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GALWAY BAY
golf resort





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ABOVE





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Galway Bay Golf Resort is one of the best and most unique golf courses in Ireland, hugging the Atlantic Ocean and offering unparalleled views of Galway City, Connemara, the Aran Islands and the Burren in Co Clare. Recently voted the best Parkland Golf Course in Connacht, it is easy to see why it is so highly regarded, with every single one of their 18 holes offering a different challenge. The 12th in Galway Bay, for example, is often voted among the best holes in Golf, as you drive your ball towards the Wild Atlantic Way, before a dog leg right leaves you with a long iron over an intimidating lake, if you dare to take the risk.

When designing the course, former Ryder Cup and World Cup golfer Christy O'Connor Jnr. superbly

blended the stunning backdrop of Galway Bay and the rugged curves of the Atlantic coastline with mature trees, water hazards, concealed bunkers and highly acclaimed putting surfaces.

You are assured of a friendly welcome upon arrival in their modern Clubhouse, and any day of the week you could find golfers from all over the World that have come to experience the very best that the West has to offer.

With its breath-taking views, the clubhouse Bar and Restaurant is the best spot to soak it all up, as they serve gastro pub style lunches, evening meals and their renowned Sunday lunch menu in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

With a stunning meeting and

conference space which offers panoramic views overlooking the Golf Course, and beyond. It is the ideal venue for conferences, events, training and team building in Galway.

A popular destination for locals, golf members, and visitors alike, the restaurant is well-known for family celebrations, communions and special occasions. Specialists in weddings, civil ceremonies and outdoor weddings, the resort offers numerous photo opportunities and a choice of wedding packages for up to 200 guests.

An idyllic setting, Galway Bay Golf Resort and its beauty has to be seen to be believed.



Damien Coleman

**GOLF OPERATIONS MANAGER
GALWAY BAY GOLF RESORT**

What do you enjoy most about your work?

Having worked in Galway Bay Golf Resort for almost 14 years I have seen the Resort grow and develop over the years. Having this experience has really allowed me to appreciate the place I call "work". Thankfully coming to work each day does not feel like the chore "work" suggests it is, but is indeed quite the opposite. I have been very lucky over the years to have been afforded the opportunity to grow my greenkeeping career in Galway Bay and indeed recently to broaden my horizons even further by taking on the role of Golf Operations Manager. This scope for development and expansion within one's career is what makes working at Galway Bay Golf Resort truly unique. Coupled with this, the exciting future plans for the Resort will make Galway Bay Golf Resort, not just a great place to work,

but simply a fantastic location to be a part of. Given the prospects these plans hold for Galway Bay Golf Resort and knowing that we will grow from being one of the best golf courses in Ireland today, to THE best resort in Ireland before long is beyond encouraging and exciting.

How has the golf industry changed since you started working at Galway Bay Golf Resort?

Back in May 2008, when I arrived to Galway Bay Golf Resort in my early 20's golf was very much a thriving sport in Ireland, but little did we know what was merely months away. Ireland had just hosted the Ryder Cup two years previous and Pádraig Harrington was on the way to securing his third major in 2 years, what more could the golf industry in Ireland ask for? Then, like a light switch, the global economy hit a downturn and all aspects of

business and indeed life were thrown into turmoil for many people. Discretionary spending was the easiest area people could cut back on and for many that meant golf membership had to go. However, like any cycle in life it came full circle, the economy recovered and golf followed. As we observe the golf industry today, it is once again thriving and some of that recovery can be attributed most recently to covid. Since covid arrived, golf was, and still is, seen as one of the safest sports a person can partake in. Therefore golf clubs around the country saw record numbers playing and looking to take up the game in 2020. Having Irish golfers playing at the highest level, like Rory McIlroy, Shane Lowry, Seamus Power or Leona Maguire, has allowed our younger generations to aspire to such heights and take up the game of golf. The future of this industry will be reliant on these growing participation levels amongst such generations.

Dara Ford

HEAD PGA PRO GALWAY BAY GOLF RESORT



How did you get started playing golf?

Galway Golf Club is where I started playing golf, my family all played golf there at some point and my parents are both still members there. I started swinging the club from a young age and if I was lucky was brought up to the club by my parents to do some practice which was such a treat. If I didn't get up to the golf course I was out the front park pitching balls or up at the local pitch and putt with my brother practicing. He got down to a low level as a teenager and he would always give you a few tips and you would try your hardest to beat him when you got to practice together. As I got older my parents would bring me up to play a few holes on the course learning the rules and knowing the course. I always remember the day I became a member of the club, I must have been about ten and I was over the moon with the

fact I could go out and play on the course. There was a good group of juniors at the club and along with Don Wallace the professional and his assistants we would receive regular coaching.

