqueting facilities. Located just outside Donegal Town and nestled within 43-acres of forest woodland along the shore of Lough Eske, the hotel has redefined the meaning of luxury in the North-West.

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Notes to Editors:

In the space of just 18-months, the original 17th century castle was transformed from a ruin into County Donegal’s only five-star hotel by proud Donegal man Pat Doherty of Harcourt Developments. The hotel is managed by Solis Hotels and Resorts.

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