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James Thomson of Prestonfield House and The Witchery awarded Outstanding Contribution Award

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Owner of Prestonfield House and The Witchery

James Thomson, Owner of Prestonfield House and The Witchery, has been awarded the Outstanding Contribution Award at the Independent Hotel Show, recognising the impact he has made on Scotland’s hotel and restaurant scene throughout his career.

On receiving the award, James said, “It’s incredibly humbling to be recognised by your peers, especially in an industry as rich in talent as hospitality and tourism. I’m shocked and truly humbled. Our success is built on people, and we’re lucky to work with amazing suppliers and colleagues. Events like this remind us how important those relationships are, and I’m looking forward to the future with excitement.”

James Thomson OBE DL is one of Scotland’s most celebrated hoteliers and restaurateurs, boasting a portfolio that includes Prestonfield House, an AA five red star luxury hotel, and The Witchery, an Edinburgh institution known for its rich heritage and exceptional dining.

James’s journey began at just 20 years old when he opened The Witchery and became Scotland’s youngest licensee. From this early start, he has continually raised the bar for hospitality in Scotland, creating some of the country’s most talked-about restaurants and hotels. His vision for hospitality has always been rooted in delivering exceptional Scottish food, wine, and service, paired with unforgettable guest experiences

His leadership and vision have made him a central figure in Edinburgh’s hospitality scene. In recognition of his work, he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Edinburgh in 2018, further cementing his influence. James’s passion for preserving Scotland’s historical architecture is evident in his work restoring several A-listed buildings, including his award-winning Secret Garden design at The Witchery, which earned him the Sunday Times RAIS Regeneration Award for its sensitive and imaginative use of a historic site. In 2005, James was also honoured with an OBE from Queen Elizabeth II for his exceptional services to Scottish hospitality and tourism.

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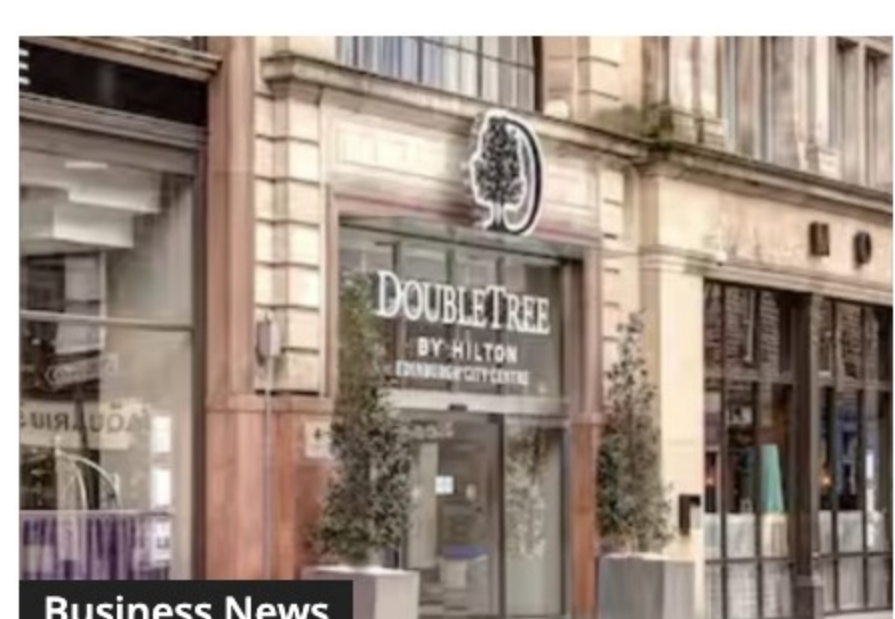
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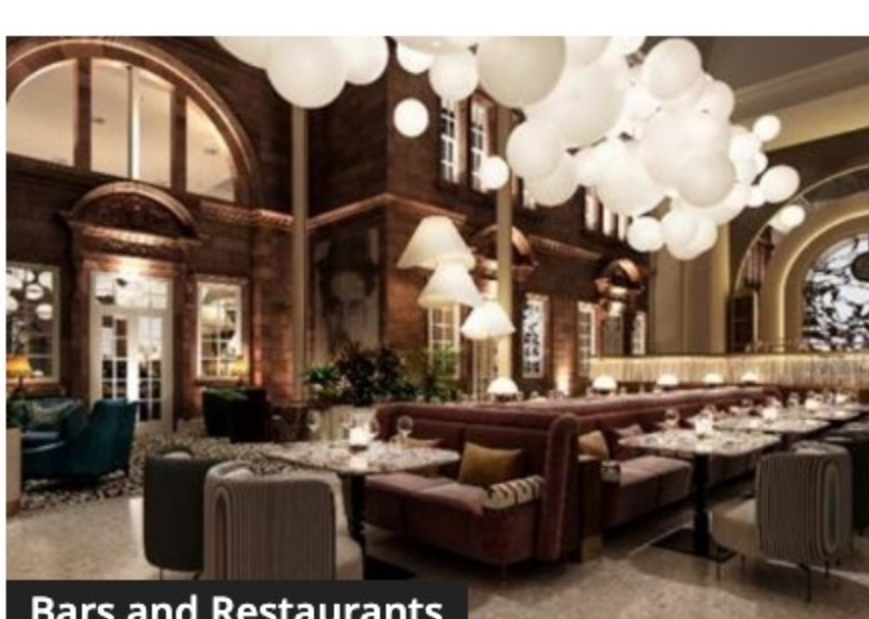
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