



New bar at airport hotel

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CORK International Airport Hotel, which enjoys a 95% satisfaction customer rating with Trip Advisor, recently celebrated the opening of its stylish New Yorker Bar, offering local artisan produce with the finest wines, spirits, whiskeys and cocktails from all around the world in a luxurious setting.

Doing the honours were Deputy County Mayor Derry Canty and then Lord Mayor John Buttimer who paid glowing tributes to the excellent staff at the hotel under general manager Aaron Mansworth and congratulated all associated with the €500,000 first phase of its redevelopment.

The Lord Mayor said first and last impressions of Ireland were very important and visitors could be assured of a quality service at a hotel serving city and county which was always innovative.

Red letter day

Welcoming the large and representative attendance, Aaron Mansworth said it was a red letter day for the hotel, thanked its owners and also Vincent O'Farrell from Schull who was responsible for putting the deal together that enabled its redevelopment. Cllr Canty said it was an excellent family hotel.

Aaron said business at **Cork International Airport Hotel** was stronger than ever and it was fortunate to have so many good enterprises close by at the Airport Business Park represented by its manager Kevin Howey. The completed first phase not only included the New Yorker Bar but also relocation of the reception from the first to the ground floor and a brand new lobby with the new Sunday lobby lunch and a new children's playroom designed by Hannah Wrixon of Last Minute Minders.

'We will be moving on to other projects in the coming months so watch this space',

continued Aaron who paid a special tribute to all 85 staff, including operations manager Carmel Lonergan, sales and marketing manager Kylie Basnett and head chef Hugh Bailey for the always magnificent food, adding that the hotel had an exciting new tapas menu in the bar.

He presented Carmel and Kylie with floral bouquets and also **Lorraine Kelleher of Cameo Communications**, thanked her colleague Renata Murphy and invited all guests to enjoy music from The Loungeman and excellent food and drink in the New Yorker Bar, take a tour of the hotel, including its unique Cloud Nine relaxation room and depart with a goodie bag. A warm welcome awaits at the hotel which is currently offering an extensive summer barbecue menu plus entertainment. Enquiries welcome at 021-4549800.



From left, Kylie Basnett, sales and marketing manager; Aaron Mansworth, general manager and Carmel Lonergan, operations manager, **Cork International Airport Hotel** at the official opening of the New Yorker, Cork's newest bar and bistro, located at **Cork International Airport Hotel**.

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