

## **HOTELS**

### **Controversial Grange and Links hotel plans passed**

A new "colonial" hotel in Sandilands is set to be built after the owners were finally given approval by councillors, despite residents' concerns it would not match the surrounding area. East Lindsey District Council's planning committee gave the go ahead to the plans for the Grange and Links Hotel, which will see the existing hotel building – closed since September last year – demolished and replaced with a new 20-bed facility with nine apartments, spa, gym and swimming pool.

*Lincolnshire Reporter, 2.8.2019*

### **Allerton Manor transformation to include boutique hotel**

A 31-bedroom hotel has been proposed by Green Circle as part of the wider transformation of Allerton Manor golf course in Liverpool. Plans to convert the Grade-II listed manor into a hotel with a spa and function space have been submitted by Green Circle, the golf operating partner of Liverpool City Council.

*Boutique Hotel News, 3.8.2019*

### **Shiva Hotels goes after new market with launch of new luxury hotel in 2020**

Shiva Hotels is to open a new luxury boutique hotel in London next year, marking the first step in a new direction for the group. Scheduled to open in early 2020, The Guardsman is a purpose-built luxury boutique hotel on Buckingham Gate comprising 53 bedrooms and six 'exclusive' residences featuring one, two and

three bedrooms, living spaces, dining areas and fully fitted kitchens. The new hotel is said to offer the 'atmosphere, discretion and personal service usually associated with a private members' club' with its restaurant only open to residents and their guests.

*Boutique Hotelier, 6.8.2019*

### **Coming Soon: Our first restaurant in the South West at Cabot Circus, Bristol**

Set to open in early 2020, the 13,000 sq ft restaurant and events venue is situated within the landmark Quakers Friars piazza at Hammerson's flagship destination in Bristol, Cabot Circus. This will be our second venture with Hammerson, following the openings of Issho and East 59<sup>th</sup> at Victoria Gate, Leeds in 2017. The venue will contain new concepts developed for the building to include a landmark restaurant, bars, extensive private dining and a large outdoor terrace.

*D & D London, 7.8.2019*

### **Luxury hotel to open at Troon Yacht Haven**

Yacht Havens Group, one of the UK's leading marina owners, operators and developers, will make an ambitious move into luxury hotel accommodation with the opening of the Salt Lodge Hotel at Troon Yacht Haven, Ayrshire, Scotland, in early 2020.

*Yacht Havens, 7.8.2019*

### **Co-working hotel concept to launch in Cornwall**

A new hotel concept is set to launch in Cornwall within a co-working space, with food and beverage residences as well as

30 hotel bedrooms. The project, named C-Space (which can stand for Cornwall, collaborative, connecting, creating, cooking etc.) is planned to be the first of a group of venues. It is being overseen by Cornwall Food Foundation chief executive and Fifteen Cornwall managing director Matthew Thomson, Crowdfunder chief executive and former River Cottage managing director Rob Love, and social enterprise the Real Ideas Organisation.

*The Caterer, 8.8.2019*

### **Developer secures permission for new boutique hotel in Hatton Garden**

Developer Piercy&Company has secured planning permission to create a new 146-bedroom hotel in the historic Hatton Garden Conservation Area. The eight storey hotel will be part of a wider development project that includes a new housing block and the restoration of the Victorian Ragged School Building to create 25,000 sq ft of workspace. The hotel is said to be the first UK site for a 'leading European boutique hotelier' and is scheduled for completion in August 2021.

*Boutique Hotelier, 8.8.2019*

### **Plans for new German style hotel in Manchester unveiled**

Plans for a new 12 storey hotel in a fast-growing area of Manchester have been unveiled. Property and development company S Harrison has submitted a planning application for new hotel development on Great Ancoats Street, in the New Islington area of the city. Earlier this summer the York based firm announced it had agreed terms with

international hotel operator Meininger. The 12 storey, 212-bedroom hybrid-hotel scheme will open by January 2022 and will create more than 20 full time jobs.

