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## The Doyle Collection Scoops Gold

### Leading Irish Hotel Group Wins Top Industry Award

**THE DOYLE COLLECTION**, the Irish hotel group founded 40 years ago by the legendary hotelier PV Doyle, has been awarded one of the Irish hospitality industry's top awards, the *Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Award for Hotel Groups*, sponsored by *Ireland.com*.

The luxury hotel group, which is now run by the next generation of the Doyle and Beatty families, won the coveted award at the *22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards*, held in The Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin on 20 September.

Organised by *Hotel & Catering Review*, the leading magazine for the Irish hospitality industry, the *Gold Medal Awards* are recognised as the industry's most rigorous and competitive independent awards programme. A total of 14 category awards were presented at this year's gala black tie ceremony, which was attended by over 350 leading hoteliers, restaurateurs and caterers from across Ireland. (See *Editors Note* for full list of award winners.)

'The Doyle Collection wowed our expert team of *Gold Medal Awards* judges who keenly noted the group's high front of house standards, which are backed by an impressive management team behind the scenes,' says Sarah Grennan, editor of *Hotel & Catering Review* and chair of the *Gold Medal Awards Jury*. 'Built on a strong foundation of quality hotelkeeping, honed over 40 years in the industry, The Doyle Collection is looking to the future with vision and vigour and we expect the group to continue offering its winning blend of luxury hospitality both at home and abroad for many years to come.'

The Doyle Collection, which operates the five star Westbury Hotel off Grafton Street in Dublin, together with The Croke Park Hotel opposite GAA HQ, and The River Lee Hotel in Cork, also runs eight hotels in the UK and US. The group, which has recently rebranded, is committed to providing the best of modern luxury to its guests, and has embarked on a multimillion euro investment programme to drive standards throughout its portfolio of hotels.

Celebrating 22 years this year, the *Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards* are recognised as the leading independent awards programme for the Irish hospitality industry. Competition for the awards is intense, with a record number of entries in 2010. Entrants hailed from the four corners of Ireland and underwent a rigorous assessment process conducted by the *Gold Medal Awards* team of 14 expert industry judges, who travelled more than 27,500 kilometres across the island this summer to search for the Ireland's best hotels, restaurants, caterers and hotel groups.

The 14 category award winners were chosen from the 67 finalists nominated by the *Gold Medal Awards Jury*, and from the elite 14 winners, the supreme winner of the *Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Award for Excellence* was selected by judges. This year the top award was presented to Gregan's Castle Hotel, the country house hotel owned and lovingly operated by husband and wife team Simon Haden and Frederieke McMurray.

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## **Full List of Gold Medal Award Winners, Finalists & Sponsors**

A total of 67 businesses were nominated as finalists in this year's *Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards*, including 40 new category entrants.

### **Gold Medal Award for Five Star Hotels, sponsored by Edward Dillon & Co**

**Winner:**

Park Hotel Kenmare

**Finalists:**

Aghadoe Heights Hotel, Killarney, Co Kerry  
Dromoland Castle Hotel, Newmarket on Fergus, Co Clare  
Fota Island Resort, Cork  
The G Hotel, Galway  
Hayfield Manor Hotel, Cork  
Park Hotel Kenmare, Co Kerry

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### **Gold Medal Award for Four Star Hotels, sponsored by Aon Insurance**

**Winner:**

Knockranny House Hotel

**Finalists:**

The Brehon, Killarney, Co Kerry  
Cromleach Lodge, Castlebaldwin, Co Sligo  
Harvey's Point, Lough Eske, Co Donegal  
Inchydoney Island Lodge, Co Cork  
Kelly's Resort Hotel, Rosslare, Co Wexford  
Knockranny House Hotel, Westport, Co Mayo

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### **Gold Medal Award for Three Star Hotels, sponsored by Tourism Ireland**

**Winner:**

The Headfort Arms Hotel

**Finalists:**

Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar, Co Westmeath  
The Blue Haven Hotel, Kinsale, Co Cork  
The Claregalway Hotel, Claregalway, Co Galway  
Downhill House Hotel, Ballina, Co Mayo  
The Headfort Arms Hotel, Kells, Co Meath  
Park Inn, Belfast

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### **Gold Medal Award for Country Houses & Guesthouses, sponsored by Laurent-Perrier**

**Winner:**

Gregan's Castle Hotel

**Finalists:**

Gregan's Castle Hotel, Ballyvaughan, Co Clare  
Lough Inagh Lodge Hotel, Recess, Connemara, Co Galway  
Mount Falcon, Ballina, Co Mayo  
Tankardstown House, Slane, Co Meath  
Rathmullan House, Rathmullan, Co Donegal  
Wineport Lodge, Glasson, Co Westmeath

