

Daniel Thwaites acquires renowned Langdale Chase Hotel on Lake Windermere

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Daniel Thwaites has acquired the renowned Langdale Chase Hotel on Lake Windermere, which follows on from the successful acquisition of Middletons Hotel in York last month.

Langdale Chase is a Grade II Listed country house hotel, originally built in 1895, with 29-en-suite guest bedrooms, an eight bedroom lake house, a boat house and two jetties. It also has a recently built 24-bedroom staff accommodation building, a 15-bedroom former staff house and a three bedroom gatehouse.

Its stunning location on the shore of Windermere, set in six acres of landscaped gardens with mountain and fell views, helped it secure the title of Best View in Britain and its location is widely acknowledged as one of the finest in the UK.

It has been run as a hotel since 1930, owned by the same family for the past 25 years and now the current directors have decided to retire. The acquisition takes Daniel Thwaites' portfolio of hotels and inns to 21.

Chief Executive Officer at Thwaites, Rick Bailey, said: **'We are delighted to add Langdale Chase to our growing family of hotels and inns. Its unrivalled location on the shores of Lake Windermere provides incredible views of some of the Lake District's most spectacular scenery, so it fits well with our desire to build a collection of outstanding properties in great locations.'**

'We already have a number of other properties in the Lake District, including the North Lakes Hotel & Spa in Penrith, the Royal Oak Inn in Keswick and the Crown Inn at Pooley Bridge, so it's an area we are familiar with and we are excited about the opportunity to add investment to Langdale Chase to develop its wonderful potential. The Lake District is a wild and beautiful place with a spectacular landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage and later in the year UNESCO will decide whether or not to confirm its bid to become a World Heritage Site, which we very much hope it will.'

It's been a busy year for Thwaites, which has just re-opened the Crown Inn at Pooley Bridge, where it has added 17 bedrooms, a large dining room and a roof terrace with views over Ullswater. The Company is currently renovating The Royal at Heysham, is building a purpose built 54-bedroom lodge near Southampton and has started work on its new head office, brewery and stables outside Blackburn, Lancashire. In the next few weeks, it will start on the complete refurbishment and development of The Beverley Arms, Beverley, which once complete will have 40 bedrooms in the heart of the Georgian Quarter of this historic East Yorkshire market town.

Thwaites' superb hospitality, quality and service were recently recognised through being named AA Hotel Group of the Year 2017.

The sale of the hotel was handled by Gavin Wright, Director, JLL Hotels & Hospitality Group and Daniel Thwaites was advised by Mark Hallam, Partner, Addleshaw Goddard.

Gavin Wright, Director, JLL's Hotels & Hospitality Group said: **'The Langdale Chase Hotel provides one of the finest locations in the Lake District which generated high levels of interest in the property.'**

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