

184-bedroomed Hilton to open in 2007

By John O'Shaughnessy

LIMERICK'S first Hilton Hotel, on the site of the former Jurys at the corner of Ennis Road and O'Callaghan Strand, will have 184 bedrooms, with function and wedding facilities for 450 guests.

It was revealed this week that the seven-storey hotel, due to open in 2007, is to have an entire floor dedicated to business travellers with a lounge and a total of 14 meeting rooms. Construction work is already well advanced.

Hilton is also to open at Kilmainham, Dublin, in an euro 80 million investment programme, bringing their total in Ireland to nine.

The Irish development company Lalco, with Hilton holding the management contracts, owns both hotels.

Their managing director John Lally, said the projects offered the opportunity to regener-

ate key sites in the two cities.

"The Limerick project delivers to the city a top class hotel with

modern and luxurious facilities," he said.

Lalco, he added, appointed Hilton to operate their hotels because their reputation matches the high

calibre wanted for the projects.

"Hilton is recognised globally as a pre-eminent hospitality brand synonymous with excellent service and a high

quality product".

The Dublin Hilton is located on the site of the former chocolate factory, opposite Kilmainham Jail and will have 120 bed-

rooms over five floors.

Howard Friedman, Hilton's area president for Britain and Ireland, stated that Ireland had become a world class international destina-

tion for British and worldwide travellers.

Lalco recently purchased Humewood Castle in Wicklow along with 400 acres, with the intention of

developing it into a five-star resort.

Over the last decade they have established an euro 600 million property portfolio.



Construction work continues on the new Hilton Hotel and is set to open in 2007

St Nessian's unveil new extension

ST NESSAN'S Primary School in Mungret has celebrated the official opening of their new school extension.

The extension includes six permanent classrooms, a new PE hall, four special education rooms, a library and a new staff and administration suite.

In addition, all of the school's existing classrooms have also been refurbished.

It was opened by the Cathaoirleach of the County Council, Eddie Creighton and the Bishop of Limerick Dr Donal Murray, who blessed the extension.

Invited guests included the mayor, county and city councillors and the president of INTO, Denis Bohane. Former and pres-

ent members of staff also attended, along with members of the board of management and parents' councils.

Special guests included some of the school's oldest past pupils who attended in the 1930s.

The school presently caters to 700 pupils, employing 33 teachers,

all of whom are now permanent classrooms.

"We are all delighted that now, in September 2006, we have one of the most modern primary schools in the county with excellent facilities," school principal Stephen Cahill, said of the opening.

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