*The Business Desk, 12.8.2019*

### **Indian Hotel Company makes £50m investment in UK estate**

The Indian Hotel Company Limited (IHCL) has announced it will have invested approximately £50m in its UK portfolio over five years by the end of 2022. Having completed the renovation of 108 bedrooms across the group's two London hotels – the 313-bedroom St James' Court, a Taj hotel, and adjacent 85-bedroom Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences in Victoria/Westminster – the group is now focused on its F&B offering. IHCL will replace its Bank & Zander restaurant at the Taj 51 Buckingham Gate with an all-day brasserie designed by Conran & Partners in the next two months, while the group's first UK Chambers private members' club will open in the next seven to eight months.

*The Caterer, 13.8.2019*

### **Rogue City Hotel Group takes on third property in Glasgow**

A rapidly-expanding hotel company has announced plans for its third hotel, just two months after confirming the creation of its second property in Cambridge. Rogue City Hotel Group, the hotel management company from Henley Homes, is to launch The Wellington in Glasgow within a Grade-listed property in the city. Once complete, the new 100-bedroom hotel will join

Dunalastair Hotel Suites in Scotland and The Hobson in Cambridge as part of the growing portfolio headed up by newly-appointed CEO, Nassar Khalil.

*Boutique Hotelier, 14.8.2019*

### **Celtic Manor begins work on second Ty Hotel in Newport**

Excavation works have begun to prepare the ground for building a second Tŷ Hotel as part of the Celtic Collection in South Wales. When it opens in the autumn of 2020, Tŷ Hotel Newport will be a 146-bedroom, mid-range hotel with a separate building housing a drive-thru Costa Coffee shop. The new hotel is being built next to the Coldra Court Hotel by Celtic Manor in Langstone, just a few minutes from the Celtic Manor Resort and enjoying the same direct access to Junction 24 of the M4 motorway.

*South Wales Argus, 14.8.2019*

### **Luxury Cardiff hotel plans approved despite councillors calling the design 'hideous'**

A new luxury hotel has been approved for the centre of Cardiff despite councillors saying the plans were "offensive". The listed County Court and Post Office buildings near the Principality Stadium will be transformed into a four star, 175-bed hotel operated by the Celtic Manor Resort. Under the plans, the historic Westgate Street buildings would be refurbished and a six-storey extension would be built at the back.

*Wales Online, 14.8.2019*

### **Bar entrepreneurs submit plan for new £2m boutique hotel in Carlisle**

Three business partners who run a bar in Carlisle have submitted plans to the council to develop a new £2m boutique hotel in the city. Daniel White and Jack Lee from the Hell Below bar on Devonshire Street, along with Marty Boak, are hoping to be granted consent to transform a former bed centre on the Viaduct into a new hotel with eight bedrooms, a bar, restaurant and function room. Work on the derelict building, which is situated next to the former Central Plaza Hotel, could begin in November if the proposal is given the green light.

*Boutique Hotelier, 19.8.2019*

### **Edinburgh give go-ahead for Osborne House hotel plan**

Planning permission has been granted for a new hotel on Osborne Terrace in Edinburgh. The transformational scheme will see Osborne House, an old 1970s office building within the Wester Coates area converted into a new 157-bedroom hotel, with a restaurant and bar on the ground floor.

*Scottish Construction Now, 19.8.2019*

### **Inverness hotel pumps six-figure sum into expansion project to include micro-brewery**

A hotel in Inverness is pumping a six-figure investment into an expansion project that will see the creation of a new micro-brewery on site alongside a handful of other developments on site. Glen Mhor Hotel on the banks of River Ness, recently acquired the

Waterside Restaurant and is now investing in transforming the eatery to mark the first phase of a wider overhaul at the property. Planning permission has also been secured to build a 'state-of-the-art' micro-brewery and visitor attraction at the hotel, supported by a rolling scheme of reinvestment and a banking facility.

