



Leeu Collection acquires Linthwaite House, a luxury Lake District hotel

Lake District, April 2016: Leeu Collection (www.leeucollection.com) has acquired its first UK property, the acclaimed Lake District hotel, Linthwaite House. It is Leeu Collection's first property outside of South Africa, where the group currently operates two hotels (Leeu House and Le Quartier Francais) and Leeu Estates is due to open in June 2016.

Linthwaite House is a celebrated, four AA Red Star Hotel located in the South Lake District (South Lakes). Originally built as a country house in 1901, this boutique hotel has been independently owned for 25 years. Situated in 14 acres of landscaped gardens, the property offers complete privacy and spectacular panoramic views across Lake Windermere and the surrounding fells. Accommodation is offered in 30 en-suite bedrooms and the hotel also has a 3 AA Rosette restaurant where guests can sample some of the finest dishes in the Lake District.

Renowned for its homely comforts and for being a haven of tranquillity, Linthwaite House personifies the best of traditional British hospitality. Garnering a Best Service honour from Conde Nast Johansens 2016 UK & Ireland Awards for Excellence, as well as the Good Hotel Guide's, Editor's Choice 2016 award in the Romantic Hotel category, this acquisition echoes Leeu Collection's founder, Indian industrialist Analjit Singh's vision of creating unrivalled escapes and offering visitors extraordinary experiences.

"Linthwaite House is a perfect fit for Leeu Collection and the first step in expanding the Leeu Collection footprint internationally," says Hector de Galard, Managing Director, Leeu Collection. "It strengthens Leeu Collection's position in the hospitality sector and underlines our determination to create exceptional retreats, not only in South Africa, but around the globe."

Added Analjit (affectionately known as BAS) Singh, "I am enthusiastic about the evolution within Leeu Collection, acquiring unique properties and giving them the 'Leeu touch'. Always remaining true to the pillars of the brand, namely inspiring art collections, unique architecture and design; manicured and detailed landscaping that reflects respect for the environment; superlative service with attention to the smallest detail; spectacular views and a world class wine portfolio. We are determined to create unforgettable experiences in superb settings and Linthwaite offers just that."

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