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ICC Wales confirms its inaugural event in 2019

The International Convention Centre Wales at the Celtic Manor Resort has confirmed the first ever event to take place at the new venue, two years ahead of its opening in 2019.

Celtic Manor will play host to the Hospitality & Catering EXPO in July 2018 and 2019, the latter marking the inauguration of ICC Wales.

H&C EXPO will be a new two-day conference and exhibition bringing industry professionals and suppliers together from all over the UK. The show will provide exhibitions stands, masterclasses, product demonstrations and roundtables as well as an innovative hosted buyer programme.

Welcoming the announcement of the event, Ian Edwards, CEO of ICC Wales and Celtic Manor Resort said:

“I’m thrilled to see the first of what will be many exciting events held at ICC Wales when we open our doors in 2019. It’s fantastic news for Wales that we have secured such an important piece of business so far in advance of our opening. Event organisers can be confident in the ability of our experienced team which is leading the charge for business events in Wales and I have absolutely no doubts that many more events will be firmed up in the coming months. We are delighted to be working with H&C EXPO and we look forward to welcoming many more new and innovative events to the region.”

Event organiser Denis Sheehan said:

“Following an intensive review of industry conferences and events in the UK hospitality and catering sector, we chose Wales and the Celtic Manor to launch a new event for our industry. The food and drink sector in Wales employs 223,000 people and contributes £17 billion a year to the UK economy. Yet, unlike England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, Wales does not currently have an event that brings together the many sectors of our industry. H&C EXPO will change that. The International Convention Centre Wales demonstrates the vision and confidence Wales exudes and as such we are rightly proud to partner with ICC Wales and the Celtic Manor Resort in launching H&C EXPO.”

The official launch of H&C EXPO takes place on Monday July 10th 2017 at the Celtic Manor Resort, bringing together many from the hospitality and catering industry to learn about the event in detail.

Opening in 2019, the ICC Wales is located within the grounds of the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport just two minutes from the M4. The new-build 26,000sqm venue will accommodate 5,000 delegates and includes a 4,000sqm pillar-free main hall, a 1,500 seated auditorium, 12 flexible meeting rooms, a double-height glass atrium and a 2,500sqm outdoor plaza for outside events and teambuilding.

The ICC Wales is a joint venture between the owners of the Celtic Manor Resort and Welsh Government and is managed by Celtic Manor’s expert leadership team responsible for the successful delivery of the 2014 NATO Summit and the 2010 Ryder Cup.

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