



Welcome: Rudy Baumann, front officer manager, gets ready for next month's opening of the Marriott Hotel, Henry Street (LL)

# Marriott latest hotel chain to open

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COMPRISING 94 guest rooms and eight deluxe suites, the €100m Marriott Hotel development on Henry Street promises to bring a new experience of hospitality to Limerick when it opens on May 14.

And for those with a penchant for fine cuisine the hotel, they have recruited Tony Schwartz, formerly head-chef of the Mustard Seed in Ballingarry, to lead their culinary team.

Part of the worldwide Marriott International brand, the Limerick Marriott Hotel will be the sixth Marriott Hotel to open in Ireland and the first in Munster.

Situated on the site of the old Savoy Theatre, the hotel boasts all the luxuries of a modern hotel, with added extras such as valet parking and terraced gardens.

The hotel will be operated by Irresistible Hotel Limited, a sister company of Castletroy Park Management Limited, who operate the Castletroy



Bob Chestnut, chairman, Irresistible Hotels, with Ursula Cullen, Irresistible Hotels, and Brian Harrington, managing director, Irresistible Hotels Ltd, at the Limerick Marriott Hotel (LL)

Park Hotel.

"Given our experience at Castletroy Park, and, indeed, of the Limerick market over a number of years, we are delighted with the opportunity presented to operate this superb new Marriott International hotel, and

to be part of one of the world's leading hotel brands," said Brian Harrington, Managing Director, Irresistible Hotels. "We are delighted to have recruited Tony, former head-chef at the Mustard Seed in Ballingarry. He is a very talented chef, and

his experience is going to be a real asset to us."

Meanwhile, for conferences and social events, the Limerick Marriott has 510 square meters of space, comprising 10 conference, banqueting and private dining suites with a capacity to accommo-

date up to 180 guests.

The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, a gym and four treatment rooms, concierge lounge, business centre and terraced gardens with views of the city and the Shannon.

The Limerick Marriott Hotel forms part of a €100m Fordmount Property Group mixed development designed by architects Burke Kennedy Doyle and also featuring retail, commercial and residential elements.

For Limerick the unveiling of the Marriott Hotel is the latest in a long list of hotels which have opened or are set to open in the city.

The Hilton Hotel on Ennis Road is also set to open next month, followed by the €3.5m boutique hotel on Pery Square later this year. These join the recently opened Absolute Hotel on Sir Harry's Mall, The George Hotel on O'Connell Street, Punch's Hotel at Punch's Cross, the Quality Hotel at Roxboro, and the Clarion Suites on Ennis Road.