

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

Welcome to Ireland's premiere conference, leisure and golf resort, **Citywest Hotel**. The hotel is part of the Citywest Group which also includes the **PGA National Ireland** at Palmerstown House and **Weston Executive Airport**.

We recently hosted what is arguably the most important sporting dinner ever held in Ireland, the Ryder Cup Gala Dinner. The dinner – for more than 1400 people – was a huge success.

The Citywest Group played a major role in the Ryder Cup 2006 – the details of which are outlined below.

Citywest Group hope you enjoy your visit to Ireland and please don't hesitate to contact any of our staff if you require any assistance.

Sincerely,

**Phil Jones**, *Citywest Group General Manager*

## **Citywest – Ryder Cup 2006 Gala Dinner Venue**

Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort is honoured to have been the host of the 2006 Ryder Cup Gala Dinner. The event was held in our state-of-the-art 4,000 capacity conference centre on Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

As Ireland's largest hotel, the Citywest management and staff have a wealth of experience of hosting the most prestigious events. The Citywest team delivered a top quality and memorable event for the invited guests and dignitaries and of course the world's top golfers.

Among the many important guests were Tiger Woods, the world's number one golfer, and Ian Woosnam, the European Ryder Cup Captain.

Citywest Group General Manager Mr Phil Jones said: "The whole team at Citywest worked extremely hard to ensure the 2006 Ryder Cup Gala Dinner was the best one ever. Citywest Hotel is probably the only venue in Ireland that could stage an event of this scale.

Mr Jones added: "It is only right that an event such as the Ryder Cup Gala Dinner be held at what is, we believe, Europe's top conference hotel. Our room capacity and facilities make us simply the only choice when it comes to events of this importance."

### **GALA DINNER FACTS:**

- More than 1,400 people attended the dinner
- More than 700 staff were involved at the Citywest Resort
- The Citywest chef team designed and prepared the meal
- The hotel was completely booked out
- More than 1 billion people viewed footage from the Gala Dinner

### **Citywest Group – Facilitating the Ryder Cup 2006**

- Citywest Group played a central and crucial role in the Ryder Cup. We provided:
  1. Accommodation to the world's media, sponsors, players' families and Ryder Cup dignitaries
  2. Hosted the Ryder Cup Gala Dinner at our conference centre
  3. Facilitated the Ryder Cup Park 'n' Rides at Weston Executive Airport and the PGA National Ireland at Palmerstown House
  4. Facilitated the Ryder Cup with our executive airport at Weston

## **Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort**

Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort is part of the Citywest Group. It's located on more than 380 acres near Saggart, Co Dublin and features two golf courses, two hotels and a health and leisure centre and indoor swimming pool.

Restaurants at Citywest include the Grosvenor Grill Room, the Hibernian Bistro & Bar, the Terrace Restaurant and the Lemongrass Restaurant. The hotel also boasts a wide selection of lively bars and lounges.

Citywest is the largest hotel resort in Ireland with some 1,314 guest rooms and suites. It recently launched 167 new superior rooms with attractions such as plasma TV screens, super king size beds, Jacuzzi baths and shower cubicles and exclusive Molton Brown toiletries.

Citywest Group General Manager Phil Jones said: "We regard Citywest as the complete resort offering comprehensive services and facilities for both the leisure and business traveler."

### **CITYWEST FACTS:**

- Citywest is Ireland's premier conference, leisure and golf resort boasting two Christy O'Connor Jnr designed courses
- Citywest Hotel is only 20km from Dublin airport and 15km from Dublin City Centre.
- It offers conference facilities for up to 4000 delegates theatre style or 2,300 banquet style. Plus 19 additional meeting rooms with a total capacity of 2,500.
- It has a selection of the finest bars and restaurants. Citywest also has a state-of-the-art leisure centre with gym, 20 metre indoor swimming pool and treatment rooms.
- Helicopter landing area
- Chauffeur and limousine service
- Citywest Hotel is part of the Citywest Group which includes Weston Executive Airport and the PGA National at Palmerstown House.

## Weston Executive Airport

Weston Executive Airport is conveniently located just a short distance from Dublin City Centre and Citywest Hotel. Weston is Ireland's only executive airport offering state-of-the-art facilities and services for both business and private aviation.

