

New head chef at The Balmoral



Jeff Bland, Executive Chef at Rocco Forte's The Balmoral, is pleased to announce the appointment of Billy Boyter as Head Chef at *number one*, with immediate effect.

Scottish born Billy joins Jeff Bland's team at the Michelin-starred fine-dining restaurant from Wilde Thyme Event Catering.

Billy knows *number one* well having spent four years perfecting his skills as a Sous Chef at the restaurant under the tutorage of Executive Chef Jeff Bland between 2006 and 2010.

Billy's dedication to achieving excellence is reflected in his numerous accolades including most recently a Jacquart Rising Star Trophy in 2010 and as the winner of two Young Chef Young Waiter Awards in 2005 and 2006 respectively.

Billy began his career in Pitlochry, Perthshire, as Commis Chef at Scotland's Hotel following a SVQ in Hospitality at Glenrothes College. He quickly worked through the ranks to Chef de Partie and Senior Chef de Partie at various restaurants including Ballathie House Hotel in Perthshire and Restaurant Martin Wishart in Edinburgh before joining The Balmoral as Sous Chef in 2006.

Billy will work closely with Executive Chef, Jeff Bland, who oversees The Balmoral's team of 36 chefs, spread over four restaurants and bars outlets. Commenting on the appointment, Executive Chef Jeff Bland, said:

"I am extremely pleased that Billy has joined the team at The Balmoral and look forward to continuing to develop creative and innovative dishes at *number one* together. Billy and I have worked closely together in the past and he shares the *number one* passion for promoting the best of Scotland by using only the finest and freshest Scottish ingredients."

Commenting on his appointment, Billy Boyter, added:

"I am delighted to be back in the heart of Edinburgh's only Michelin-starred hotel restaurant. *Number one* has an excellent reputation which I'm honoured to be a part of and I look forward to working with Executive Chef, Jeff Bland, and Restaurant Manager, Gary Quinn, in continuing to provide an outstanding culinary experience at *number one*."

number one has established a reputation for world class cuisine using the very best of Scottish produce. The spacious and comfortable surroundings create a sophisticated ambience, and the knowledgeable staff ensures guests receive a truly memorable dining experience.

The Balmoral offers a range of other dining options for guests including Hadrian's Brasserie for chic and informal dining, The Bollinger Bar at Palm Court for traditional afternoon tea and the stylish Balmoral Bar for a relaxing cocktail or traditional whisky.

