

Award for Ennis hotelier

AN ENNIS man who is the director and general manager of Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel has guided the hotel to obtaining the prestigious **Optimus** Award of Excellence.

Nicholas Logue has steered the hotel to its fourth consecutive **Optimus** Award, with the hotel receiving above-average scores on all occasions.

Using the **Optimus** Business Excellence Model (derived from the European Foundation for Quality Management) as a framework, **Optimus** Business Excellence helps companies to measure their position on the route to excellence, identify where improvements could be made and develop innovative solutions.

On receiving the award, Mr Logue commented, "I am absolutely thrilled that Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel has been awarded the **Optimus** Award of Excellence. Growing up in Ennis, I gained training from an early age through working in local hotels.

From there, I went on to the Shannon College of Hotel Management, which launched me into international hotel management.

This combination of experience and education has been tremendous in helping to maintain high standards for Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, to which the **Optimus** Award is testament."



■ Left to right: Nicholas Logue, Eithne Scott-Lannon, Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel; Redmond O'Donoghue, chairman, Fáilte Ireland; Sandra Jackson and Sinéad O'Toole, Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel.