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CARTON HOUSE, A FAIRMONT MANAGED HOTEL —
ONE OF THE FINEST HOTELS IN IRELAND NOW OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

With Ireland now accessible to fully vaccinated travellers from today, tourists can finally visit the newly renovated Carton House hotel without quarantining on arrival. For more than 250 years, Carton House has been the finest Georgian estate in Ireland. Now, after a two-year, multimillion-euro total renovation of the original house, surrounding hotel and stunning grounds and parkland, it has reopened as part of the Fairmont Hotels portfolio and one of the finest hotels in the country.

Situated in Maynooth, County Kildare, Carton House was once the ancestral home of the Earls of Kildare and the Dukes of Leinster. This walled garden Fairmont estate is surrounded by 1,100 acres of sweeping parkland, ancient woodlands, lakes, and the River Rye and stands as one of Ireland's most historic country houses.

Martin Mangan, General Manager of Carton House, a Fairmont Managed Hotel, is looking forward to welcoming international guests to the hotel for the estate's first summer after such a magnificent refurbishment. "Following our domestic re-opening last month, the entire estate could not look more wonderful, and it's a credit to the owners and to the teams of craftspeople and specialists who have been working to such a high standard for almost two years to bring this important country house back to its original glory. Myself and all the team at Carton House are thrilled to be opening the doors to our international guests, inviting travellers to experience this historic property as it was meant to be experienced. It truly is an extraordinary house to call home this year."

This is your opportunity to be quite the lord or lady of the manor and experience this spectacular renovation at firsthand and the many new experiences offered within the ancient walls. Whether that's a tutored wine tasting; a dinner in the cosy and atmospheric setting of Kathleen's Kitchen, set in the old servants' kitchens of Carton House; or a delicious picnic basket to enjoy in the resort's idyllic gardens, parklands and grounds, there are countless treats and treasures to choose from when you stay at Carton House.

You might select a guided whiskey tasting in the cosy book-lined Whiskey Library with its encyclopedic selection of the world's finest *uisce beatha.* Or indulge in Afternoon Tea, seated in one of the beautifully restored grand and imposing rooms in The House with their fascinating history — the stunning Gold Salon, the Drawing Room, the serene Rose Room, the Bell Room — rooms that originally would have entertained aristocratic visitors to Carton House, and take in the same views that have captivated visitors for over 250 years. Have a long-overdue catch-up over light bites and cocktails with family and friends this summer on the outdoor terrace of The Courtyard Bar or have dinner in the impressive surrounds of The Morrison Room — a breathtaking space, The Morrison Room opens today as one of this country's grandest dining rooms. Luxurious and rejuvenating treatments can be booked in the Carton House Spa & Wellness, a sensory indulgence like no other.

Carton House is home to two championship eighteen-hole golf courses, the challenging links-like course designed by Colin Montgomerie, host to the Irish Open three times, and the classic parkland course designed by Mark O'Meara.

The House is the breathtaking focal feature of a spectacular 1,100-acre estate, the epitome of grandeur and history. Explore the grounds on foot or by bike, following the cycle and walking trails, or enjoy the outdoors by choosing from a wealth of resort activities, from tennis and fishing to horse riding, archery and clay pigeon shooting.

One of Ireland's most historic country houses, built originally as the home of the influential and aristocratic FitzGerald family, and now in the proud ownership of the American-Irish Mullen family, Carton House is now A Fairmont Managed Hotel. This impressive next chapter as a Fairmont property sees Carton House join the more than 80 Fairmont hotels around the globe as the oldest property in a collection famed for its grande dame hotels, including the iconic Savoy in London and Plaza in New York City.

Sensitively blending past and present, this renovation of Carton House has renewed the beauty of the estate for generations to come. The spectacular 18th century Palladian-style mansion, *The House*, is at the heart of the estate and will now be the centre of every guest experience today. The remarkably handsome series of grand and imposing rooms in The House with their fascinating history are now beautifully restored and part of the daily rituals of Carton House life and at the heart of each guest's experience.

