

HOTELS

The Monterey in Jersey joins Best Western

The Monterey in Jersey has become the latest addition to the Best Western portfolio. The family-owned hotel in St Helier joins the group's Sure Hotel Collection brand, growing its number to over 260 independent hotels. The three-star hotel is owned by Morvan Hotels, which also operates three other hotels and 12 apartments on the island. *Boutique Hotelier, 1.11.2019*

50 jobs at Bushmills hotel expected as planning permission granted

A new hotel for Bushmills will create 50 jobs for the area after the £5million project was given the go-ahead by the local council. The 60-bed hotel project, to be built by Portnaboe Ltd, has now been given outline planning permission on Dunluce Road site. It will include a restaurant and function room and is expected to generate up to 15,000 occupied rooms a year. The planning application to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council was lodged by developer Ross Sweeney. *Belfast Live, 31.10.2019*

Entrepreneur looks to transform 42 The Calls into 'the best luxury hotel in Leeds'

Ambitious plans to transform 42 The Calls into a luxurious five-star hotel with a rooftop champagne bar have been unveiled. Leeds entrepreneur Simon Pollard says there is "an amazing opportunity" to redevelop the hotel which he saved from administration in

February 2018 and create "the best luxury hotel in Leeds". He is awaiting planning permission and is looking to close the hotel for 12 months to carry out the multi-million pound refurbishment and then host a grand reopening event in December 2020. *LeedsLive, 5.11.2019*

Manchester's Hotel Brooklyn to open in February 2020

The doors to Manchester's highly anticipated Hotel Brooklyn will open in February 2020. Designed by Squid Inc – the team behind renowned Hotel Gotham – the long-awaited Hotel Brooklyn is scheduled to open in February 2020. The 189-key hotel is inspired by the New York Borough and chosen for its resonating similarities to Manchester, in terms of its buzzing industrial growth, as well as its strength of identity and culture. *Hotel Designs, 5.11.2019*

New boutique hotel for Sheffield city centre

Joro restaurant will open a boutique hotel with four double bedrooms and dining room at the recently completed Palatine Gardens in Shalesmoor. Palatine Gardens is a £10 million development which includes 101 studio apartments and duplex penthouse apartments on former commercial and industrial land between Henry Street and Roscoe Road. The boutique hotel will be based on the ground floor at Palatine Gardens, with four en suite rooms and a central dining suite. Coda Planning submitted the proposals to the council. *The Star, 6.11.2019*

£60m Gateshead hotel and residential development gets green light

Planning approval has been granted for a £60m hotel and residential scheme in Gateshead which could create up to 50 jobs. Developer Elliot Group has secured planning permission for a 202 bed hotel, as well as 244 apartments and a rooftop garden, on the corner of Mill Road and Hawks Road next to the quayside. *Bdaily, 6.11.2019*

Multimillion pound Old Ship hotel upgrade given green light

A Brighton seafront hotel has been given planning permission to carry out a multimillion-pound upgrade. The Old Ship Hotel will be able to have 54 more bedrooms, a standalone restaurant, six shops along the front of the building and a swimming pool with a retractable roof. The revamp also includes a six-storey extension at the rear of the building, refurbished bars, a health club and a basement night club. *Brighton and Hove News, 6.11.2019*

OYO UK strengthens UK footprint with Bath hotel acquisition

India-founded hospitality brand OYO has taken over its first hotel in Bath as it continues on its growth trajectory across the UK. The budget hotel chain has acquired the four-star Bailbrook Lodge Hotel, with a new 10-year lease deal brokered by Christie + Co. The hotel will now undertake a transition into the OYO brand. *Boutique Hotelier, 7.11.2019*

Building work begins on £25m city centre hotel

Construction has begun on the £25m Hampton by Hilton York Piccadilly hotel, in the heart of York city centre. Avantis Hotels, which already owns and operates the Hampton by Hilton York in nearby Toft Green, is developing the Piccadilly-site, which most recently housed offices, a car park and a motorcycle accessory shop. Due for completion in the first quarter of 2021, the hotel will generate more than 50 full and part-time jobs.

