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NEW HEAD CHEF APPOINTMENT AT THE SEAVIEW HOTEL, ISLE OF WIGHT

The Seaview Hotel, an award-winning independent coastal hotel on the Isle of Wight, has announced Liam Howes to succeed Bruce Theobald as head chef.

Liam, only 24, has been promoted from sous chef and will lead the 7-strong team in the kitchen. He will be responsible for overseeing The Restaurant, which holds a Michelin Bib Gourmand for creative and affordable food as well as the bar offering that's based around traditional British fayre.

Liam is an Island chef through and through. He started his career at 15 as an HTP apprentice and has worked his way up the from kitchen porter to head chef in just 10 years, 'I always knew I wanted to be a professional chef and so jumped at the chance to start an apprenticeship. Over the years I have worked my way up the ranks and have been lucky to work with some great chefs including Mark Constable, Bruce Theobald and also Steve Harris at the Royal Hotel who I admire. I have also been driven by Robert Thompson, who was the youngest chef to win a Michelin star at 23 and now runs his own restaurant in Newport.'

Martin Gardener, the hotel's owner, is confident about Liam's new role, 'I am really excited about the promotion of Liam to head chef. Yes, he is talented but he also has years of experience in our kitchen and a great appreciation of what it takes to deliver excellence to our guests. I know he will continue to drive our food offering forward as one of the best places to eat on the Isle of Wight.'

The Restaurant scooped a Michelin Bib Gourmand award in 2015 making it the only venue on the Isle of Wight with a Michelin Award. 'When I was offered the job I was so excited and thought, yes, seize the day. Of course, it will be a challenge but I am confident, I have a brilliant team and it is life's challenges that help you to find out what you're capable of.'

The Hotel is open daily for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Seaview Hotel Restaurant and Bar is a family owned hotel by the sea. It's located in the North-East Isle of Wight in the picturesque sailing village of Seaview. The hotel boasts an extensive collection of naval and nautical memorabilia and has been an independently owned for over 150 years. Featuring an award-winning restaurant, the hotel has 29 individually designed bedrooms, a traditional pub and in 2016 made the Times list of top 30 cool hotels by the coast.