*Boutique Hotelier, 19.8.2019*

### **Lowry hotel undertaking £5m refurbishment**

The Lowry hotel in Manchester is undertaking a £5m refurbishment this year, with around £1m being spent on its restaurant and bar space.

*The Caterer, 20.8.2019*

### **CitizenM to open fourth London hotel in Victoria**

Trendy Dutch hotel chain CitizenM is set to open a fourth London property in Victoria after demolishing the former Press Association offices. The 226-room, 10-storey hotel is set to open at 292 Vauxhall Bridge Road in 2021, with construction of a new building due to commence in May 2020. The demolition of Denison House will begin in November 2019 and the hotel will be built using CitizenM's modular construction method; each of the rooms will be put together and furnished in an offsite factory and then moved to the site to be assembled.

*The Caterer, 20.8.2019*

### **Construction begins on £4m Haslem Hotel in Lisburn**

The owners of the Merchant Hotel in Belfast have begun construction on a new £4m hotel in Lisburn, County Antrim. The

hotel, which will be called the Haslem Hotel, will be situated in Lisburn Square and will be the first hotel in the city centre. It's expected the hotel will open in spring 2020 and will create 75 new jobs.

*Belfast Telegraph, 23.8.2019*

### **Apex in Dundee kicks off £1.4m refurbishment scheme**

Work has begun on a £1.4m refurbishment programme at Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa in Dundee. Over the coming months the hotel's public spaces – including the reception and conference areas, as well as the hotel's Metro Bar & Brasserie and Yu Spa – will be transformed, bringing a new look and feel to the hotel.

*Boutique Hotelier, 28.8.2019*

### **Plans have been unveiled for a major regeneration project in the heart of Leeds.**

Hammerson, which owns and manages Victoria Leeds, has launched plans for the regeneration of a 1,670 sq m site in Leeds City Centre, next to its flagship destination, Victoria Gate. The plans will see the site, which is currently a temporary surface car park, redeveloped to provide a 14-storey hotel catering for business and leisure guests.

*The Yorkshire Post, 28.8.2019*

## **RESTAURANTS**

### **Acclaimed Peckham Restaurant Kudu Will Open Sister Restaurant Next Door**

Kudu will open Little Kudu on Queens Road in Peckham later this year. Kudu, the widely acclaimed, South African-inspired

restaurant in Peckham, will open two new sites in the area in the coming months. Little Kudu, which promises "tapas tastes," will open at 117 Queens Road, right next door to the original restaurant at 119, while Smokey Kudu, billed as a cocktail bar, will open at 133 Queens Road.

*Eater London, 7.8.2019*

### **Award winning street kitchen and bar Indico to opening at Mailbox Birmingham**

The Mailbox, Birmingham's premier shopping, dining and lifestyle destination is adding to its diverse food and drink offering with the arrival of Indian street kitchen and bar, Indico, this autumn.

Indico is launching its second West Midlands-based restaurant at the Mailbox's vibrant canal-side food and drink destination.

*Brum Hour, 8.8.2019*

### **Irish Fast Food Giant Says it Plans to Open in London**

An Irish fast food chain called Supermac's has announced it will expand to the U.K., with plans to open branches in London following a recent victory over McDonald's, with whom it has been engaged in a series of trademark disputes. As first reported by the Irish Independent, Supermac's – which operates over 100 restaurants in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland – had been challenged by the American fast food giant over its use of the Mc prefix in the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). The EUIPO has ruled that McDonald's cannot enjoy a complete monopoly over that prefix; others

are free to use it, but will be subject to a "proof of use test." McDonald's keeps, for example, its trademark right over McChicken nuggets.  
*Eater London, 8.8.2019*