The Business Desk, 7.11.2019

Whittlebury Park pumps £1m into new function spaces overhaul

Whittlebury Park is to invest £1m into its conference and events rooms to create a host of 'new inspirational spaces'. Phase one of the project will kick off on November 11, and will see a number of new room concepts introduced, including an 'inside, outside space', corridor seating and new coffee stations. The project will be led by Monica Hira of Hira Hospitality Interiors.

Boutique Hotelier, 8.11.2019

The Rutland Arms Hotel Gets the Green Light for a Major Upgrade

With planning permission now granted, the Rutland Arms Hotel on Newmarket High Street will be enhancing the main building and adding more luxury bedroom suites, meeting and conference rooms. The family-run business, which also owns Newmarket's prestigious 4-red star Bedford Lodge Hotel & Spa, acquired the historic Rutland Arms Hotel in March 2018 and has since been

working on extensive plans to restore, renovate and refurbish the 17th-century building. The newly approved plans include an impressive enhancement of the main building, and renovation of the adjacent annexe building which will house additional luxury bedrooms, meeting rooms and conference rooms for guests. The refurbishment will include the instalment of a new restaurant and state-of-the-art kitchen in the main building.

Luxurious Magazine, 11.11.2019

Restaurateur duo take over Bedford hotel with plans to increase turnover by 25% over the next year

Meadow Brown Restaurants, a family-owned business in Peterborough, has taken over Woodland Manor, an 18th century hotel in Bedford, after securing a six-figure funding package from HSBC UK. Owned by husband and wife Raj and Neera Regmi, Meadow Brown Restaurants successfully manages Lakeside Kitchen and Bar and Ferry Meadows Café in Peterborough. With ambitions to grow the business, the duo set their sights on Woodland Manor and used part of the funding to take over the lease of the building and will now carry out a renovation. The aim is to increase turnover by 25% in the next 12 months following the makeover.

Boutique Hotelier, 12.11.2019

Bloc Hotels to progress central Glasgow development

Bloc Hotels is to press ahead with a new Glasgow development having acquired Dale House on 21 West George Street from Legal & General. Located directly opposite

Queen Street Station, the site has full planning consent to replace the existing 1980s building with a seven-storey hotel and retail space by Norr. The company said Bloc Glasgow will provide a high-tech, smart hotel that matches the aspirations of the area.

Scottish Construction Now, 12.11.2019

Brilliant Hospitality acquires Trafford Hall Hotel

Hotel management company, Brilliant Hospitality, has acquired the Manchester property and intends to transform it into a four-star boutique hotel. Following a complete renovation, the improved Trafford Hall Hotel is set to be unveiled by 31 March 2020.

Boutique Hotel News, 18.11.2019

Plans chime for boutique hotel in former bell foundry

A new boutique hotel is set to be developed at a historic bell foundry where Big Ben was created, after plans were approved by the local council. The famous Whitechapel Bell Foundry, which has been operating since 1740s, was sold last year by fourth-generation bell-founder Alan and Kathryn Hughes to US investor Raycliff, who will now work on transforming the building into a new luxury hotel. The proposals will see the refurbishment of part of the Grade II-listed foundry to create new workshops and a cafe, while an unlisted 1980's extension in the rear will be demolished and replaced with a 103-room hotel.

Boutique Hotelier, 18.11.2019

£20m Baltic Triangle district hotel scheme gets green light

A new four-star hotel will be built on Norfolk Street in Liverpool's Baltic Triangle district, after Crossfield Exclusive Developments was granted planning permission. The £20m development will occupy the now-derelict site of what was formerly the Liver Grease Oil and Chemicals building. The 202-bedroom hotel will feature a gym and parking, as well as a top-floor restaurant and bar that will command views across the city and river.

