

## A New Four Star Boutique Hotel: ABode Hotels Open in Chester

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ABode, the four star boutique hotel group member of Epoque Hotels opens its doors to Chester this Spring 2010 with a new site offering a selection of luxury rooms and suites along with choice of fine food venues, created by Michelin-starred chef, Michael Caines.

The 85 room hotel, conveniently situated adjacent to Chester's popular 'Roodee' racecourse offers a stylish and contemporary base for visitors to explore the city's unique mix of Roman ruins, gothic grandeur of Chester Cathedral as well as fabulous boutiques nestled amongst The Rows, the historic two-tier shopping galleries. Located in the centre of the city, ABode Chester also makes an ideal location for trips venturing into the Welsh countryside or nearby cities, Liverpool and Manchester.

ABode Chester is the sixth venue from the ABode stable which provides customers with a choice of accommodation suites from Comfortable through to Fabulous and dining options from Tavern through to Restaurant with price points to suit every budget. Featuring bespoke art collections created by celebrity photographer, Brian Aris, the venue captures modern style with an eclectic mixture of art pieces to make each room unique.

The multi million pound hotel development is located in Chester's new HQ complex overlooking the River Dee and now offers visitors to Chester a first class eating and drinking establishment in the heart of the city. Featuring floor to ceiling windows, the fifth floor Michael Caines Champagne Bar and Restaurant at ABode Chester captures breath taking views from the city as far as the Welsh Hills. The 76 seat restaurant offers private dining facilities as well as the opportunity to dine al fresco on the outside terrace. With a commitment to sourcing local produce guests can choose from à la carte, tasting and 'grazing' menus to sample Michael's award winning British cuisine.

The hotel is ABode's first new build yet fuses the unique heritage of the Chester site within a modern setting with original Roman remains dating back to 79AD which were discovered on site being showcased at the entrance to HQ. Three sixth floor Fabulous suites are spaciouly fitted to offer exceptional comfort with state of the art hand-built beds and oversized baths along with private balconies to give views of the racecourse, piazza and Chester city.

Chef Michael Caines says, "We are delighted to open ABode's doors to Chester. The city has something for everyone in terms of historical and cultural interest as well as a thriving business community. We hope that ABode's offering of contemporary accommodation and fine food venues will give visitors luxury that every budget can afford without compromise on quality."

### About ABode

ABode hotels are located in Exeter, Canterbury, Glasgow, Manchester and Chester; a baby ABode is situated in Chelsea, London. Each destination offers guests contemporary accommodation with rooms, suites and dining facilities to suit all budgets.

The ABode hotel group is the result of a collaboration between Michael Caines MBE, one of Britain's most acclaimed chefs and Andrew Brownsword, owner of The Bath Priory, Sydney House, Chelsea and Gidleigh Park.

### About ABode Chester

ABode Chester room rates start at £99 per night. The hotel offers 30 Comfortable, 44 Desirable, 8 Envious and three fabulous class rooms. In addition to a fifth floor Michael Caines Champagne Bar and Restaurant, the MC Café Bar and Grill offers informal dining and the ABarMC offers a late night lounge.

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