

PRESS RELEASE

CARLTON HOTEL GROUP CONTINUES EXPANSION

-Carlton Group acquires the franchise of a prestigious Galway City Hotel-

July 24th, 2009: Today the Irish owned Carlton Hotel Group wins the franchise of a prestigious Galway City Hotel. The Carlton Group, which currently operates nine luxury hotels around Ireland, has entered a long term franchise agreement with the owners of Days Hotel Galway which is now Carlton Hotel Galway City.

“We are delighted to have the Carlton Group on board and we see it as a premium brand which offers unique knowledge of the Irish Market that will strengthen and improve our already successful hotel” , Siobhan Burke General Manager of Days Hotel Galway added

The deal will see no change of ownership or control and the management and staff of the hotel will not be affected. Carlton Hotel Galway City will look forward to welcoming guests arriving for the Races from today onwards.

“We are pleased to add a Galway City Centre location to our expanding portfolio of hotels and we will bring our extensive range of group benefits to the property going forward. Even in this challenging period for the hospitality industry we see strong potential for growth in our management and franchise division and we expect to enter into further deals of this type both here in Ireland and in Europe”
Michael Kearney, CEO added.

The Carlton Hotel Group was established in 2004 and has nine luxury properties in Wexford, Galway, Mayo, Kildare, Donegal, Limerick, Cork and Dublin. It currently employs over 800 staff and offers over up to 1,200 rooms. In February of this year the Carlton Hotel Group took over the Castletroy Park Hotel in Limerick. For more information, visit www.carlton.ie or or www.carltonmanagementservices.com .

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