



PRESS RELEASE

LOUGH ERNE RESORT WINS HOTEL OF THE YEAR AT THE 2014 NORTHERN IRELAND TOURISM AWARDS

LOUGH ERNE RESORT, THE LUXURIOUS 5-STAR DESTINATION OUTSIDE ENNISKILLEN WHICH HOSTED LAST YEAR'S RESOUNDINGLY SUCCESSFUL G8 SUMMIT, HAS YET ANOTHER REASON TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS – AS HOTEL OF THE YEAR!

THE NORTHERN IRELAND TOURISM AWARDS WERE ANNOUNCED AT BELFAST'S ULSTER HALL LAST THURSDAY AND AMONG THE 34 AWARDS HANDED OUT AT THE GALA CEREMONY, LOUGH ERNE RESORT WON THE PRESTIGIOUS HOTEL OF THE YEAR AWARD SPONSORED BY INVEST NI.

THE AWARDS, NOW IN THEIR 36TH YEAR, RECOGNISE THE VERY BEST IN THE LOCAL TOURISM INDUSTRY, ORGANISED BY THE NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DIAGEO NORTHERN IRELAND, AND THIS YEAR THE AWARDS SPANNED NINE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES WITH THREE SPECIAL AWARDS.

"WINNING HOTEL OF THE YEAR IS A TREMENDOUS HONOUR," SAID ANDREW PHELAN, RECENTLY APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER OF LOUGH ERNE RESORT. "WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WITH 180 STAFF WE ARE CURRENTLY ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN THE FERMANAGH REGION WHICH OF COURSE IMPACTS ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY ACROSS ALL THE BUSINESS SECTORS – WE THEREFORE GIVE OUR BIGGEST THANK YOU OF ALL FOR THE HOTEL OF THE YEAR AWARD TO OUR STAFF AT LOUGH ERNE RESORT, WITHOUT WHOM WE MAY NOT HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OUR DETERMINATION TO BECOME ONE OF NORTHERN IRELAND'S LEADING HOTELS."

HOME TO THE G8 SUMMIT IN 2013, SEEN AS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENTS OF ITS KIND, LOUGH ERNE RESORT HAS ALSO BEEN SELECTED AS HOST OF THE 2017 IRISH OPEN, A MAJOR SPORTING CELEBRATION AND SOMETHING THAT WILL BE OF EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT IN SHOWCASING THE BEAUTY, THE FACILITIES AND THE HOSPITALITY OF THIS AWARD-WINNING HOTEL AND THIS WONDERFUL PART OF THE WORLD.

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