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### **Gold Medal Award for Hotel Groups, sponsored by Ireland.com**

**Winner:**

The Doyle Collection

**Finalists:**

The Doyle Collection  
The Moran & Bewleys Hotel Group  
Tifco

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### **Gold Medal Award for Fine Dining Restaurants, sponsored by Paul Jaboulet**

**Winner:**

One Pico

**Finalists:**

The Dining Room at Gregan's Castle, Ballyvaughan, Co Clare  
La Boheme, Waterford  
MacNean House & Restaurant, Blacklion, Co Cavan  
Moir's Restaurant at Cromleach Lodge, Castlebaldwin, Co Sligo  
Dax Restaurant, Dublin 2  
One Pico, Dublin 2

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### **Gold Medal Award for Bistros & Brasseries, sponsored by Champagne Pannier by Classic Drinks**

**Winner:**

First Floor Restaurant at Harvey Nichols

**Finalists:**

Bijou Restaurant, Rathgar, Dublin 6  
Crackpots, Kinsale, Co Cork  
First Floor Restaurant at Harvey Nichols, Dundrum Town Centre, Dublin 16  
Louie's Bistro, Dublin 1  
Perrott's Garden Bistro, Hayfield Manor, Cork  
West at The Twelve Hotel, Barna, Co Galway

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### **Gold Medal Award for Casual Dining, sponsored by Campari**

**Winner:**

Wild Honey Inn

**Finalists:**

Itsa 4, Sandymount, Dublin 4  
Lord Kenmare's Restaurant, Killarney, Co Kerry

Max's Restaurant & Wine Bar, Kinsale, Co Cork  
The Morning Star, Belfast  
The Tavern Bar & Restaurant, Murrisk, Co Mayo  
Wild Honey Inn, Lisdoonvarna, Co Clare

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### **Gold Medal Award for Ethnic Restaurants, sponsored by Cobra**

**Winner:**

Ananda

**Finalists:**

Ananda, Dundrum Town Centre, Dublin 16  
Chakra by Jaipur, Greystones, Co Wicklow  
Chameleon Restaurant, Temple Bar, Dublin 2  
Little Jerusalem, Rathmines, Dublin 6  
Rotana Café, Portobello, Dublin 2

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### **Gold Medal Award for Cafés & Coffee Shops, sponsored by The Kenco Coffee Company**

**Winner:**

Kay's Real Chefs, Real Food

**Finalists:**

Café Noir, O'Connell Street, Limerick  
Café No.11 at The Old Bank House, Kinsale, Co Cork  
Kay's Real Chefs, Real Food, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15  
Partridge's Artisan Café, Gorey, Co Wexford  
Silver Restaurant at Newbridge Silver Visitor Centre, Newbridge, Co Kildare

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### **Gold Medal Award for In House Caterers, sponsored by the National Hygiene Partnership**

**Winner:**

Sodexo Northern Ireland at PSNI Seapark

**Finalists:**

Aramark Ireland at Genzyme, Waterford  
Sodexo Northern Ireland at PSNI Seapark, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim  
Sodexo Ireland at APC Galway  
The Barristers Tea Rooms, The Four Courts, Dublin 7

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### **Gold Medal Award for Institutional Caterers, sponsored by the National Hygiene Partnership**

**Winner:**

St Brigid's Hospital

**Finalists:**

Black Olive Catering at Barrettstown, Ballymore Eustace, Co Kildare  
St Brigid's Hospital, Shaen, Co Laois  
Aramark Healthcare at Beneavin Healthcare Campus, Glasnevin, Dublin 11  
Aramark Healthcare at University Hospital Galway, Galway  
Masterchefs Munster at Moffetts Restaurant, National University of Ireland, Galway

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**Gold Medal Award for Wine Experience, sponsored by Gleeson incorporating Gilbeys**

**Winner:**

The Twelve Hotel

**Finalists:**

Kelly's Resort Hotel, Rosslare, Co Wexford  
Max's Restaurant & Wine Bar, Kinsale, Co Cork  
No.1 Pery Square, Limerick  
Pinocchio, Ranelagh, Dublin 6  
The Twelve Hotel, Barna Co Galway  
The Cornstore, Cork

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**Gold Medal Award for Customer Experience, sponsored by Fáilte Ireland**

**Winner:**

Cromleach Lodge

**Finalists:**

Aghadoe Heights, Killarney, Co Kerry  
Cromleach Lodge, Castlebaldwin, Co Sligo  
Doonbeg Lodge, Doonbeg, Co Clare  
Glenlo Abbey, Galway  
Harvey's Point Hotel, Lough Eske, Co Donegal  
Hayfield Manor, Cork  
The Merrion Hotel, Dublin

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**Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Award for Excellence 2010**

Gregan's Country House Hotel

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