

ABode

Make yourself at home ...

**Andrew Brownsword and Michael Caines announce the launch of
ABode Canterbury in September this year**

ABode Canterbury (formerly the County Hotel) is softly re-launching as the third ABode in July 2006 and will officially launch in September 2006. ABode is a growing collection of lifestyle hotels that will have a presence in key provincial towns and city centres throughout the UK in the next five years. The concept is the creation of hotelier Andrew Brownsword (owner of The Bath Priory, Gidleigh Park and Sydney House in Chelsea) in partnership with the two Michelin-starred chef Michael Caines (Gidleigh Park, MC at The Royal Clarence). Ideally situated inside the ancient city walls and only seconds from the shops and attractions, and minutes from the magnificent Cathedral, the hotel has 72 bedrooms and is ideally placed for exploring the ancient city.

ABode Exeter was the first of the ABode hotels to launch in September 2005 and ABode Glasgow launched in December 2005. ABode Canterbury will be the third ABode to launch with ABode Chester following in 2008. In keeping with Andrew and Michael's vision, each ABode combines the best of British values of tradition and hospitality, with a contemporary design that is unique to each property.

Michael Caines is at the helm of all ABode food and drink and ABode Canterbury will offer an MC Fine Dining restaurant, Champagne Bar and in September an MC Tavern. In keeping with the individuality of each hotel, Michael works closely with local suppliers and employs local chefs and front of house staff, to ensure that each ABode hotel has its own personality, in harmony with its location. In doing so each outlet will become a destination in its own right and a focal point for both local residents and guests.

ABode's modern interpretation of a traditional hotel concierge is the 'Oscar', the familiar term used by ABode to describe the concierge. The Oscar gives a warm welcome to guests in a relaxed and friendly manner and personally looks after every guest's needs.

The re-launch of The County Hotel as an ABode will add to the exciting partnership between Andrew and Michael. ABode is an exciting addition to the hospitality industry, offering the guest outstanding dining possibilities within stylish comfortable bedrooms at affordable prices.

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