



THE BEARA COAST HOTEL

The Harbour in Castletownbere has an important new addition recently with the renovation and reopening of the Beara Coast Hotel.

The Beara Coast Hotel is a 4 Star Hotel nestled in a stunning location beside the water in the fishing town offering accommodation, dining and facilities for special occasions and events.

General Manager Mark Golden and Head Chef Mark Johnston in partnership with Fast Fish Limited will operate the hotel. The partnership came about as a result of a meeting between Donal Kelly, Managing Director Fast Fish, Mark Golden and Mark Johnston and in the opinion of the Marks it has become a perfect arrangement. The Directors of Fast Fish Margeret Downey-Harrington, Larry Murphy and Donal Kelly bring a wealth of local knowledge to the table and brought together many local trade professionals during the renovations in a way that might have been less productive had the partnership not existed.

A measure of the initial success of the partnership can be seen in the enthusiastic reception from locals and visitors to the range of seafood on offer at the Beara Coast and guests have a choice of dining experiences, from the Arches Bar, The Coastal Restaurant or The Berehaven Suite.

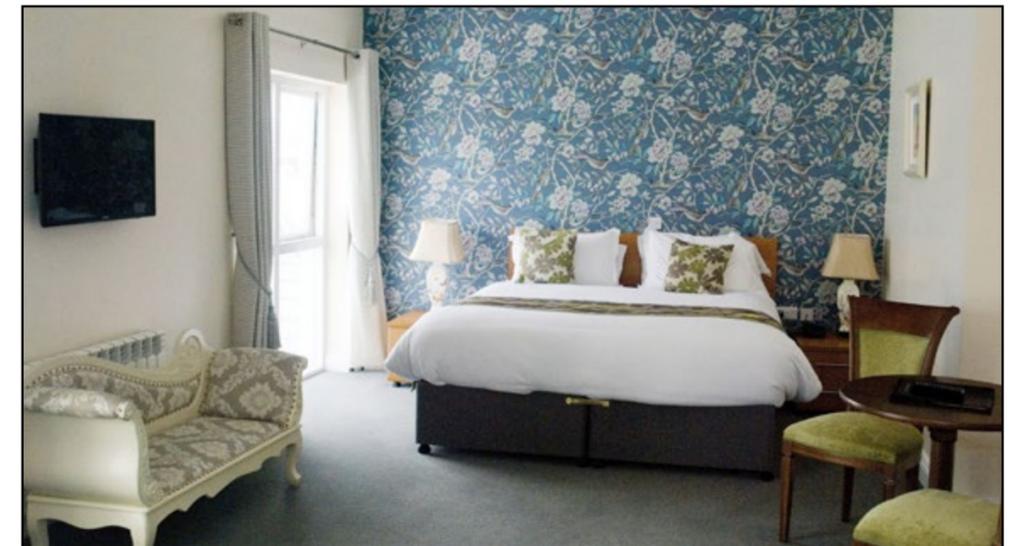
The Directors of Fast Fish were already involved in the local holiday village Berehaven Lodge and while the Beara coast is a whole new departure for them, they had the utmost confidence in the Marks to make a success of the new venture.

Critical to the success of the Beara Coast dining experience are the many local producers and suppliers of seafood and this is reflected in diverse range of fish dishes on the menus. As Castletownbere is Ireland's top whitefish port there is a steady fresh supply of top quality produce and chef Mark Johnston is able to adapt the days menu to whatever is seasonally available.

At the Beara Coast Hotel guests



Beara Coast Hotel Photo Aaron Byrne Photography.



Junior Suite with Balcony.



Function room Photo Emma Jervis.

will find 16 luxurious bedrooms, many of which have balconies and also afford stunning views of the Harbour, surrounding islands and mountains. All rooms have en suite bathrooms, tea and coffee making facilities, TV and have been decorated using a contemporary theme.

The Beara Coast Hotel is also the perfect venue for Weddings, Conferences and Banqueting providing three individual suites catering for up to 350 guests.

Already there are plans in the pipeline to add a 30-bedroom extension, 60-seater gourmet restaurant, sauna and a gym facility.

The hotel hosted their first weddings this summer and such was the level of positive feedback from the events that bookings for 2017 are already increasing.

The Skipper wishes the two Marks and all at Fast Fish continued success in the future.



Alfresco seafood lunch at the waters edge.



Mark Golden and Mark Johnston have been operating The Old Imperial Hotel in Youghal since January 2012 and transformed it from a tired under utilized building into a very busy Hotel employing 35 staff all year round. They now bring this wealth of experience to the Beara Coast Hotel and are set to make this new venture into a must visit destination on the South West coast.

The Marks' ethos has always been the highest level of customer service as well as providing the best local produce at competitive prices. Customers should always feel valued when in any establishment and feel at home when in our care. They have always employed local staff as much as they can and intend to adhere to this practice in Castletownbere. Each business makes a contribution to the local economy and as a grouping makes the area a stronger one.

The more successful businesses an area has the stronger and more viable the area becomes.

Mark Golden has been President of Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Development since 2014 and has been on numerous tourism committees including SECAD and Ring of Cork and feels that a united front always enables further betterment of one's area – hence the old phrase 'the rising tide floats more boats' applies.

Mark Johnston, having worked as head chef in the Park Hotel in Kenmare, is also of the view that the healthy cooperation of businesses in Castletownbere make it the busy and successful town it is from a fishing perspective and that Castletownbere has the opportunity to be a booming tourism spot as it is a feature point on the Ring of Beara and on the Wild Atlantic Way.

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