

The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens opens its doors again after renovation

Killarney (Ireland), May 22, 2018 – The five star Dunloe Hotel & Gardens, located close to one of Ireland’s most iconic tourist destinations, the Gap of Dunloe, officially opened its doors after undergoing a stunning 18-month renovation of the restaurant, bar, reception, lobby and lounge spaces as well as the enhancement of the gardens and carpark.

A substantial €18million investment by the hotel’s owners the Liebherr family, has brought new life to the hotel, enhancing its long-standing relationship with the beautiful surroundings and maximising the property’s unrivalled views of the Gap of Dunloe. The Liebherr family has been at the forefront of tourism and manufacturing industries in Killarney and the surrounding areas for over 60 years, employing 1,000 people across the country. Tánaiste Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, joined Dr Isolde Liebherr to celebrate and welcome the reopening of this magnificent 5-star hotel.

Speaking at the official re-opening, Tánaiste Simon Coveney TD said, “It is my great pleasure to open a new jewel for tourists in Ireland, in a place that is one of the jewels in the crown of our entire tourist industry. The Liebherr family’s commitment to Ireland, with more than 1000 employees, is so important and appreciated. The rebirth of this hotel is a further sign of the Liebherres’ dedication”.

Local building contractors Griffin Brothers led the year and a half long renovation with the assistance of O’Carroll Engineering who implemented the building’s steel works. At the height of the build, the site had over 160 people working across all areas, including Tralee company Designer Landscapes Ltd who, along with Head Gardener Dave Barry, updated the gardens and outdoor spaces using a beautiful collection of native and international flora and greenery and finished with Kilkenny limestone.

Managing Director of Killarney Hotels Ltd-Michael Brennan said, "After an 18-month refurbishment and renovation we are delighted to be re-opening The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens. The Liebherr family has over the past 60 years continually re-invested in their hotels and the completion of this latest renovation project demonstrates once again their commitment to Killarney and the surrounding area. We look forward to showcasing the magnificent work that has been done here at The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens, which has enhanced the facilities we offer our guests and has increased employment within the hotel sector. The hotel has a rich history but in all its many years has never looked as good as it does now".

Kerry TD Brendan Griffin, Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, said, "This is very positive news for Kerry tourism. The Europe, The Dunloe and Ard na Sidhe hotels are some of the top hotels in Kerry and this investment builds on a strong tradition of hospitality by this hotel group. I wish the management and their teams the best of luck with the re-opening and assure everyone involved that the government is fully committed to working with them to achieve the best possible future for the tourism industry."

Captions

liebherr-the-dunloe-library-tower.jpg

The library tower has been designed in dark, warm tones and precious materials, that create an inviting, rather introverted atmosphere to sink into.

liebherr-the-dunloe-grill-restaurant.jpg

The double height window in The Grill Restaurant ensures that everyone will be able to take in the beauty of the Gap of Dunloe.

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