### **Dishoom eyes up further expansion following 26.4% boost to turnover**

Restaurant group Dishoom saw turnover increase by 26.3% in 2018 as it continues to look for "appropriate opportunities" for expansion. Financial results filed with Companies House showed that turnover for the seven-site group reached £45m, up from £35.6m the previous year. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation reached £4.3m, up from £2.3m in 2017, and the group posted a pre-tax profit of £2.3m compared to £870,000 the previous year.  
*The Caterer, 12.8.2019*

### **Immersive Comic Book Restaurant Will Bring Batman to Soho**

A restaurant based on the DC comic book universe is slated to open in the heart of London. Mash Steakhouse, at 77 Brewer Street, will be redeveloped into a restaurant "rooted within the DC Multiverse," with planning documents submitted to the Soho Society are recently approved. The main dining room will be divided into five spaces: " a lounge Bar (Pennyworth's) and a dining area with entertainment-reminiscent of the 1930s era (Iceberg Lounge). The North Nave - a fine dining experience (Dichotomy Fine Dining) and the South Nave (an Immersive Dining Experience). It will be known,

collectively, as DC World, with Arkham — the fictional psychiatric hospital most prominent in Batman stories — to the back of the building. Overall, the restaurant will fit 317 covers.  
*Eater London, 19.8.2019*

### **Home chefs to launch set of concepts at Leeds market**

Liz Cottam and Mark Owens, the chefs behind Leeds' Home restaurant, are set to open four new food concepts at the city's Kirkgate Market, starting with a gastropub. The Owl gastropub will be the first concept to open on the market's Fish & Game Row in the autumn, named after the remnants of stone owls on the arches above. It will focus on beer in collaboration with local brewery Northern Monk as well as offering wines on tap and serving whole roasts, particularly fish and game. Three more market venues are on the cards, including two units in the market hall and another on Fish & Game Row, one of which will be a chef's table-style, high-end, intimate dining experience solely headed by Cottam.  
*The Caterer, 22.8.2019*

### **A World-Class Mexican Restaurant Will Open in London Next Year**

Chef Santiago Lastra — one of the key members of Rene Redzepi's team at Noma Mexico in 2017, a chef who has previously cooked as one of the rotating guests at Carousel in Marylebone, and an alumnus of Mugaritz, near San Sebastian and Bror in Copenhagen — will open his eagerly awaited London restaurant on Seymour Place at the start of next year.  
*Eater London, 23.8.2019*

### **Michelin-Starred Italian Restaurant Owner Confirms Bermondsey Opening**

Chef and restaurateur Angela Hartnett will open her fourth London restaurant this autumn. A third location for Cafe Murano will open on Bermondsey Street, at a site between two of London's premier markets, Maltby Street and Borough Market.  
*Eater London 27.8.2019*

### **Merlin Labron-Johnson to launch farm to table restaurant in Somerset**

Chef Merlin Labron-Johnson will launch a new restaurant in Somerset with a focus on farm to table cooking. Labron-Johnson, formerly of the Woodhead Restaurant Group, is due to launch the small site in November with a focus on hyper-local sourcing.  
*The Caterer, 28.8.2019*

### **Kiwi All-Day Dining Specialist Plans Second Cafe After Seven Years in East London**

Ozone Coffee Roasters will open a second cafe in Bethnal Green in early October. The Kiwi coffee and brunch specialist, which has operated a roastery and all-day dining space in Shoreditch for seven years, plans to install a pizza oven in its new space, as well as continuing what has proven to be a winning formula of globally inspired food and reliably good coffee.  
*Eater London, 28.8.2019*

### **Choppaluna to expand presence in UK with first London restaurant**

Hero Brands' franchise German fast-casual chain Choppaluna is set to open its first flagship store

at Bloomsbury in London this October. According to Choppaluna co-founder and CEO Nikras Agha, the company has signed 12 franchise agreements and is in the process of adding 60 more to the pipeline. The chain expects to expand its store portfolio in the UK to 300 stores in the next ten years.