When did you turn professional ?

I started my training in 2006 at County Sligo Golf club under the guidance of club professional Jim Robinson. I got on very well with the members there. There was a large junior section at the club and I really enjoyed coaching them. After qualifying as a PGA Professional I took up a roll in Madeira as the Head Professional at Santo da Serra golf club in 2011. It was a brilliant experience to work abroad and the climate also helped to make life easier. The Madeira Islands Open, an event on the European tour, was hosted at the club while I was there, the atmosphere of having top professionals

coming to play the event was such a thrill for the members and staff at the club. I got to play in the event 3 times after qualifying. The weeks leading up to the event practicing and the butterflies in your stomach before hitting the first tee shot made it such an experience for myself. I came back to Galway Bay Golf resort in 2017 with my partner and daughter to take up the job here as the Professional. I enjoy meeting and greeting the members and visitors at the club, I am looking forward to the developments of the resort in the future.



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Andrew Lewis

HEAD CHEF
GALWAY BAY GOLF RESORT

What was your most memorable meal?

Probably the most recent one was when myself and my family took a trip to Tuscany. We rented a small cottage in the middle of the vineyards and spent our evenings grilling meats on a bbq outside and enjoying the local foods and fine wines of the region. I remember we grilled a "Bistecca Fiorentina" which is a t-bone for 2 people, from the local Chianina beef and it was amazing!

If I had to cook one meal for the rest of my life, what would it be?

Very hard to choose, I don't want to say something I really like because I would probably be very sick of it after the first month! Anything that can be shared with my family and friends I suppose.

Most important thing you learned in culinary school?

The most important thing you learn in culinary school is to plan ahead. Anybody can prepare a dish but when you are in a busy kitchen and you maybe have 10 or 20 things to make in a short period of time you need to be organised.



THE
DOCK

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THE
DOCK

100% COMPOSTABLE

dock *of the bay*

The Dock at the Connacht Hotel is a brand-new coffee shop experience located in the main lobby, on the ground floor. As you walk through the doors you'll be greeted with a smile by our friendly, expertly trained barista team. Start your day off right or grab a little pick me up with fresh barista coffee paired with one of our delicious home-baked pastries

from our in-house pastry chef, makes for a perfect combination to enjoy at any time of the day.

At The Dock our specialty coffee 'Eighty9' from JJ Darboven, is a small batch coffee roaster from Dun Laoghaire in Co. Dublin. This premium coffee makes the perfect blend – providing a full-bodied, round & spicy experience, with a light sweetness to

suit all tastes.

Eighty9's zero waste policy perfectly complements our green initiatives running throughout the hotel. With all our coffee deliveries coming in reusable tins that allow for the freshest coffee as well as zero packing waste.