Invest Liverpool, 19.11.2019

Jastar Capital acquires The Elvetham Hotel as 'first of several planned developments'

The Elvetham Hotel in Hampshire has been acquired by Jastar Capital, a family-owned hotels, real estate and private equity business as the company looks towards ambitious growth across the country. The historic venue, which dates back to the 1200s, comprises 72 bedrooms, 21 meeting spaces and 10 separate buildings set in 35 acres and will now benefit from a significant investment under the new ownership. A refurbishment will include bedrooms, bathrooms, common areas and the creation of a new restaurant and construction of a new 'market leading' spa.

Boutique Hotelier, 20.11.2019

Luxury St Andrews hotel Rusacks set for revamp after sale to American firm

Scottish hotels group Macdonald Hotels has completed the sale of

the landmark Rusacks Hotel in St Andrews for an undisclosed sum. AJ Capital said it was set to "completely renovate" Rusacks, which is located overlooking the 18th hole of the Old Course. Once renovations are completed in summer 2021, the "reimagined" hotel will debut with an additional 44 rooms and a rooftop bar and restaurant with panoramic views of the course and coastline.

The Scotsman, 19.11.2019

Moreton Hall bids to be transformed into 'commercially-designed' national training hotel

Moreton Hall, a listed Georgian-style mansion in Warwickshire, could be transformed into a four-star 'commercially designed' boutique hotel, dedicated to training the next generation for a career in hospitality. WCG (formerly Warwickshire College Group) is planning to create the new hotel which will train over 350 young people per year in the key skills, with the proposal 'very well received' by key industry figures. Moreton Hall is owned by WCG but was badly damaged in a fire in 2008. It has been repaired but plans for the training hotel include its full restoration, while maintaining its heritage features. The Lottery Heritage Fund is supporting the scheme to a potential value of £4.1 million while the college has pledged £1 million.

Boutique Hotelier, 21.11.2019

Construction begins on Bike & Boot property

The former Mount Hotel in Scarborough will be home to the first Bike & Boot hotel - a "modern leisure" concept with

"funky interiors" by Simon Rhatigan and Simon Kershaw. The 50-bedroom hotel will be completely overhauled and revitalised into 65-bedroom Bike & Boot Inn. Infiniti Roofing & Construction has started work on the six-month refurbishment, securing employment for 20 skilled professionals as well as specialist trade contractors.

Boutique Hotel News, 22.11.2019

Developers reveal plans to transform Bolton Magistrates' Court into hotel

Bolton former magistrates' court is set to open its doors once again — but this time it will be courting a different kind of patron under plans to transform it into a luxury 87-bedroom boutique hotel. A 100 new jobs will be created under the proposals revealed today to "sensitively" convert the historic landmark building in Le Mans Crescent into an hotel, along with a separate serviced apartments facility. The hotel will be operated by Hospitality Associates on behalf of an internationally famous hotel brand, which is yet to be revealed. The development is being led by Beechlane Investments, which is behind the multi-million pound Trinity Gateway scheme.

Bolton News, 22.11.2019

Fowey Hall to undergo multi-million pound refurb to mark 'new era' for Luxury Family Hotels

Fowey Hall, part of Luxury Family Hotels, is to undergo a multi-million pound refurbishment, introducing a fresh look for guests and marking a 'new era' for the brand. The Grade-II hotel in

Cornwall is to give all its 36 bedrooms and bathrooms a revamp, as well as creating a stylish new bar and afternoon tea lounge. The hotel's restaurant is also undergoing complete refurbishment, while the reception and lounge areas, spa, library, games room, OFSTED-registered crèche and indoor pool will also be upgraded along with its outside space which spans four acres. The refurbishment, which has already discreetly started, will be completed over the first six weeks of 2020 (when the hotel will be temporarily closed), reopening on 14 February 2020.
Boutique Hotelier, 26.11.2019

Elvetham hotel sold to Matharu family members

The Elvetham hotel in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire has been sold to Jastar Capital – a hotels, real estate and private equity business operated by the children of one of the Matharu brothers who founded Grange Hotels. Jastar was set up earlier this year by siblings Jay, Taran and Sindri Matharu following a reorganisation of Grange Hotels, which saw four London properties sold to Queensgate Investments in a deal worth around £1b. The chairman of Jastar is the siblings' father Raj Matharu, who alongside brothers Harpal and Tony founded Grange Hotels. Jastar Capital is planning a "significant investment" into the property including refurbishment of bedrooms, bathrooms and public areas, and the creation of a new restaurant and spa.
The Caterer, 28.11.2019

