

MANAGEMENT TEAM DEVELOPMENTS AT LIMERICK STRAND HOTEL

[Limerick Strand Hotel](#) one of Ireland's most popular 4* hotels, has recently expanded its management team with the appointment of; **John Beattie**—Deputy General Manager and **John McCarthy**—Duty Manager. They have also promoted **Dermot Fehily** to the Operations Manager role. Under the helm of General Manager Stephen O'Connor these appointments reinforce Limerick Strand Hotels mission to provide guests with the best personal service experience possible.

With a varied career in the hospitality industry, **John McCarthy** started his journey with the Hotel Europe in Killarney and from there went on to study Hotel and Catering Management in Galway Mayo Institute of Technology. John who was keen to learn at a high level but in diverse markets continued his training with The Mustard Seed at Echo Lodge in Limerick, and honed his skills working with some of Ireland's renowned properties including Kelly's Resort Hotel & Spa, Rosslare and the Four Seasons, Dublin. After his training, he returned to Kelly's as a Junior Manager gaining valuable experience from the hotel Maestro himself, Bill Kelly. The travel bug bit the young Junior Manager, and he left Ireland to travel and diversify into sales, which he did extensively throughout The Middle East working from Qatar to Dubai.

In 2010 John returned home where he saw an opportunity and took up a role as restaurant manager for Lydon House Catering in Limerick to great success in challenging times for the industry, progressing on to manage Aherlow House Hotel in Tipperary where he saw a niche in the market and grew sales significantly. In late 2013 he took on the role of sales, operations and commercial manager for the IGB to great success in generating new revenue streams for others in the group to follow. John is a keen runner and is married to Áine with two Daughters Aoife and Meabh.

John Beattie, a Shannon College Graduate, joins the impressive team at Limerick Strand as Deputy General Manager. Originally from Ballina, Co. Mayo John began his hotel career locally at The Downhill Hotel; He very much enjoyed the fast pace of Hotels and began studying International Hotel Management and Business Studies at Shannon College. After Graduating John spent several years in Manchester, Cardiff and Bristol working with Principal Hotels, IHG and JurysDoyle Hotel Group. Highlights from there included working in Manchester at the time of United's famous Treble winning team and Cardiff for Munster's first Heineken Cup success. John then returned to Ireland and worked at the Hodson Bay and Carlton Hotel Groups before joining Dalata Hotels where he was based since 2015 at the Ballsbridge Hotel as Operations Manager. Prior to joining the MHL Group, he spent the past summer season in Killarney working for O'Donoghue/Ring Hotels.

John is married to Cristina from Portugal, they enjoy spending their holiday time in the Vinho Verde Region, In John's spare time he enjoys history and is an ever-hopeful follower of Mayo GAA.

Internally, **Dermot Fehily** has been promoted to Operations Manager. A Limerick native and graduate of Shannon College of Hotel Management, Dermot is a valuable member of the management team. With over 30 years experience in the hospitality business including a stint in Australia and 5* experience at Dublin's former Grand Dame, The Berkley Court Hotel. Looking to return to his home county, Dermot moved back to Limerick and worked with The Gresham Hotel Group (Gresham Ardu) and

from there to the South Court Hotel with the Lynch Hotel Group. He also managed his own business in the Woodfield House Hotel and then joined the Limerick Strand In 2013. Dermot is happily married with 3 children and is an avid golfer and follower of Munster Rugby.

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The Limerick Strand Hotel is an award winning four-star hotel ideally located on O'Callaghan Strand in the heart of Limerick City Centre. With stunning vistas of The River Shannon and a birds-eye view of every landmark in the historical city the Limerick Strand Hotel is the ideal venue for both business and pleasure trips.

Executive Head Chef, Tom Flavin and his culinary team pride themselves in serving the finest quality of Irish and international cuisine, with an emphasis on fresh, seasonal produce with all the food traceable and where possible with an emphasis on using locally produced products. With incredible conference and banqueting facilities, the Limerick Strand is the preferred venue for weddings, events and meetings.

The Energize Health Centre is the top spot in Limerick to boost your fitness levels or simply enjoy laid-back leisure. Energize boasts not one but four pools, including a 20 metre swimming pool, sauna and jacuzzi.

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