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The Lodge at Castle Leslie Grabs Gold

Monaghan Hotel Wins Top Industry Award

THE LODGE AT CASTLE LESLIE, the luxurious four star hotel on the Castle Leslie Estate in Glaslough, Co Monaghan, has been awarded one of the Irish hospitality industry's highest accolades, the prestigious *Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Award for Customer Experience*, sponsored by *Fáilte Ireland*.

Nestled on the sprawling Castle Leslie Estate, which is one of the few Irish castle estates still to be in the hands of its founding family, The Lodge beat off stiff competition from hundreds of hotels and restaurants across Ireland to win the coveted award at the *23rd Annual Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards*.

A sister property to the original Castle Leslie on the estate, which was settled by the Leslie family in the 1660s, The Lodge has been described as 'a bastion for great Irish hospitality' by members of the *Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards Jury*, who together travelled close to 20,000 kilometres across the island this summer to search for Ireland's greatest hotels, restaurants and catering operations.

'Proprietor Sammy Leslie and her committed team at The Lodge go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure guests receive the very best of service during their stay at this magnificent Monaghan estate. Our judges were bowled over by the care and attention all members of staff at The Lodge gave to guests, and described the hotel as a standard-bearer for Ireland's legendary fáilte,' commented Sarah Grennan, editor of *Hotel & Catering Review* and chair of the *Gold Medal Awards Jury*.

Organised by *Hotel & Catering Review*, the leading magazine for the Irish hospitality industry, the *Gold Medal Awards* are recognised as the industry's most rigorous and competitive independent awards programme. Now in their 23rd year, the *Gold Medal Awards* are judged by a panel of experienced independent industry practitioners who travelled thousands of kilometres across the island of Ireland over a period of four months this year to assess hundreds of hotel, restaurant and catering entrants in the 2011 Awards.