

New food and drinks team at top city hotel



Back: Colin Brand, F&B Manager; Kris Currie, head chef; John Greenhill, Event Operations Manager and Paul Connolly, Bars Manager. Front: Namiki Ikeshima, Business Development Manager; Andreas Maszczyk, General Manager and Louise Hamilton F&B Administrator

One of Edinburgh's top hotels has expended its management team to drive the business.

The new appointments underline the Principal Edinburgh George Street's desire to deliver high customer service and excellence in food and drink.

Andreas Maszczyk, the hotel's general manager, said: "Our newly expanded team will be instrumental in driving our business forward ensuring creativity, best practise and innovation in our F&B offering.

"All bring a wealth of expertise, culinary and business acumen that will fuel future growth and set us apart from the competition."

Namiki Ikeshima joins the company as business development manager with a focus on improving guest engagement.

She has previously enjoyed senior roles from the Scotch Whisky Experience, English Heritage and Chaophraya.

Colin Brand joins the team as food and beverage manager with responsibility for operations and business development.

He has held key management positions with leading hotel groups including Macdonald Hotels, Norton House Hotel, The Dome in Edinburgh, Carlton and Royal College of Surgeons.

Kris Currie is the new head chef for the Printing Press Bar & Kitchen, Burr & Co.

He has been promoted from sous chef, and he started his career with Macdonald Hotels before moving to the Roxburghe Hotel, now Principal Edinburgh Charlotte Square.

He has also held a number of chef de partie, junior sous and head chef positions the Balmoral Hotel, Wedgewood restaurant, Elmor and Howies.

Louise Hamilton is the food and beverage administrator, supporting the management team. Louise previously worked with the Principal Edinburgh George Street Hotel in a series of roles including assistant conference and events manager and wedding co-ordinator.

John Greenhill is the hotel's new event operations manager and has held a variety of senior positions including Whitbread, Croft Hotels (Royal British and Learmonth in Edinburgh), Thistle Hotels, Swallow and Point, now Doubletree by Hilton.

He joins the Principal from Carberry Tower Mansion House and Estate near Musselburgh.

Paul Connolly is the new bars manager and is currently reviewing the drinks and cocktail menus for this summer with

new interpretations of the literary theme associated with the Printing Press Bar & Kitchen.

He is recognised as one of Edinburgh's best-known style and destination bar managers and mixologists and his career includes spells at The Villager, Tonic, Amicus Apple, Candy Bar, Sygn and Suva. He was deputy general manager of Tiger Lily.