Carton House is welcoming guests to a perfectly polished and elegant country house experience, and to pleasure and escapism at its best. Indulge in the treat of spending your time in one of the finest resorts in Ireland. Rooms for the summer season in one of the contemporary bedrooms in the Garden Wing of Carton House start from €250 per person sharing. The House is home to 18 utterly luxurious and unique state rooms and suites, starting from €495 per person sharing.

For more visit www.cartonhouse.com

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Notes to Editors - facts at a glance:

- Updated name of resort: Carton House, a Fairmont Managed Hotel
- Opening summer 2021 (subject to lifting of Irish government restrictions)
- 169 bedrooms & suites
- Set within an 1,100 acre estate
- 4 restaurants & bars
- 1 spa & wellness facility
- 2 championship golf courses
- Carton estate dates back to 1176 with the Palladian-style architecture of *The House* at Carton House dating from 1739
- Garden Wing from rate: €250 per stay based on 2 people sharing
- The House from rate: €495 based on 2 people sharing

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About Carton House, a Fairmont Managed Hotel

Situated in Maynooth, County Kildare, Carton House, a Fairmont Managed Hotel, is a luxury Irish resort. Once the ancestral home of the Earls of Kildare and the Dukes of Leinster, this walled garden estate is located just 20 minutes from Dublin, surrounded by 1,100 acres of sweeping parkland, ancient woodlands, lakes and the River Rye.

The resort features 169 recently renovated guest bedrooms, the majority of which are situated in The Garden Wing with stunning views of the estate and vista. There are 18 completely unique, spectacular in their own right, staterooms and suites located in The House, a spectacular 18th century Palladian-style mansion at the heart of the Carton House guest experience. Guests can choose from a number of dining options at the resort to include The Morrison Room, the resort's newest fine dining restaurant; Kathleen's Kitchen with its wholesome menu using locally sourced seasonal ingredients; The Carriage House, located in the Clubhouse of the resort offering a gastro-pub dining experience. Guests can enjoy a drink in the atmospheric Whiskey Library, unique wine room, The Duke's Rest or The Courtyard Bar with its impressive selection of cocktails and premium spirits.

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The resort is home to conference and events facilities catering for up to 500 delegates, and elegant spaces for weddings and special occasions. Carton House Spa & Wellness features an 18-metre swimming pool and thermal experience, relaxation room, manicure bar and treatment room. Explore the grounds on foot or by bike, following the cycle and walking trails, or enjoy the outdoors by choosing from a wealth of resort activities, from tennis and fishing, to archery and clay pigeon shooting. Carton House has two championship eighteen-hole golf courses, the challenging links-style course designed by Colin Montgomerie, host to the Irish Open three times, and a classic parkland course designed by Mark O'Meara. Carton House is renowned for sport, with world-class professional training pitches and facilities, often host to prestigious international sporting teams, including as a regular home for the Irish iinternational rugby team.

Carton House reopened in June 2021 after an extensive refurbishment as a luxurious Fairmont Managed Hotel, joining the more than 80 Fairmont hotels around the globe as the oldest property in the collection.

About Fairmont
Fairmont Hotels & Resorts is where occasions are celebrated and history is made. Landmark hotels with unrivalled presence, authentic experiences and unforgettable moments have attracted visitors to Fairmont and its destinations since 1907. The Plaza in New York City, The Savoy in London, Fairmont San Francisco, Fairmont Banff Springs and Fairmont Peace Hotel in Shanghai are but a few of these iconic luxury hotels, forever linked to the special places where they reside. Famous for its engaging service, grand public spaces, locally inspired cuisine and celebrated bars and lounges, Fairmont promises the grandest of moments that will be remembered long after any visit. With a worldwide portfolio of more than 80 hotels, Fairmont also takes great pride in its deep community roots and leadership in sustainability. Fairmont is part of Accor, a world leading hospitality group consisting of more than 5,100 properties and 10,000 food and beverage venues throughout 110 countries.

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