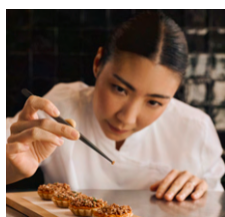
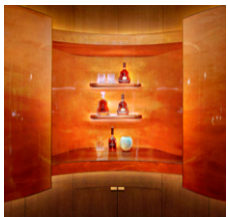


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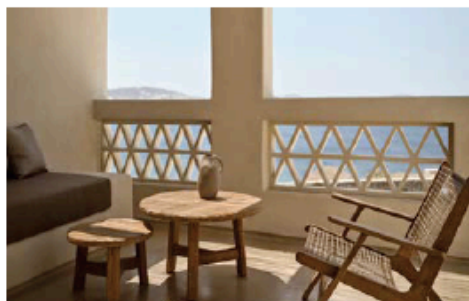
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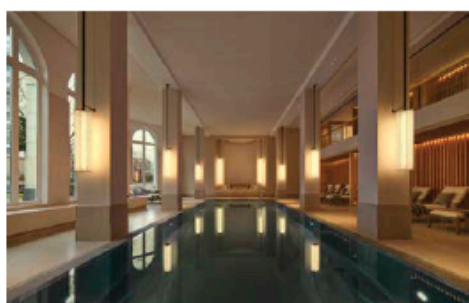
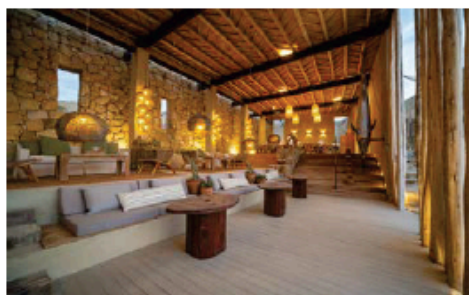
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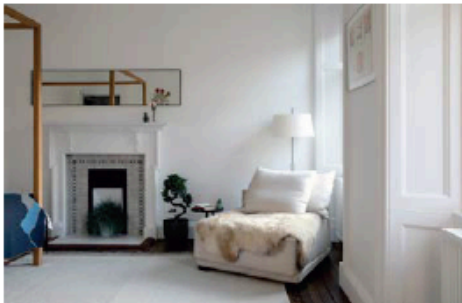


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## DUN ALUINN

ABERFELDY, SCOTLAND



Acclaimed nine-bedroom Highland property overlooking Aberfeldy and the Tay Valley, has unveiled a remarkable transformation and officially opened in April 2026 as a fully staffed luxury hotel welcoming individual room bookings for the first time. This marks a significant evolution for Dun Aluinn: Independent travelers can now book and experience its rare “private house” atmosphere.

This transition responds to a growing demand for intimate, design-led stays that deliver the warmth of a country home with the polish and service standards of a world-class hotel. Dun Aluinn offers nine bedrooms designed as a restorative retreat. Interiors feature a soft, organic palette inspired by the surrounding landscape, encouraging calm and connection to place. The result is understated Highland luxury — sophisticated yet never showy.

At the heart of Dun Aluinn’s offering is its dining experience, led by Head Chef John Christie. Born in Edinburgh and returning to his native Perthshire, Christie brings more than 15 years of international experience spanning Michelin-starred kitchens across Scotland, London and Australasia. His approach blends global technique with a deep respect for Scotland’s exceptional natural larder.

At the center of the experience guests are invited to gather each evening for a thoughtfully curated three-course dinner. The evening begins with canapés served alongside a pre-dinner drink, creating a relaxed and convivial atmosphere before guests take their seats together. Designed to reflect both the warmth of a private home and the refinement of fine dining, the menu celebrates seasonal Scottish produce and locally sourced ingredients, pre-

sented with creativity and care. As Dun Aluinn enters this new chapter, it does so without losing the essence that first defined it. Long recognized as one of Scotland’s most sought-after exclusive-use properties, the hotel remains available for exclusive-use hire on select dates, ensuring the estate continues to cater to weddings, private events, family gatherings and discreet high-profile stays.

By balancing individual room bookings with its celebrated private-hire offering, Dun Aluinn now occupies a rare space in Highland hospitality — combining the intimacy of a private estate with the flexibility and service of a five-star hotel.

Its ethos of “slow luxury” resonates deeply with today’s guests—inviting them to pause, explore, and experience the Highlands in an intimate and unforgettable way. <https://www.dunaluinn.com/>