New Norfolk boutique hotel The Harper prepares for 2020 opening

A new boutique hotel will open its doors next year in North Norfolk. The Harper will launch to the public in April 2020 in a former glass blowing factory in the village of Langham after a £6m transformation project that began in 2012. The property will be home to 32 bedrooms, restaurant Stanley's, named after owner Sam Cutmore-Scott's grandfather, living space Ivy's, named after Sam's late grandmother, and games room, The Den.
Boutique Hotelier, 29.11.2019

RESTAURANTS

Ellis and Liam Barrie's Liverpool restaurant Lerpwl to open in February 2020

Ellis and Liam Barrie's new restaurant in Liverpool's Albert Docks will be called Lerpwl, the Welsh name for the city. The name was chosen in recognition of the historical links between Liverpool and north Wales, which are shared by the brothers, who grew up in Liverpool and launched their acclaimed debut restaurant the Marram Grass in Anglesey. The Liverpool opening, planned for 4 February 2020, will be a much-anticipated homecoming for Acorn award winners chef Ellis and front of house manager Liam.
The Caterer, 5.11.2019

Salt Bae Wants to Open a Burger Restaurant in London

It is understood the internet sensation and international celebrity will open on Mount

Street in Mayfair next year. The butcher-turned-salt-sprinkling-Instagram-sensation — Nusret Gökçe, aka Salt Bae — will make his London debut, not with a Nusr-Et Steakhouse on London's Knightsbridge, as has been widely reported in the last 18 months, but with a burger restaurant. His brand Nusr-Et Burger, is thought to be opening on Mount Street in Mayfair sometime in the new year.
Eater London, 7.11.2019

Seafront foodhall to open in Brighton

Brighton's Shelter Hall is being transformed into a seafront food hall, due to be completed early next year. The multimillion-pound project has been ongoing for the past two years. When it opens it will be run by Sessions Market, a new company backed by Imbiba, and local designers We Like Today. The venue, which will be the city's first food hall, will have space for up to 10 local operators, including restaurants, street food vendors and up and coming chefs from the city. There will be seating for more than 250 diners as well as two bars, run by Sessions and serving locally brewed beer, including a Riddle & Finns Champagne and oyster bar within the street-level rotunda.
The Caterer, 14.11.2019

Noble Rot to open second restaurant and wine bar in Soho

Noble Rot is to launch a second restaurant and wine bar in the site formerly home to famous political lunch-spot Gay Hussar in Soho's Greek Street. Noble Rot, created by record label A&R man Dan Keeling (responsible for

signing Coldplay, among others) and wine buyer Mark Andrew, made its first move from magazine to bricks and mortar restaurant in 2015, opening in London's Bloomsbury. In an Instagram post the restaurant said: "It's exactly the kind of building we love – full of period features and worn-in soul. Now begins sympathetic renovations of our second restaurant, with Noble Rot Soho scheduled to open Spring 2020."

The Caterer, 14.11.2019

Historic Mayfair Hotel Will Reopen Fabled Grill Restaurant After 20 Years

The Connaught Grill, which closed in 2000 after 45 years, will reopen under the direction of the award-winning New York chef, Jean-Georges Vongerichten, early in the new year. In its heyday, the restaurant inside the luxury Mayfair hotel was among the capital's most renowned and, according to an official announcement, "home to the original power players of the capital."

Eater London, 15.11.2019

Fast food chain Jollibee hoping to open first Midlands branch in Leicester

Jollibee, a brand that specialises in chicken, is looking to make Leicester the home of its "flagship branch in the Midlands." Plans have been submitted to Leicester City Council to transform the unit that now occupies the Select clothing shop in Haymarket Towers in Humberstone Gate into a Jollibee restaurant.

