

## **Carlton Hotel Group to Re-open Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick.- Hotel chain to employ 120 people**

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The Irish-owned Carlton Hotel Group has concluded a deal with Mike Daly of Fordmount, on behalf of the owners of the Castletroy Park Hotel in Limerick, to re-open the hotel under the Carlton brand. The Carlton Group, which currently operates seven luxury four-star hotels around Ireland, has entered into a long-term lease agreement with Fordmount and will operate the hotel under the name 'Carlton Castletroy Park Hotel'. A total of 120 full and part-time staff will be employed at the hotel.

Michael Kearney, Chairman of the Carlton Hotel Group says the hotel chain is pleased to be in a position to re-open the hotel under the Carlton brand, *"We are very much looking forward to adding the Castletroy Park Hotel to our portfolio of hotels. With its elegant rooms, convenient location and proximity to the University of Limerick, it is truly one of the finest four-star properties in the country."*

*"We are particularly aware of the distress caused by the closure of the hotel to those who had booked weddings and events and would like to assure all customers that we will be in contact as soon as possible to confirm booking details. We are looking forward to welcoming them to the hotel and will do our very best to make their special events as enjoyable and stress-free as possible."* He added.

The Carlton Group will open the hotel in the next ten days and the selection of staff will begin immediately. All deposits taken for events booked and held in the hotel as well as all Leisure Club memberships will be honoured by the hotel chain.

Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mary Coughlan, T.D., has also welcomed today's announcement by the Carlton Group. Speaking ahead of the first meeting of the Mid West Region Task Force on Tuesday, the Tánaiste said: *"The Castletroy Park Hotel is not only an important landmark and facility in Limerick, it is also a substantial employer in the Castletroy area. I welcome the fact that today's announcement by the Carlton Group will secure employment for some 120 people in Limerick."*

Welcoming the announcement today local TD and Minister for Defence Willie O'Dea TD said: *"I am extremely pleased that The Carlton Hotel Group has secured the future of the Castletroy Park Hotel which will save 120 jobs. It is a well-established and popular hotel that has served the community and city for many years with great honour. I wish Michael Kearney and his colleagues at The Carlton Hotel Group continued success and I pay tribute to their commitment to Limerick city and its workforce. I know Michael is determined to make the Castletroy Park Hotel even greater and I sincerely wish him and his staff well."*

The Carlton Hotel Group was established in 2004 and has seven four star properties in Wexford, Galway, Mayo, Kildare, Donegal, Cork and Dublin. For more information, visit [www.carlton.ie](http://www.carlton.ie) .

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