



## **FALDO ACADEMY TO OPEN**

**June 2010:** The international reputation of Lough Erne Resort reaches another peak in September when six times major champion Nick Faldo opens his unique golf academy of excellence for golfers of all ages and abilities.

The Faldo Academy is an innovative establishment in golf education that will attract enthusiasts from all over Europe and beyond to learn the meticulous principles and approach to the game that made Nick Faldo Britain's most successful golfer of modern times.

Yet the Faldo doctrine of dedication to self-improvement will be combined with a sense of fun to all the students who attend the wide variety of instructional courses from a team of experienced and qualified PGA professionals based at the stunning Northern Ireland resort on the outskirts of Enniskillen by the shores of Lough Erne.

The exciting prospect has already prompted experts to predict that The Faldo Academy will become one of the foremost teaching establishments in the world of golf as it attracts not only golf-for-fun enthusiasts but also highly skilled exponents seeking to reach the next level.

Unquestionably the most successful golfer so far to benefit from the Faldo influence is Rory McIlroy who in his junior days was spotted when he won a Faldo Series tournament before going on to establish himself as one of the world's leading golfers and now representing Lough Erne Resort at tournaments around the world.

The overall day-to-day running of the Academy will be headed by Lynn McCool, the former women's tour professional, who has been appointed Director of Golf & Head Professional whose team of instructors will supervise an array of schools both indoors and outdoors.

They will follow the overriding principle of the Faldo approach to teaching of keeping "the golf course in mind" to produce an environment that enables players to perfect the many different shots they could face on a golf course while still making both learning and practice an enjoyable experience.

Every aspect of the game has been considered with a swing studio plus video facilities for private tuition as well as group classes for beginners run during designated weeks. There is also a large lecture hall plus 8-bay indoor range that will provide ideal training sessions for groups and teams from across Europe.

The full range programmes on offer includes Junior Schools, two- and three-day schools, as well as corporate golf schools with the added attraction of a stay in the

adjacent five star hotel with its 120 luxury rooms and suites beside the highly-praised Faldo Championship Course.

The sense of team spirit during the residential golf schools will be emphasised as players dine together at one of The Resort's outstanding restaurants whose menus are prepared by the award-winning chef Noel McMeel mainly with local Irish produce.

To add to the all-round development of those attending The Faldo Academy there is a full scale driving range, a short game practice area with massive putting green plus an undulating "mini-Himalayas" putting course for all the family to enjoy and thereby enhance the entire Lough Erne Experience.

#### **About Lough Erne Resort**

Lough Erne opened in County Fermanagh, North West Ireland, in October 2007. It is set on a 600 acre peninsula nestled in between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough. The privately-owned hotel has 120 luxury Rooms and Suites including 25, two and three bedroom luxury Loughside Lodge Suites which offer private, fully serviced accommodation. The Resort features The Thai Spa, a variety of innovative dining options including The Catalina Restaurant for elegant dining overlooking the lough; The Blaney Bar for the Grazing Menu and exclusive Irish Whiskey collection; The Loughside Bar & Grill for casual all day dining and prime Irish meats from The Grill; and The Garden Hall for traditional, chocolate, pink and cygnets afternoon tea. The Resort has two championship golf courses, including The Faldo Course with its Halfway House, situated directly behind the ninth green with breathtaking views over Lower Lough Erne and The Faldo Course, serving light bites for golfers and guests enjoying The Collop Walk. Lough Erne Resort is located just five minutes from Enniskillen (St Angelo) Private Airport. It is also less than two hours from Belfast International, Belfast City, Sligo and City of Derry Airports and Dublin Airport, as well as from Belfast and Dublin Ferry Terminals.

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