

Serviced apartments in the Old Town get 5 stars



Edinburgh's Old Town Chambers wins AA 5 stars

Edinburgh's Old Town Chambers, a collection of serviced apartments that forms part of a £46m redevelopment of three medieval closes off the Royal Mile, has been awarded a prestigious 5-star Self Catering AA rating, within three months of opening.

The 37 apartments which aim to set new standards in holiday and business serviced accommodation have been designed to exacting standards of quality and style. They boast beautiful quality handmade furniture and furnishings, double smoked French oak wooden flooring, Italian tiling and exposed stone walls, alongside the latest home entertainment systems and a 24 hour concierge service.

Emerging from the 15th century Advocate's, Roxburgh's and Warriston's Closes, the new apartments capitalise on the historical character of the site as well as some of the most captivating views across the city's Princes Street Gardens, to give tourist and business visitors a unique city centre experience.

While not officially launched until the New Year, Edinburgh's Old Town Chambers has been welcoming guests since July as its management team learn about the quirks and special traits of these unique properties. It has a staff of 19 and has seen more than 8,000 guests through its doors over the three months to September, representing average occupancy levels of over 90%. The 5-star Self Catering assessment of the standards of hospitality at the Chambers follows numerous excellent

customer reviews.



Julie Grieve, CEO of Edinburgh's Old Town Chambers, said:-“Our aim is to do things differently and to achieve the 5 star AA rating so soon after opening is a real endorsement of our efforts.

“The very fabric of our building – part historic, part modern – is different, giving a special blend of living on a heritage site, but with every modern comfort. The apartments themselves offer the luxury of a top hotel alongside the independence of having your own ‘home’ in the centre of the city – with, of course, a concierge on hand to find restaurants, taxis, travel guides or just recommend the best place to shop.

“We are very proud of what we are creating at the Chambers and delighted with the 5 star Self Catering AA rating.”

The 37 apartments comprise of studio, one, two and three bedrooms, as well a 15th century townhouse and stunning penthouse. Unique features include original period wall paintings, exposed brick, through to bluetooth Bose sound systems, Smart TVs and a multi-zone heating system in every room. Entry is via a keypad for which every guest has a specific code. Prices range from £130 to £1200 per night.

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