



## **FALDO COURSE WINS ANOTHER AWARD**

**March 2010:** Lough Erne Resort in North West Ireland has received yet another prestigious award for its highly acclaimed Championship Faldo Course which is rapidly gaining a reputation as a truly outstanding test of golf in Ireland.

Golf World, the long established and authoritative magazine in the UK has voted the 18<sup>th</sup> hole on The Faldo Course the best par three hole in the whole of the UK and Ireland eclipsing the Forest of Arden and St Pierre which both have established tournament heritage.

The 18<sup>th</sup> hole Cygnets Rest is one of the toughest and most challenging finishing holes in the UK stretching to 228 yards and faced stiff opposition from well-known and established courses throughout the UK. The Golf World assessment took into account the design and quality of the hole and aesthetic appeal.

The 7,167 yard Faldo Course has been open less than a year and has already received plaudits from both sides of the Atlantic having recently been voted one of the Top Three Best New International Courses by the historic Sports Illustrated and Golf Magazine Group in the USA.

Jim Treacy, owner of Lough Erne Resort commented: "We are delighted to have received this accolade so soon after opening The Faldo Course. It is a testament to the tremendous design skills of Sir Nick Faldo and his team and our own greenkeeping staff who have worked so hard to create and maintain this championship course in immaculate playing condition all year round".

Lough Erne Resort is expanding later this year with the opening of The Faldo Academy under the guidance of Lynn McCool, Director of Golf & Head Professional and will also host the Irish Qualifier and Grand Final of The Faldo Series later this season. The Resort is also set to stage the second "Lough Erne Challenge" with touring professional and World No. 12 golfer Rory McIlroy the star attraction this Summer.

### **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 guestrooms including 25, two and three bedroom luxury Loughside Lodges 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 & Prime Irish Meats from The Grill and The Garden Hall for Traditional, Chocolate, Pink and Cygnets Afternoon Tea. The Resort has 2 Championship Golf Courses, including The Faldo Course and The 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 easily accessible 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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