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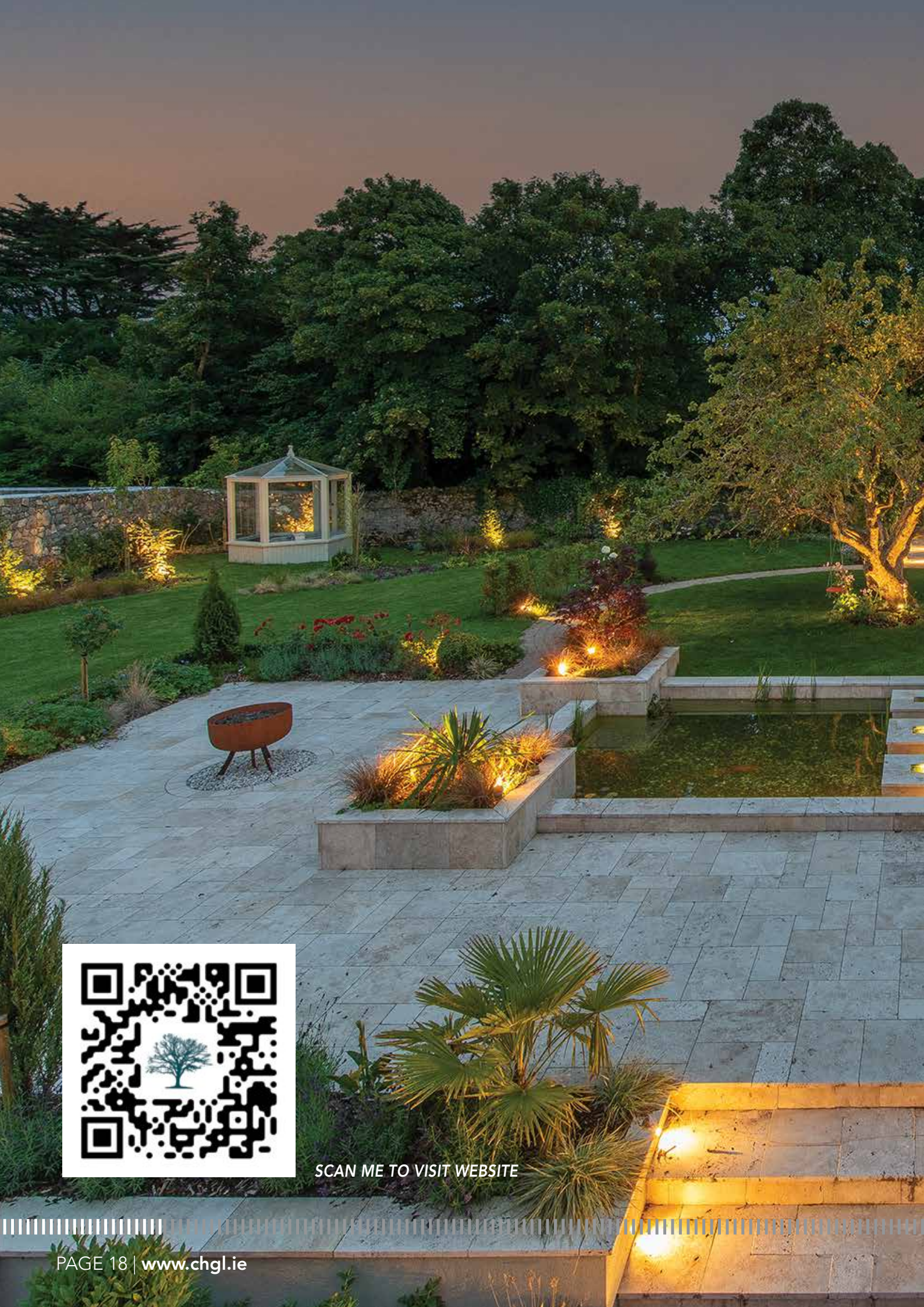
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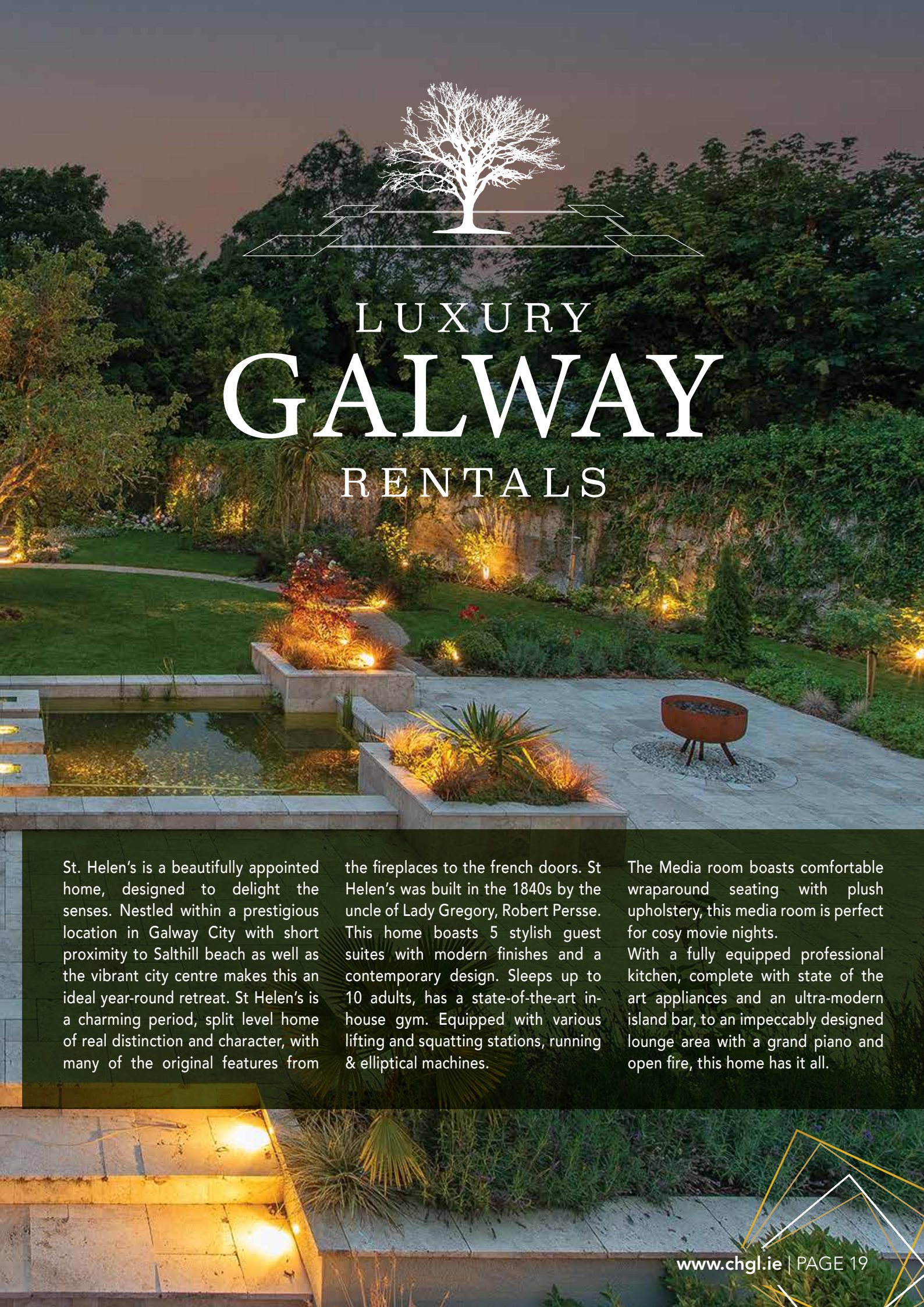
RESIDENCE HOTEL