Leicestershire Live, 16.11.2019

The Alchemist to launch flagship London venue

Bar and restaurant group The Alchemist is to open its biggest site to date, located in Canary Wharf, London. The 6,200 sq ft space will include two outdoor terraces, a 100-cover restaurant and three bar areas, with an all-day dining menu and new 'grab and go' bagel offering available alongside The Alchemist's signature theatrical cocktails. The Alchemist currently has three sites in the capital: Bevis Marks at Liverpool Street, St Martin's Lane and most recently Old Street. Canary Wharf will become the bar group's latest addition in London, with further plans for expansion in 2020.

Bar Magazine, 25.11.2019

Mumford and Sons' Ben Lovett Taps Trendy Tacos for King's Cross Music Venue

A new Kings Cross food court will be joining Lafayette, the live music venue set to be opened early next year by Mumford and Sons' Ben Lovett — with the traders to include Breddos Tacos and Shoreditch queue-magnet The Duck Truck. Goods Way, between Pancras Square and Granary Square, will be home to The Courtyard, which will take its cues from developments like Borough's Flat Iron Square. It's hoped the development will become "a new home for live music and quality, eclectic independent food and drink in London". More The Courtyard at Goods Way traders are due to be announced in January.

Eater London, 25.11.2019

Iconic building to be transformed into food hall

The old House of Fraser building in Hull is set to be converted into an artisan food market. Hammonds of Hull, the owners, has submitted a planning application for a "European-style" food hall which will have 20 outlets under one roof. It will be designed to bring the best local, independent food and beverage retailers together with a unique offering. The application from Hammonds of Hull, alongside Artisan Food Hall Hull, proposes a special dining experience with communal tables and food market stalls.

The Business Desk, 27.11.2019

PUBS and BARS

The Inn Collection Group gets green light for Sunderland seafront inn

The Inn Collection Group has been given the go-ahead for a 40-bedroom pub on Sunderland's seafront. Sunderland City Council's planning committee has approved an application The Inn Collection Group that clears the way for a 'pub with rooms' to go ahead on land at Seaburn. The Seaburn development will be designed with 40 bedrooms across three floors, with a bar and eatery area and will aim to be completed at the end of 2020.

Boutique Hotelier, 4.11.2019

Brakspear takes managed pub estate to 15 sites with new acquisition

Brakspear has acquired the Golden Ball near Maidenhead, taking its managed estate to 15 sites. The pub operator and

brewer will trade the site in Pinkneys Green, near Maidenhead, through Christmas before refurbishment to bring it in line with other pubs in the business. The existing pub team will remain with the business.
The Caterer, 11.11.2019

CONTRACT CATERING

Aramark wins five-year catering contract with Writtle University

International catering and services company Aramark has been awarded a five-year catering contract with Writtle University, an institution with 125 years of history in land-based education. Writtle University is located in the Essex countryside and provides higher education programmes. The five-year contract will see Aramark relaunch the main restaurant as well as showcasing the latest food concepts. A new salad bar, soup station and plant market station will also be opened.

Public Sector Catering, 7.11.2019

all-weather 3G multi-sport pitches, a cinema, a gym, a new hotel and around 2,500 car parking spaces – all on a site near the Lion Farm Estate in Oldbury.
The Business Desk, 31.10.2019

Plans lodged for holiday and leisure development which could create 250 jobs

Laver Leisure has submitted a reserved matters planning application for Moneystone Park near Whiston in Staffordshire to build a holiday and leisure development which will see the transformation of the former Moneystone Quarry. Outline planning approval was secured in 2016 for the proposed development of up to 250 lodges, alongside a range of leisure and recreation facilities. The detailed reserved matters application is for the first phase of development, which will see 190 lodges built along with a number of associated leisure facilities.

The Business Desk, 7.11.2019

LEISURE AND TOURISM

Plans being finalised for £200m leisure scheme

Plans are being finalised to develop a new £200m leisure scheme at Lion Farm in Oldbury, in a move which could create 2,000 jobs. The scheme could include around 90 outlet shops, a 100,000 sq ft "interactive entertainment complex", a multi-use community hub, a new Black Country Tourist Information Centre and exhibition space, two