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## *The Mayor unveils magnificent banqueting suites at Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel*

**Following a significant summer refurbishment of the largest banqueting suites in Windsor, hundreds of distinguished guests gather to experience the very first function in the newly restored Windsor, Georgian and Balmoral Suites.**

Just two minutes' walk from the main gate of Windsor Castle, set in one of the country's most recognised royal towns is Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel. Steeped in history, this venue is a landmark location that has set the scene for many important occasions, from banquets, balls and weddings to formal functions, official visits and charity events.

September 2010 sees a little more history in the making as the newly refurbished banqueting suites are officially opened at a celebratory Champagne dinner by guest of honour, the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Catherine Bursnall, notably one of the youngest Mayors in the UK.

Traditional grandeur meets 21<sup>st</sup> century splendour in the remarkable makeover of these suites, where every attention to detail has been considered to ensure they reflect the personality of this celebrated building. Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel has worked closely with English Heritage to ensure the transformation is in keeping with time-honoured traditions that include sophisticated styling for furnishings and floors, carefully chosen colour schemes to enhance elegant room features, and original chandeliers meticulously polished to their former glittering glory.

General Manager, Jane Riley, said: *"Given that 80% of visitors to Windsor are based in the UK, I think it is wonderful to respect the established values of traditional hospitality and historic buildings. Almost £120K has been spent on this refurbishment and we are absolutely delighted with our magnificent banqueting suites. The team at Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel look forward to welcoming many guests over the coming years and making their special occasions truly memorable"*.

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**Notes to editors**

- *Perfectly situated, just 30 minutes from London and with easy access to the M4 corridor, Mercure Windsor Castle Hotel boasts fine Georgian architecture. As a celebrated building with an exciting history and superb views of Windsor Castle, it radiates period charm and hospitality by combining a stylish interior and modern facilities with first-class service and a very warm welcome.*
- *For more than 35 years, within the Accor Group, **Mercure** has exemplified **expert hospitality and personalised service**. Operating in more than 50 countries around the world, Mercure boasts hotels with **distinctive personalities** carefully preserved through the type of services offered and the decor, both of which vary from one hotel to the next.*
- *The hotel managers and staff of the 690 Mercure hotels are **hospitality professionals**. Attentive and available, they are ready to listen and make sure their guests enjoy a stay full of genuine moments of pleasure and relaxation in a truly warm and comfortable setting.*
- *More information on Mercure hotels is available at [mercure.com](http://mercure.com).*

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