

Anthony Lee, “A double act hard to beat” moves from “Mayfair” to “May Fair”



Anthony Lee has been appointed the new General Manager of the May Fair Hotel taking over from Charles Oak who has left to pursue other interests in the hotel industry five years after being a key figure in the “re-birth of an icon.” Anthony spent nearly 31 years at the Connaught Hotel, during which time he also guided the hotel through an extensive re-birth as General Manager.

“Everyone in the luxury-plus industry in London knows what an enormous impact the May Fair Hotel has made since the re-launch,” said Anthony. “The combination of, let’s call it “unstuffiness,” with the highest standards of 5-star service and accommodation has been a winner. I’m delighted to take over that mantle and hope that I can add a little extra something into the mix to drive this London landmark to even greater success.”

Anthony added that part of his vision is to go back to the roots of the May Fair Hotel: “The May Fair Hotel is steeped in history, dating back to 1927. In 1957 the American Danziger brothers, film impresarios who had founded the New Elstree studios, bought the hotel and turned it into the playground of film stars and their entourages. This was just one chapter in the story of an iconic hotel with connections throughout its life to the entertainment industry; film, fashion, music and art. These roots have become our DNA and are inherent to our day-to-day life at the May Fair, from our style and guests to the partnerships we have with the British Fashion Council, British Film Institute and the Raindance Film Festival. As such we are well known as the landmark hotel for London’s cultural scene.”

Nearly every day of the week there are well known figures that add colour and vibrancy to the hotel's restaurants, bars and suites. Whether from fashion, film, music or Captains of industry, the May Fair offers its guests something unique in one of the best addresses in the world.

Anthony continued: "The May Fair could be one of the world's best kept secrets and I feel not enough people know about us. My life has been spent building up relationships with people that make the world "tick" and I look forward to welcoming them and many new guests to the May Fair, the London home of those persons seeking luxury with fun."

During his time as General Manager at the Connaught, Anthony Lee is well known to have developed a passion for taking care of his staff, empowering them and ensuring a world class service.

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Notes to Editors

Anthony Lee CV

- An experienced leader having gained a wealth of experience at the top end of the 5 star Luxury Hotel market
- Over 30 years of managing high end demanding clients, highly respected in the travel industry worldwide, building a network of trust and relationships.
- October 2010 to present – General Manager of the 5\* May Fair Hotel
- 1979 – 2010 – The Connaught Hotel
- Westminster Hotel and Catering College, London- H.C.I.M.A. Final. (1977-1979).
- Thanet Technical College, Broadstairs, Kent- O.N.D. with Distinction. (1975-1977).
- Buckingham Palace- Numerous receptions including Her Majesty's Reception to the Dip-lomatic Corps of the World. (1975-1979).

Situated in the heart of the Mayfair village, the May Fair Hotel has been a by-word for elegance and style since the twenties.

The Official Hotel of London Fashion Week and the Official Hotel Partner of the 54<sup>th</sup> BFI London Film Festival, The May Fair's partnerships are a testament to the hotel's style, glamour and service, and to what it has become since its 2006 revival; a young, fashionable and connected central London hotel.



The May Fair Hotel was awarded Cool Brand status in 2010

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