The Residence Hotel Galway is located on the famous bustling Quay Street in the heart of Galway's Latin Quarter. Once a 16th century Carmelite Convent The Residence Hotel is steeped in history but has been described as "Galway's most tech friendly hotel". Each room hosts intelligently designed features, including Amazon Echo's, Nespresso machines and access to your Netflix and Spotify accounts on the 40" Sony Bavaria Smart Televisions.

The bedrooms are wonderfully comfortable and stylishly designed with a modern and funky décor. There are varying designs of room type, some having pop culture artwork featuring Amy Winehouse & David Bowie. A personable and friendly welcome awaits you at this boutique hotel, with only 20 bedrooms, you will experience the real charm of a Galway welcome.



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LUXURY GALWAY RENTALS

St. Helen's is a beautifully appointed home, designed to delight the senses. Nestled within a prestigious location in Galway City with short proximity to Salthill beach as well as the vibrant city centre makes this an ideal year-round retreat. St Helen's is a charming period, split level home of real distinction and character, with many of the original features from

the fireplaces to the french doors. St Helen's was built in the 1840s by the uncle of Lady Gregory, Robert Persse. This home boasts 5 stylish guest suites with modern finishes and a contemporary design. Sleeps up to 10 adults, has a state-of-the-art in-house gym. Equipped with various lifting and squatting stations, running & elliptical machines.

The Media room boasts comfortable wraparound seating with plush upholstery, this media room is perfect for cosy movie nights. With a fully equipped professional kitchen, complete with state of the art appliances and an ultra-modern island bar, to an impeccably designed lounge area with a grand piano and open fire, this home has it all.



SCAN TO BOOK A TABLE AT AN PÚCÁN



An Púcán

WHISKEY SOCIETY

An Púcán where the sharing of whiskey is not only for the angels...

An Púcán is a founding member of The Galway Whiskey Trail, which was established in 2015 to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the opening of The Nun's Island Distillery in Galway.

An Púcán is also the proud winner of Best Single Cask Irish Whiskey for our collaboration with Teeling Whiskey Company at The Irish Whiskey Awards, 2015 as well as Gold Medal for Connacht Whiskey Bar of the year.

An Púcán is famed for its vibrancy and passion and we pride ourselves on being able to offer our customers access to a tailor made whiskey experience that will not only engage the connoisseur but also the curious...

