



FALDO VISITS LOUGH ERNE RESORT

July 2010: Six time major winner Sir Nick Faldo has been preparing for this year's 139th Open Championship at Lough Erne Resort over the past week. The 50 year old took time out to inspect The Faldo Championship Course which celebrated its first anniversary this month just ahead of The 2010 Lough Erne Challenge, presented by Lakelands & Inland Waterways on 21st July.

The former Open and Masters Champion toured the course alongside Golf Course Superintendent Sean Reilly and was delighted with the progress of the 7,167 yard course which he regards as one of the world's most visually stunning golf courses.

Europe's most successful golfer of modern times first spotted the potential of this stunning terrain back in 2006 when he toured the landscape with his design team. Four years later the award winning Faldo Championship Course has earned countless plaudits from international experts who view the course as an obvious venue for future prestigious European Tour events.

Sir Nick Faldo commented: "The course is in first class condition and I am delighted to see how well it has matured just one year after opening, there are some wonderful natural features in terms of vistas and atmosphere and each hole has its own individuality and that really is important to me".

His ingenious creation at Lough Erne Resort combines "Strategy and Memorability" in terms of memorability, he believes a golf course should be visually strong with striking features, sometimes rewarding risk and thereby inspiring golfers and ensuring they never tire of facing the varying challenges it offers.

The international reputation of Lough Erne Resort reaches another peak in September when The Faldo Academy opens 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.

The overall day-to-day running of The Faldo 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.

Lough Erne Resort will also host The Faldo Series World Final which will be played this September with some of the best young international golfers from around the world.

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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