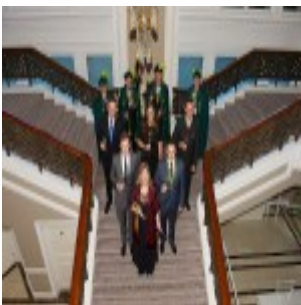


# The Caley will open your wine with a flourish!

✘ Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian has become a member of ‘Caveaux de Sabrage’, the group of renowned hotels and restaurants where guests can sabrage the bottle before enjoying the contents.

The exclusive Opening Ceremony was attended by the UK Ambassador of the Order – La Confrérie du Sabre d’Or, members of his Council and Sheila Douglas, Consul-Général d’Ecosse for the Order.

Food and Beverage Manager, Mark Thewlis was invested as a Chevalier and Maître-Sabreur. He said: ‘Opening a bottle of champagne with a cavalry sabre introduces a bit of theatre and offers a very special start to any occasion. This is a great honour for the hotel and for me personally. I’m looking forward to introducing the spectacle to guests and diners.’





Mark's sabrage was followed by a number of his colleagues, including the General Manager – Dale MacPhee. All were initiated as Sabreurs de la Confrérie du Sabre d'Or following their first sabrage.

Dale MacPhee added: 'Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian is one of only three properties in Scotland that can boast this exclusive honour. Within the team we now have four members of the Organisation who will be delighted to demonstrate their new skill to guests at any time!'