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City centre landmark hotel put on the market for €8m

Colm Ward, property editor

ONE of Limerick city's oldest hotels has been put on the market with an asking price of €8m.

Pery's Best Western Hotel on Glentworth Street is being sold as a going concern. Formerly known as the Glentworth Hotel, the building has operated as a hotel since 1878.

The present owner oversaw a major refurbishment several years ago, bringing it up to three-star standard, and the hotel now operates under the Best Western franchise. It is named after the Pery Family, a wealthy aristocratic family who came to Limerick in the 17th century and established themselves in

all facets of the city's life. The family later donated the land for the People's Park.

There are 49 staff employed in the hotel, many of whom are long term employees, and according to hotel manager Marie Tynan, they are optimistic about the future.

"We had a meeting with the owner this Tuesday and it was confirmed that the hotel is being sold as a going concern so we have no reason to be concerned about the future. We are pretty excited," she said.

The premises has 62 rooms, three bars, a restaurant and extensive conference facilities, catering for private functions, conferences and weddings, as well as business and

leisure travellers.

Collette Keegan, who is handling the sale for agents McNally Handy and Partners, said they were confident that the sale would attract significant interest.

"Because it is so close to the train station and it is quite popular with locals as well, it offers great potential. There has been a lot of money pumped into the hotel in recent years and there is an opportunity for further investment too," said Ms Keegan.

In addition to the hotel, the building also includes 27, Catherine Street, which is occupied by two businesses. The closing date for tenders is July 23.

Pery's is not the only high-profile hotel on sale in



The Best Western Pery's Hotel: for sale as a going concern with an €8m asking price

the region.

Also on the market at the moment is the well-known Racket Country

House Hotel outside Roscrea. The hotel is on a 5.1-acre site beside Roscrea golf course on the main

Limerick to Dublin road. It has a guide price of €7m.

Pyjama-we everybody!

FASHION

Nick Rabbitts

THE readers of the Limerick Leader have spoken, and they are in agreement with fashion guru Celia Holman Lee, who says that pyjamas should not be worn when "walking up and down the street".

After Ms Holman Lee spoke out on local radio and in the Limerick Leader about the growing trend of ladies in Limerick ditching their denims in favour of fleecy garments, an onslaught of pyjama drama began.

"I got calls from almost every radio station in the country to be on their talk-shows, from Kerry to Donegal. I had no idea how big this issue would be, and I seemed to be the only one willing to speak out about it," she said.

Celia also made guest appearances on national stations such as Today FM's The Rav D'arcy Show



Celia Holman Lee

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