



## **FALDO COURSE RATED ONE OF THE BEST WORLDWIDE**

**January 2010:** Lough Erne Resort in North West Ireland has been highly acclaimed by America's leading golf magazine as one of the Best New International Courses of 2009.

The prestigious annual awards from the long established Sports Illustrated and Golf Magazine Group acknowledged Lough Erne to be one of the best new designs to open in 2009 world wide. The 7,167 yard Faldo Course was ranked as the third best international golf course.

What makes the "Golf Magazine Rankings" so authoritative is that its judgements are based on the personal experiences of knowledgeable golf writers who have played the world's best courses and turn up play a new course and make a no-holds-barred report on the venue.

The assessment takes into account the design and quality of the course, aesthetic appeal, memorable holes and the equally important ambience and character of the venue. What is all the more remarkable is that The Faldo Course opened just six months ago and is already being critically acclaimed by such a prestigious international golf magazine.

Jim Treacy, owner of Lough Erne Resort commented: "We are delighted to be receiving these outstanding accolades 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"

When Sir Nick Faldo flew over Lough Erne and looked down on the breathtaking Fermanagh landscape, he mused how it would lend itself to the makings of a dramatic golf course. That fond thought became a reality when the six times major champion was commissioned to fashion the terrain into what he calls "one of Europe's – indeed the world's – most visually stunning golf courses."

His personal design philosophy is the result of his playing success on championship courses all over the world and his exhaustive analytical study of their key features and the specific aspects that make them outstanding.

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.

His ingenious creation at Lough Erne Resort has brought an exhilarating freshness that captures constant interest with nine holes hugging the shore and views over the water on almost every hole that give the 7,167 yard course unique beauty and rightful championship status.

### **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 guestrooms including 25 two and three bedroom 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 Clubhouse, Bar & Grill for Casual All Day Dining & Prime Irish Meats from The Grill and The Garden Hall for Traditional, Chocolate & Pink Afternoon Tea. The Resort has 2 Championship Golf Courses, including The Faldo Course,. Lough Erne Resort is located just five minutes from Enniskillen (St Angelo) private airport. It is also easily accessible from Belfast International, Belfast City, City of Derry airports and Dublin Airport.

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