

## New Resident Manager at The Midland

QHotels is delighted to announce the appointment of Paul Bayliss, the new Resident Manager of The Midland, Manchester's iconic city centre hotel.

Paul, a former soldier chef who earned an MBE following years of commitment to world class food service in the armed forces, joins The Midland following his position as the former Deputy General Manager of Carden Park Hotel & Golf Resort in Chester.

Paul will oversee the 312 bedrooomed hotel, which has recently undergone an extensive £15million refurbishment of the Edwardian building, its 11 conference and banqueting rooms as well as its leisure facilities and two restaurants including the multi-award winning French.

Paul comments on his appointment: "I am thrilled with my new appointment at the most iconic, historic and down right awe inspiring Hotel in the North West. I have long regarded QHotels as a premier hotel group, which is reflected in their investment in the one of a kind brand concept, their people and hotels".

Paul concludes: "I look forward to joining The Midland and to getting involved in a hugely respected food service operation and adding value to the French, which is legendary, whilst further developing the conferencing and banqueting concepts to drive business forward in a fiercely competitive environment".

Mike Magrane, General Manager at The Midland comments: "Paul is a formidable new appointment for The Midland and demonstrates our commitment to becoming the best hotel in the area. He possesses a level of operational experience and excellence which will really help The Midland achieve its ambitious targets for the future. We are delighted to welcome him to our team and look forward to his achievements".

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- Founded in 2003 by Managing Director - Michael Purtill, Sales Director - David Taylor, Finance Director – Ian Goulding and investment company Alchemy Partners; the collection has grown from 2 to 21 properties over the last five years.
- The collection, which boasts iconic properties including The Midland in Manchester, The Queens in Leeds and Crewe Hall in Cheshire, has been voted AA Hotel Group of the Year 2008/09 and is ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in The Times Buyout FastTrack register of the 100 fastest growing private equity backed businesses... one of the few companies to feature in the top 100 in two consecutive years. In addition to this... January 2009 alone saw QHotels shortlisted for the Business Hotel Brand of the Year Award at the Business Travel Awards and Winchester property Norton Park scoop two HRS Hotel Excellence Awards (Excellence in Meetings and Excellence in Business Management).
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