The airport opened in 1931 and became part of the expanding Citywest Group five years ago. Since acquisition more than €50 million has been spent improving safety, services and facilities at Weston.

The airport was only recently granted Class C airspace by the Irish Aviation Authority which will help enhance safety even further.

Some of the many improvements at Weston in the last five years include:

- New control tower incorporating offices, arrivals and departures area, restaurant
- Increased hangar space for executive aircraft storage and servicing
- Improved runways and taxiways
- Security fencing and CCTV
- Environmental enhancements including acoustic barriers
- Ample car parking

In June 2006 Weston Executive Airport's €1.2 VOR/DME navigational aid became fully operational. It's believed to be the only privately owned navigational aid of its kind in the world and will greatly enhance safety and the development of the airport.

Weston Executive Airport is located just 13km from Dublin City Centre with direct access to the capital via the M4 motorway. After arriving at Weston clients can avail of the Citywest Group chauffeur or limousine service. Helicopter transfers can also be arranged.

## **PGA National Ireland at Palmerstown House**

If you are not willing to settle for second best then PGA National Ireland at Palmerstown House in Co Kildare, Ireland, is the golf course for you.

PGA National Ireland is located on the breath taking 800 acre Palmerstown House estate close to Dublin city centre, Citywest Hotel and Weston Executive Airport. It became part of the Citywest Group four years ago and has since been developed into what is arguably Europe's finest golf course.

The 7419 yard course gives its players a unique feeling of quality and tradition. It's easy to see why the PGA decided to choose Palmerstown House as the official PGA National Ireland headquarters. The course's magnificent setting, finish and facilities make it simply one of the best in Ireland and indeed Europe.

The course is now unique as there is only to be one PGA National in Ireland and the course will now join the PGA family that consists of the PGA National at the Belfry and the PGA Centenary at Gleneagles. The CEO of the PGA Sandy Jones said: "The criteria for choosing a suitable golf venue as our partner was rigorous."

The course was designed by Christy O'Connor Jnr who has overseen more than 30 courses.

Christy O'Connor Jnr describes the course as "the best of the best".

Nature has been exploited to the full on the course and every hole provides a new challenge that never lets your concentration wander. It is nearly impossible to pick a signature hole because every hole is magnificent. Below is a flavour of what you can expect.

The 4<sup>th</sup> hole:

This par four is as picturesque from the ground as it is from the air. The classical design philosophy used seamlessly incorporates a funnel of mature trees with a manicured fairway and an island green that is surrounded by a beautiful water feature. Overall this is an awe-inspiring experience for the golfer.

The 9<sup>th</sup> hole:

Golfers will marvel at the grandeur of the panoramic view as they stand on this elevated green. This is a true feast for the eyes as they will be able to soak up the whole Palmerstown experience and gaze at the vast estate and also the beauty of the surrounding countryside. A breath taking finish to a front nine.

The 10<sup>th</sup> hole:

Set to become one of the most photographed golf holes in Ireland this par three has a large green that is dwarfed by the surrounding bunkers. Indeed this hole is a perfect example of the dedication and attention to detail given to the course during its construction as the green and bunkering took more than one year to complete and perfect.

PGA National Ireland offers a complimentary group management service. The service includes golf itinerary preparation, golf course starter and ranger, check-in desk, bag drop facility, professional advice on the format of your day as well as on course competitions (nearest the pin, longest drive).

You can also avail of the trademarked Signature Group Management Service which offers a comprehensive range of services including car park assistance, scorecard preparation, personalization of hired buggies and tournament scoreboard system to name but a few. The course has the biggest fleet of golf buggies in Ireland.

The clubhouse was completed in 2005 though its design retains the 19<sup>th</sup> century feel of Palmerstown House.

Some of the many other attractions of the PGA National Ireland include:

- Close proximately to Dublin city centre, Citywest Hotel and Weston Executive Airport
- Relaxing bar with amazing views of the 18<sup>th</sup> hole
- Beautiful ballroom
- Conferencing and catering facilities
- Fine dining restaurant
- Luxurious locker areas with steam rooms
- Ample car parking with easy road access thanks to the newly improved N7 and M7 motorway
- Helicopter, chauffer and limousine service

**Citywest Group websites:**

**[www.citywestgroup.com](http://www.citywestgroup.com)**

**[www.citywesthotel.com](http://www.citywesthotel.com)**

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