

HOTELS

New Indian restaurant set to open in Paradise Birmingham

Indian restaurant Dishoom has been revealed as the latest tenant to move in to Paradise Birmingham in spring 2020. Dishoom Birmingham will occupy part of the ground floor of One Chamberlain Square, the office space of which is fully let to accountancy firm PwC – which will also be moving into the building early next year. The new restaurant will overlook both Chamberlain Square and Centenary Way and will help complete the first phase of the development.

The Business Desk, 2.12.2019

Temple Bar new boutique hotel given the green light

A new boutique hotel is set to be brought to life in the popular Temple Bar area of Dublin after a plan was given the green light by officials. Dublin City Council has granted permission for a new 12-bedroom hotel at the corner of Merchant's Arch and Temple Bar Square, which would see a new five-storey building created. The proposal would also see the demolition of an existing two-storey building, which currently houses the Irish Pub Shop, to make way for the new development.

Boutique Hotelier, 2.12.2019

Arora's Windsor hotel to be third UK Fairmont

Arora Group has announced the luxury hotel it is developing in Windsor will be the third Fairmont property in the UK. Due to open in the second half of 2020, the former 141-bedroom Savill Court

Hotel & Spa is undergoing a multimillion-pound redevelopment to transform it into a luxury, 210-bedroom hotel. It will launch under Accor's luxury brand as the Fairmont Windsor Park, joining the Savoy in London, a Fairmont managed hotel, and Fairmont St Andrews. Food and beverage outlets will include a tea lounge, restaurant and a Champagne bar, as well as an all-day dining venue, incorporating a private dining space and gin bar.

The Caterer, 2.12.2019

Horwood House Hotel set for four-star make over

A popular country hotel, the De Vere Horwood Estate, is set to become a four-star boutique independent hotel following an acquisition and new injection of finance from Cynergy Bank. Ziz Properties Ltd, which is owned by highly experienced hotelier, Karim Kassam, purchased the 185 room Horwood House Hotel in Buckinghamshire from Starwood Capital. The hotel will be run by Kassam's management company, Ziz Hospitality Ltd. Kassam's plans include refurbishing the rooms, increasing the number of suites and upgrading the restaurant, bar and reception area. The hotel will be repositioned as the Horwood House Hotel, taking it back to its historical origin.

Space, 4.12.2019

Team behind Georgian House Hotel to launch new Lake District venture in February 2020

The new venture from Serena Von Der Heyde and the team behind Georgian House Hotel in London is to open in the Lake District in February 2020. The

newly-designed Victorian House Hotel will open early next year, after 'substantial investment' and will comprise 19 bedrooms and open-plan shared spaces with 'modern romantic' design elements to complement original features.

Boutique Hotelier, 5.12.2019

Plans to turn huge 1700s mansion and grounds into hotel revealed

Plans have been put forward to change a Grade II listed mansion near Bath that dates back to the 1700s into a hotel. David Matthews has applied to turn Kelston Park House, three miles east of Bath, into a hotel, restaurant, bar and events venue.

Somerset Live, 5.12.2019

Coaching Inn Group makes first acquisition following £22m refinance deal

Boutique Hotelier Coaching Inn Group has acquired a hotel in Cambridgeshire, marking the first deal to be completed following a £22m refinance agreement. The group, which is headed up by CEO Kevin Charity, has taken over The Bell Hotel in Stilton as the 16th property in the portfolio, as it edges closer to its target of 500 bedrooms within the estate. All 22 bedrooms at The Bell Hotel will now be refurbished as part of an initial £250k investment, with the project due to start in January.

Boutique Hotelier, 17.12.2019

Famous Swansea hotel plans for huge upgrade and new rooftop bar

One of Swansea's oldest and most recognisable hotels could be getting a huge upgrade with several extensions, more rooms

and a roof top bar added to the existing building. The Grand Hotel, in Ivey Place, High Street, is a favourite with tourists and business people arriving in the city from Swansea railway station, which is situated just across the road. An application for planning permission has been submitted to Swansea Council's planning department and proposes to add various extensions across five storeys of the building, adding a number of new bedrooms to the hotel, as well as a roof top bar, more conference rooms and a residents lounge.

