

Harvey's Point to be acquired as husband & wife owners step back to spend more time with family

Decision described as a 'life-changing, lifestyle choice' by couple

'All change but not change' - Harvey's Point remains in 'safe hands' of current management team

Substantial investment by new owner will see continued expansion at the multi-award winning hotel



Iconic Donegal hotel Harvey's Point is to be sold by hoteliers Deirdre McGlone and Marc Gysling, 30 years after the family opened the hotel on the shores of Lough Eske, outside Donegal town. The couple have made the decision in order to spend more time with their young family.

Deirdre McGlone, who has been the face of Harvey's Point since it opened, said:

"This is a life-changing, lifestyle choice for us as a family. Marc and I want to spend more time with each other and with our three teenage children. Life is for living. We have spent an immensely enjoyable 30 years at Harvey's Point and it has been an amazing journey. 2019 is a milestone year for the hotel and a year of celebrations is planned. However, the time has come for someone else to write the next chapter of the Harvey's Point story."

Harvey's Point is to be bought by a Fund managed by Davy Real Estate, which is planning to continue to invest in the hotel. The Fund has significant interests in a number of hotels in Ireland. Tom Barrett of Savills has managed the off-market sale of this unique hotel on behalf of Marc Gysling and Deirdre McGlone.

Marc Gysling said:

"The new owner is highly experienced in the international luxury hotel and travel market and has exciting plans for the expansion of the hotel, working alongside the current experienced and loyal team. So, while there is a change of ownership, there will be no change with the overall experience that people have come to love at Harvey's Point. Led by General Manager Noel Cunningham and Financial Controller Michael Cullinan, the hotel will continue to aspire to the highest standards of excellence in hotel-keeping and hospitality."

General Manager Noel Cunningham said:

"I have been part of the Harvey's Point family for almost ten years. During this time, I have become synonymous with the brand and, of course, brand Donegal. I look forward to leading our amazing team towards the next chapter of the Harvey's Point story and to building on our success to date in terms of standards of customer care and service."

Harvey's Point has a team of more than 150 people and is one of the biggest employers in the region. The hotel is open all year round and has developed an enviable reputation as a desired destination for the domestic and overseas markets as well as for weddings, conferences and events.

Located 6km from Donegal town on the shores of Lough Eske, at the foot of the Blue Stack Mountains, this luxury 4 star hotel comprises a total of 77 bedrooms, bar, restaurant, extensive lounge and conference and banqueting facilities. Additions in recent years include the Garden Suite, The Lodge and Harvey's Bar & Terrace.

Awards for the hotel are numerous and Harvey's Point has been named TripAdvisor 'No 1 Hotel in Ireland' for six of the past seven years. It has also been ranked as the 12th best hotel in Europe by millions of TripAdvisor reviewers. Harvey's Point has a coveted AA two rosette restaurant and AA Red Star and it was also awarded 'Hotel of the Year 2017' by Georgina Campbell.

"This is an exciting new chapter for the hotel and the planned future investment is great news for Donegal and the North West," adds Deirdre.

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