

Mercure Milton Keynes Abbey Hill Launches after £1.5 Million Renovation



Modern outdoor decking area

Fresh-look lobby and bar

Privilege Room

07 January 2013: The new Mercure Milton Keynes Abbey Hill - previously Abbey Hill Hotel - has announced its launch following a £1.5 million transformation, and rebranding as a Mercure property. With its new state-of-the-art facilities, stunning décor and fresh concept, the property is set to become one of Milton's Keynes' premier destinations for business, leisure and weddings.

Located close to the city centre adjacent to Abbey Hill Golf Course, the hotel features a nature-inspired colour palette and artwork throughout its newly designed and furnished public spaces. The design theme continues through its 60-seater restaurant, spacious 50-person capacity bar and lobby area, and throughout its 88 stunningly refurbished bedrooms. Other facilities include five state-of-the-art meeting rooms ideal for conferences, private events and weddings, and a newly-built outdoor decking area with contemporary furniture.

Nazim Manji, chairman and CEO of Clubhouse Group, which owns and operates the new Mercure property says: "After months of hard work we are thrilled to be unveiling the newest hotel in the thriving business hub of Milton Keynes, which is said to become one of England's largest cities by 2031. The hotel was one of the first purpose built business hotels in Milton Keynes around 1987, so we are pleased to be carrying on the legacy. The new facilities will better serve our business market whilst also appealing to those that visit the region's many attractions at weekends."

The hotel's new restaurant, Moltens, will this February launch interactive dining enabling guests to cook their preferred meats or fish on lava rock - a rare concept that uses volcanic slates heated to 440°C. Moltens restaurant, whose menu will also cater to vegetarians, plans to introduce exotic specialty meats such as venison, ostrich and crocodile by this summer.

"We will be the first restaurant to offer this unique culinary concept in the region which is an exciting attraction for locals to come and experience, and we anticipate this will also be a big draw for our business clientele." said Mr Manji.

The hotel conducted research into the changing needs of today's business traveller to determine practical features for the design of its 76 standard rooms and 12 Privilege rooms. These include luxuriously-high 74cm king size beds, demisting bathroom mirrors, under-floor tile heating in the bathrooms, flat screen Freeview TV, a laptop safe, and comfortable light settings including reading lights.

With tranquil views over the golf course, the hotel's 28 square metre Privilege rooms are considerably larger and offer additional features such as super-king size beds, a complimentary mini-bar, Nespresso coffee maker, bathrobe and slippers, additional toiletries, a Jacuzzi bathtub and a sofa seating area.

Jonathan Sheard, Managing Director of Operations, MGallery and Mercure Hotels, Northern Europe said: "The Mercure Milton Keynes Abbey Hill Hotel is a fantastic addition to the growing Mercure network in the UK. Each Mercure hotel has its own unique story and this hotel is no different. We are very pleased to welcome it on board."

Mercure Milton Keynes Abbey Hill, the 75th UK property for Mercure, is located just off the A5 and is five minutes' drive from Milton Keynes train station and the centre of Milton Keynes. There are many local attractions to visit in the region including the Sno-Zone, Woburn Safari Park, Bletchley Park and Silverstone Race Track.

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