



Mollies appointment shows a hotel singing to its own tune

Mollies, Auckland's internationally-awarded, five-star boutique hotel* is further strengthening its management team with the appointment of Henry Glucina as food and beverage manager.

Announcing the appointment, hotel general manager Joanna Bourke says Mollies is growing - in contrast to the common mood of hospitality businesses to gear down over winter. "Mollies has seen steady growth in both product and profile during the last twelve months with little let-up. Perhaps this is because we appeal to the local pleasure and business markets, as well as to a loyal, international clientele. Henry's appointment is part of the continuing development of our service repertoire, especially as local Aucklanders are discovering the delights of dining at Mollies."

Henry Glucina is an accomplished service professional, who for the last two years has brought to Mollies his many years' experience with the Prada America's Cup Syndicate, overseas super yachts and local restaurants. Coming from a West Auckland, Dalmatian wine family, Henry is lyrical in his knowledge and understanding of New Zealand wines. He is perfectly suited to customising the food and wine experience for Mollies' guests, creating duets for the palate from chef Alastair Wilson's innovative dishes and Mollies' outstanding wine selection.

Henry enjoys sharing his knowledge and his stories, and easily summarises his main motivation: "the guests".

"Although we have a boutique, private aura, our aim this winter is to welcome, to invite our Auckland and New Zealand guests to experience Mollies," says Henry. "Where else does dinner usually start with live singing or a short opera recital? I like to think we will always be chosen for special occasions, but we've made dining affordable so that all occasions can be special.

"To help, I've distilled the wine list and we offer exceptional and often rare wines by the glass, while of course leaving some gems in the cellar for those who are seeking something more extravagant. If you have fantastic wines on your normal list, you must have amazing wines on the cellar list! For winter we are also going to bring a few more European wines onto the list, while still supporting New Zealand producers."

*Best new small hotel in the world, Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report, 2005; Best room service list, U.S. Travel & Leisure magazine.

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EDITORIAL NOTES:

Mollies offers dinner nightly by reservation, spotlighting fresh, local ingredients in a degustation or "tasting" menu. Images of Henry Glucina are available electronically on request, or check the media section at www.mollies.co.nz to enrol for access to the SLH/Leonardo image database.

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