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### **HILTON LONDON BANKSIDE INTRODUCES ITS 'MAGNIFICENT SEVEN'**

The design-inspired Hilton London Bankside, on track to open this month has revealed the line-up of its top management team, who will be responsible for the launch of the hotel.



Located in London's vibrant Bankside the hotel is built and managed by the Splendid Hospitality Group.

The 'Magnificent Seven' set to launch the hotel this month includes James Clarke (General Manager), Kelly Eichholtz (Director of Business Development), Paul Bates (Executive Chef), Raoul

de Souza (Director of Food & Beverage), Ivan Drinkwater (Director of Finance), Kim Moufler (Director of Rooms) and Stephen Atkinson (Head of Event Planning). "We have put together a highly talented, award winning team to launch this stunning hotel," reveals Stuart Bailey, CEO of Splendid Hospitality. "Between them they have won a host of hospitality industry awards including three Cateys, an Acorn and numerous internal awards. They are an exceptional team that have been personally selected, to ensure the hotel can offer the very best experience to our business and leisure travelers and be the event destination of London."

At the helm as general manager is double Catey winner James Clarke who has joined from Hilton Park Lane where he was Director of Operations. James has also gained international experience with the Waldorf Astoria in New York and last year he was awarded a scholarship by the Master Innholders to complete a General Manager Programme at Cornell University in the USA. Director of Business Development, Kelly Eichholtz joins from Crowne Plaza London – The City where she was Director of Sales and Marketing. Kelly brings with her extensive experience of national key account management working with Intercontinental Hotel Group (IHG) across the UK and Ireland as well as 8 years of solid central London 'city' experience.



Acorn winner Paul Bates was recognised for his outstanding culinary talent early in his career. Paul joins as Executive Chef from The Beaumont Hotel and InterContinental Park Lane and will be leading the all-day dining menus at OXBO Bankside and The Distillery. Raoul de Souza is also a team Catey winner (Conference and Banqueting team of the year for Grosvenor House) and joins as Director of Food and Beverage. Raoul achieved recognition as the 2011 Restaurateur of the Year for the JW Marriott brand.

As Director of Finance, Ivan Drinkwater joins from Four Seasons Hotel group where he worked at director level for 8 years across two hotels in their portfolio. Kim Mouflier takes up her role as Director of Rooms joining from the InterContinental Park Lane where she was front office manager.

Featuring a stunning industrial design, Hilton London Bankside offers 292 modern guest rooms, including 25 bespoke Suites and one beautiful Penthouse apartment with private terrace as well as an Executive Lounge, 11 flexible meeting rooms and leisure facilities including a treatment room and indoor swimming pool. Executive Chef Paul Bates, formerly of The Beaumont and Intercontinental Park Lane, is at the helm of the food and beverage outlets, OXBO Bankside restaurant and The Distillery bar.

The hotel also features Bankside's largest and most exquisite Ballroom accommodating up to 700 guests theatre style or 500 in a banquet setting. With a private entrance, a 6-metre high ceiling, dramatic chandeliers, balcony and sweeping marble staircase leading to the Bankside Ballroom, this is a spectacular venue for any grand celebration, fashion show, awards ceremony or corporate event.

Hilton London Bankside offers the perfect base for exploring the city, just steps away from the Tate Modern and the ideal destination for business and leisure travellers as well as London locals seeking a new destination bar and restaurant, serving locally inspired cuisine.

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