



Quintessential party: Bubbly and bling . . .

By their wheels you shall know them, and there were certainly as many Bentleys, Porsches, Maybachs and top of the range Beemers as parking would permit outside The dylan hotel on Thursday night for the much anticipated launch of the international concierge service, Quintessentially.

Anyway, the dylan has been party central for some of the biggest party animals in the country since it opened. The decor was very Ian Schrager, circa 1990, when that sort of look was happening, especially in South Beach. John Rocha's black, bubbly flutes were being topped up by waiters who looked as if they had been hired to go with the decor.

Lisa Barry, who is heading up Quintessentially in Dublin, looked drop dead gorgeous in a black, feathery gown as she welcomed guests with Ben Elliot and Aaron Simpson, founders of the company, who flew in earlier that day. In from London, too, was Dubliner Louise O'Riordan, who works



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with the company there. She looked brilliant in a long, red dress.

Jonathan Irwin was on top form. His son Luke is married to Ben's sister and, of course, their mother Annabel is the sister of the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla Parker Bowles. The Jack and Jill Bulgari ball, which Jonathon launched, takes place next Saturday at Lyons Estate, Co Kildare. It promises to be the ball of the year and, oh joy unconfined, it will also be a chicken-free zone.

Meanwhile, Joanne Byrne looked great in a winter

white coat and Lisa Fitzpatrick looked as bling and glam as always.

With offices in London, Istanbul, Cannes, Scandinavia, New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Dubai, Dublin, Beirut, Kuwait City, Moscow, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Hong Kong and more coming on stream all the time, membership of Quintessentially is vital if you want tickets for a sold-out show, a table in the hottest restaurant in town, last-minute airline tickets or even a private jet within the hour! Our red-hot economy certainly augurs well for the success of the company here.

Others who enjoyed this night included Bill Cullen and Jackie Lavin along with Lord Henry and Lady Iona Mountcharles. Michael and Maureen Heffernan were also there, looking fabulous in a black tuxedo suit. A very thin Samantha Mumba arrived with boyfriend Charles Porter; she is here for a few days before jetting back to LA. Morah Ryan arrived with Claudine Farrell, Colin's sister.



Ciara Egan and Lisa Barry at the Quintessentially Ireland launch the dylan Hotel in Dublin



Ronan O'Gara, the new 'face' of Newbridge Silverware for Men with former Miss World, Rosanna Davidson



Deirdre Keaveney and Sonia O'Sullivan at the launch of 'Independence — A Celebration of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind' at the Kenny Gallery, Galway



Julie Anne Furnival and Laura Bermingham at the launch of Dermalaser in Blackrock, Dublin



Suzanne Doyle and Stacey Gill at Jody Hickey's exhibition 'Shapes. Movement & Light' in Dalkey Art Gallery