



# EDWARDIAN HOTELS

LONDON

## **Edwardian Hotels London is First Hospitality Group to collaborate with Imperial College Business School**

*Hospitality group commits to 10 year investment to improve its existing training programme*

Edwardian Hotels London is raising the bar when it comes to giving its people the very best in training. It has become the first hospitality group to work with Imperial College Business School.

As part of the relationship, the hospitality group will benefit from Imperial's Executive Education offer and join the Imperial Business Partners programme, an initiative that brings together business leaders with Imperial College London's world-class academics, to exchange learning and insights.

Edwardian Hotels London, which owns and operates 12 hotels, including The May Fair Hotel in London and Radisson Blu Edwardian Manchester in the city's Free Trade Hall, has committed to a 10 year development programme and intends to train over 250 people. As part of this commitment, the hospitality group will be working with Imperial's Executive Education team to deliver a bespoke executive education programme.

The programme, for Senior Management Team, Heads of Department and Future Leaders, has been designed so learnings can be returned to the business and shared widely within teams.

Paul Mansi, Chief Operating Officer from Edwardian Hotels London says,

*"We have always been focused on the needs of our Hosts. This programme will not only help them to uphold the quality of service our guests expect, but also evolve our existing training and take day-to-day operational thinking to another level. Imperial College London is known for encouraging innovative thinking as well as academic excellence. To be able to commit to such a long-term relationship is extremely exciting for our existing staff and those who will join us in the future."*

Professor G. 'Anand' Anandalingam, Dean of Imperial College Business School says,

*"We are delighted to forge this relationship with Edwardian Hotels London, one of the leading players in the hospitality industry. Edwardian Hotels London is known for its deep connection with the capital and its commitment to education. We hope this alliance will provide deeper insights into the challenges facing hotel executives and look forward to working closely together to create an executive education programme that draws on our approach for 'real-world' learning that meets the needs of professionals at all stages of their careers."*

The first training course of this programme will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Topics covered in the programme include 'Smart Cities' - the future of technology and its likely implications for life; work and leisure in a modern metropolis; personal and organisational leadership and Service Design - a design lead approach to business strategy and customer service. Participants will also benefit from using Imperial's Impact Lab™ a laboratory based learning environment that encourages people to come up with new ways of thinking and working.



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Hi-res images of the signing of the new partnership between Jasminder Singh OBE, Chairman of Edwardian Hotels London and Professor G. Anandaligam, Dean of Imperial College London are available on request.

**About Edwardian Hotels London**

Edwardian Hotels London is one of the UK's largest, privately-owned companies which has been developing luxury hotel and hospitality Brands since Jasminder Singh OBE began his career within the hospitality industry in 1975 – forming the beginnings of what would subsequently become Edwardian Hotels. Today Edwardian Hotels London operates Radisson Blu Edwardian hotels, The May Fair Hotel London and a fast-growing range of distinctive restaurant, bar and spa brands. The group owns and runs restaurant concepts including the iconic [May Fair Kitchen](#); contemporary [Steak and Lobster](#) and classically British [Scoff and Banter](#).

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**About Imperial College London**

Imperial College London is one of the world's leading universities. The College's 14,000 students and 7,500 staff are expanding the frontiers of knowledge in science, medicine, engineering and business, and translating their discoveries into benefits for society.

Founded in 1907, Imperial builds on a distinguished past - having pioneered penicillin, holography and fibre optics - to shape the future. Imperial researchers work across disciplines to improve health and wellbeing, understand the natural world, engineer novel solutions and lead the data revolution. This blend of academic excellence and its real-world application feeds into Imperial's exceptional learning environment, where students participate in research to push the limits of their degrees. Imperial collaborates widely to achieve greater impact. It works with the NHS to improve healthcare in west London, is a leading partner in research and education within the European Union, and is the UK's number one research collaborator with China.

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