*Verdict Foodstuff, 29.8.2019*

### **MasterChef semi-finalist to open West African restaurant in London**

Chef William JM Chilila, a semi-finalist on last year's MasterChef: The Professionals, is set to open Akoko in London's Fitzrovia in October. The restaurant on Berners Street will focus on West African cuisine with dishes such as smoked jollof rice and grilled aged beef suya with caramelised onion and confit tomato, as well as barbecued baby aubergine mafe.

*The Caterer, 30.8.2019*

## **PUBS and BARS**

### **Rocket Leisure plans to open fourth site in London**

#### **Hospitality business Rocket**

Leisure is opening Eastcheap Records in Monument, London this October, presenting its fourth site in the capital. Spanning 4,000 sq ft, the new space will accommodate space for 350 party-goers, replacing the former Maplin site on the corner of Eastcheap and Lovatt Lane.

*Bar Magazine, 6.8.2019*

### **The Country Pub Group adds two sites**

Emerging west of England-based company the Country Pub Group

has grown its portfolio to three with the addition of two properties. The group, which is owned by Matthew Lowe, has acquired the Battleaxes in Wraxall, Somerset, and the Castle Inn in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, to add to the Mendip Inn in Shepton Mallet, Somerset. The two new pubs were previously owned by Flatcappers.

*The Caterer, 13.8.2019*

### **Snobs boss snaps up high profile city centre restaurant and bar**

The owner of Snobs Bar & Nightclub has snapped up Jailbird, the up scale restaurant and bar on Birmingham's Colmore Row which closed suddenly in January. Originally an office and banking hall for Alliance Assurance until the 1990s, the site has been bought by Wayne Tracey, who most notably operates Snobs Bar & Nightclub, a staple of the Birmingham nightlife spanning decades. Tracey plans to rebrand and reopen the site and said: "We are looking forward to opening Theatrix this August Bank Holiday in arguably one of Birmingham's best locations, Colmore Row.

*The Business Desk, 15.8.2019*

### **Red Oak Taverns snap up 18 pubs from Wadworth & Company**

Red Oak Taverns has acquired a portfolio of 18 pubs from Wiltshire-based brewer and pub operator Wadworth & Company. The nationwide group of 179 pubs has tapped into a £10m acquisition facility arranged with OakNorth bank last year as part of a wider £42m refinancing of the business to buy the pubs.

*The Caterer, 20.8.2019*

## **CONTRACT CATERING**

### **Sodexo retains University of London contract**

Sodexo has won a three-year catering contract extension at City, University of London, with the potential for a further five-years. The new contract also includes provision of catering services for Cass Business School. Sodexo has been the university's catering partner since 2014, providing services at the main Northampton Square campus.

*FM World News, 5.8.2019*

### **Norse sweeps catering deals**

Norse's Catering Division has won more than £800k worth of new school meals agreements in July, and has also had more than £630k of contracts renewed. The retained contracts include five schools in the Wensum Trust, where Norse also was recently re-awarded a new agreement with another of its secondary schools.

*FM World, 6.8.2019*

## **LEISURE AND TOURISM**

### **Radisson Hotel Group to open 'unforgettable' hotel at £3.5billion London Resort theme park near Dartford**

Another big brand has signed up for Kent's £3.5billion answer to Disneyland. It will become a stakeholder in the project, opening a Radisson Blu hotel – one of Europe's leading upper upscale hotel brand – in the 535-acre resort in the Swanscombe Peninsula. The London Resort recently announced it has reignited its partnership with Paramount Picture Corporation,

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with the aim of combining the best of Hollywood with the best of British entertainment. The resort will be one of the biggest themed entertainment resorts in Europe and will include a theme park, water park, cinema, theatre, hotels, restaurants, retail outlets and more. Radisson Hotel Group, one of the world's leading hotel groups, has announced a partnership with The London Resort, a theme park due to open near Dartford in 2024.  
*Kent Live, 14.8.2019*