



Opening night for Cork's newest hotel

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THE first guests will be staying overnight at Cork's newest hotel from tomorrow evening.

High-flying guests will be enjoying crisp new sheets and fresh furnishings at the Cork International Hotel, located adjacent to the Airport Business Park.

The 150-bed hotel boasts a cocktail bar with panoramic views of the city and a select lounge for VIPs, built from the interior of a plane.

Some 90 staff are on standby at the plush new hotel, ready to

welcome the first of its overnight guests.

Classed as a business hotel, the Cork International will be the seventh Irish hotel to be owned and operated by the Mercer Group.

It will offer introductory nightly room rates of €130.

For that price, guests can book a double room and enjoy a fresh breakfast in the morning.

The hotel features an in-house bakery, an Italian bistro café, an 'open market' restaurant, where the chefs' preparation of the food is central to the experience.

Its cocktail bar offers panoramic views of the city and a private dining option in a wine vault will cater for private parties of up to 12 people.

Planning permission is being sought to upgrade a nearby walkway to a covered walkway, giving greater ease of access to the terminal for hotel guests.