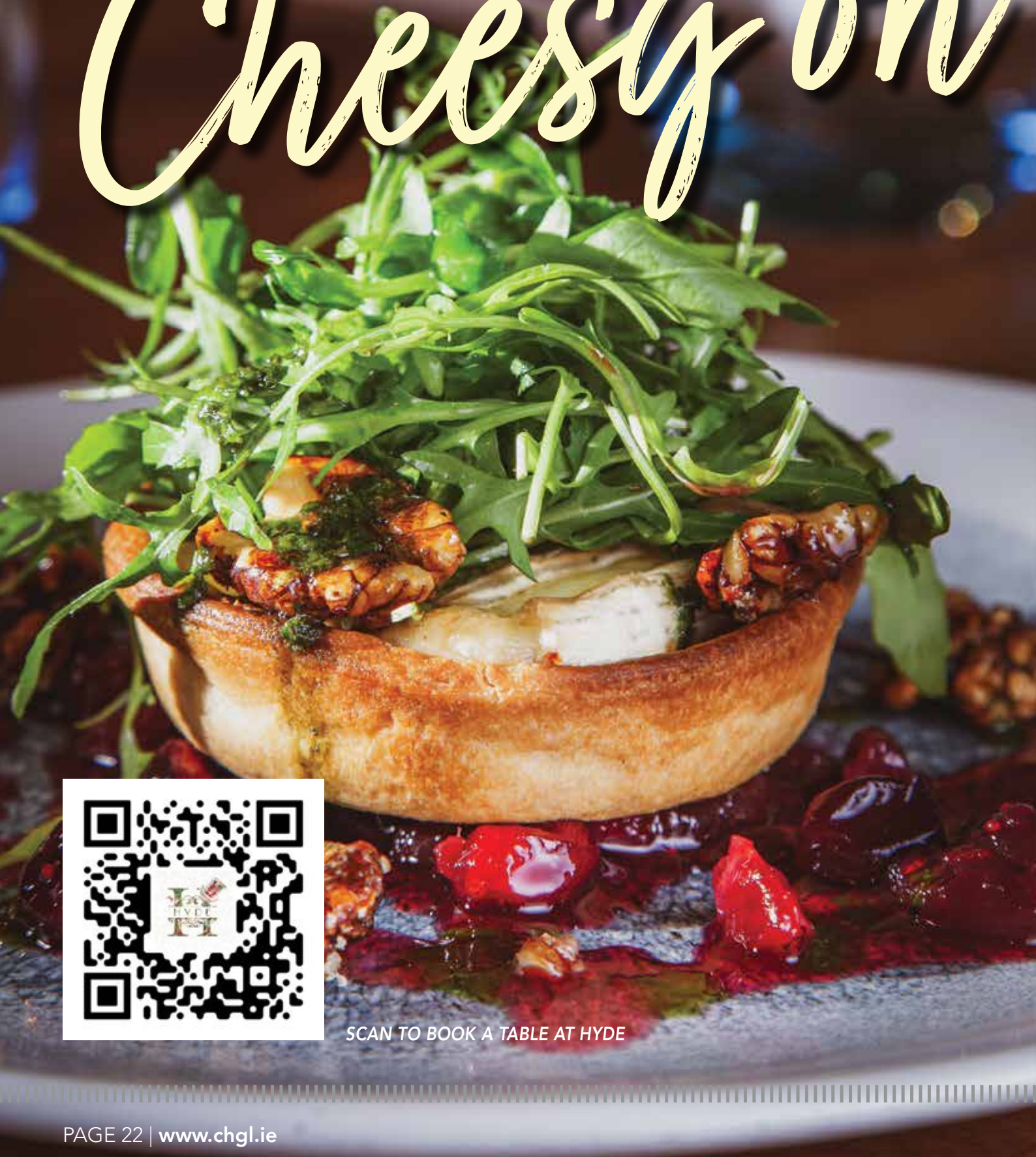
It's from this passion that the An Púcán Whiskey society was created, bringing together like-minded people to appreciate and enjoy some of the best whiskeys around.

Regular events with the top names in the industry help our members fuel their passion for remarkable drinks.

"The light music of whiskey falling into a glass - an agreeable interlude."

James Joyce

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SCAN TO BOOK A TABLE AT HYDE

the eyes....



We all know that you eat with your eyes and the food in Hyde Bar is a treat for all of your senses, in fact the only problem with our food is that it could go cold while you snap it for your Instagram stories. Featured above are two great HYDE seasonal dishes using locally produced cheeses.

The Brie & Cranberry Tartlet (left) uses creamy Tipperary brie cheese from

Cooleeney Farm, while our neighbours at Galway Goat Farm in Dunmore, Co. Galway provide the goats cheese for our Grilled Goats Cheese Salad with candied walnuts and apple (right).

Sustainability is a core element of who we are, therefore as part of our green initiative HYDE tries to support local producers wherever possible.

Three birds are shown in flight, descending from the top left towards the bottom right. The top two birds are grey, and the bottom bird is a robin with a red breast and white belly. They are set against a background of faint, light-colored oak leaves.

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