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Prestonfield House Hotel: Sustainability Policy

Prestonfield was built by King's architect Sir William Bruce in 1687 on his completion of the Palace of Holyrood house for Sir James Dick, Provost of Edinburgh, as his private residence. Prestonfield remained his family's private home until 1958, when it became a hotel. In 2003, it was purchased by Edinburgh restaurateur James Thomson, who has spent two decades restoring it to its former glory, adding his unique magic, drama, and romance.

In 2007, The AA Awarded Prestonfield its highest accolade of 5 Red Stars, making it the first and only hotel in Edinburgh with this highest award. Prestonfield has 18 bedrooms and five suites, an award-winning Rhubarb Restaurant, three private dining rooms, several drawing rooms, and a large converted circular stable which houses events for 500 guests. Prestonfield is neighboured by Royal Holyrood Park, a nature reserve and scheduled monument, 1 mile east of Edinburgh Castle, and by the Dr Neil's Garden, one of the most remarkable gardens in Scotland.

Prestonfield is committed to the importance of sustainable practices that drive our ambition of transitioning to Net-Zero emissions. We are also committed to partnering with EarthCheck, the world's leading scientific benchmarking, certification and advisory group for hotels. We wish to create a positive impact within our community based on three pillars: environmental well-being, economic growth and social equity. We commit to meet all relevant legislation and regulations, and to achieve international best practices.

Our Sustainability & ESG Manager has been appointed as our EarthCheck Coordinator. This person will have responsibility and authority to ensure the development and implementation of a Sustainability Management System complaint to the standard. This includes being engaged and reporting on the sustainability performance of the organisation using the Sustainability Management System to management and external stakeholders.

We actively work to reduce our environmental impact and risk to our business by focusing on critical areas, including energy use, water use, carbon emissions, chemicals, paper use, waste management, biodiversity, community, employee impact and supply chain through collaboration with our team, suppliers, business partners and guests. We recognise the importance of using locally sourced sustainable products with Fair Trade principles and employing and empowering local employees.

We acknowledge that the hotel will have to evolve over time to achieve our goals and objectives for sustainability. This will ensure that both current and future generations continue our commitment to environmental and social sustainability. Prestonfield House is committed to continual improvement, which is measured through annual Benchmarking Assessments.

Note: This policy is a public document and will be reviewed annually.

Signed

Alan McGuiggan - General Manager

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