Wales Online, 15.12.2019

Hotel Indigo in Coventry looks set to become first new four-star hotel in city for 50 years

A project to bring a new Hotel Indigo to fruition in Coventry looks set to get the green light this week. Castlebridge Group has submitted a plan for a five-storey hotel in Friargate, which would include 100 bedrooms, a restaurant, bar and mini gym. If given the go ahead, the four-star hotel would be the first in the city centre for almost 50 years, and work would begin at the start of next year with an aim to be completed during the City of Culture 2021.

Boutique Hotelier, 17.12.2019

Plan to turn former home of Catherine of Aragon into boutique hotel submitted

Plans for a 10-bedroom 'bijou' hotel in a Shropshire town centre have been put forward. Castle Lodge in Castle Square, Ludlow, which was the former home of Catherine of Aragon, could be transformed into a modern hotel

after plans were lodged with Shropshire Council this week. Under the plans each of the hotel's rooms will be themed after a historical character that lived in the building at one time.

Shropshire Star, 18.12.2019

Further details revealed for Red Carnation's new Edinburgh hotel as planning is submitted

The plan to create Red Carnation's first hotel in Scotland has stepped up a notch as the group submits an official proposal to councillors. The 18-strong hotel chain, founded by Bea Tollman, is to transform former private members club, 100 Princes Street in Edinburgh, into a new boutique hotel. Plans for the development were first revealed in July. Now in documents submitted to Edinburgh council, Red Carnation says the hotel will 'replicate the atmosphere' of the group's five-star London property, Hotel 41.

Boutique Hotelier, 18.12.2019

Six Senses London to open in 2023

Six Senses Hotels, Resorts and Spas will open its first UK property in West London in 2023. Six Senses London will be located within the former Whiteleys department store in Bayswater. The development will house a 110-room hotel, with rooms starting from 33 sqm, a Six Senses Spa and 14 branded residences. The building is named after William Whiteley, an entrepreneur whose drapery shop developed into the eponymous department store in the 1980s before closing in 2018. Meyer Bergman will lead the redevelopment of the site,

enlisting real estate developer Finchatton and British architectural firm Foster and Partners in its restoration.

Business Traveller, 18.12.2019

Palé Hall Hotel & Restaurant, North Wales, Restaurant and Room renovation

Palé Hall, one of the finest Country Manors in the UK is delighted to announce the hotel will go under a refurbishment seeing four new rooms and a re-imagined bar and restaurant with works set to be complete by May 2020. Dating back to the late 19th century, the house was lovingly restored by owners Alan and Angela Harper to its former glory in 2016. Palé Hall stands as one of Wales's most important surviving Country homes. The hotel comprises of 18 bedrooms as well as The Henry Robertson dining room that holds three AA Rosettes.

Premier Hospitality, 19.12.2019

Billesley Manor to re-establish itself as luxury hotel with extensive refurbishment

Billesley Manor Hotel, near Stratford-upon-Avon, is to undergo a refurbishment in the new year to mark its 'next chapter' as a luxury hotel. The property, which returned to private ownership in 2017, will give its public areas a revamp as part of a schedule of refurbishments at the Elizabethan Manor. Following a year of continued investment, which saw £2.5m spent on the venue's event space and spa and health club, 2020 will see further changes made to the hotel's reception, the Great Hall and its gallery, the

restaurants and corridor and lounge areas.
Boutique Hotelier, 20.12.2019

RESTAURANTS

Gymkhana set to reopen in February 2020

February will see Mayfair-based Michelin-starred Indian restaurant and bar Gymkhana reopen its doors following a period of closure for refurbishment. The redesign of Gymkhana's interiors has been spearheaded by newly appointed JKS design director Samuel Hosker, and will include changes to the ground floor restaurant and bar, the basement restaurant and bar and the private dining vaults.
Bar Magazine, 6.12.2019

Richard Caring's Caprice Holdings to open restaurant in restored Theatre Royal Drury Lane

Richard Caring's Caprice Holdings is to open a one-of-a-kind restaurant in the Theatre Royal Drury Lane when it reopens in autumn 2020. The group, behind London restaurants including Sexy Fish, Scott's and Le Caprice, will open in a newly acquired adjacent building on Catherine Street. The venue, operated by LW Theatres, is currently undergoing a £60m restoration.
The Caterer, 18.12.2019

Xiaolongbao Specialist Din Tai Fung Will Finally Open at Centre Point

The second London restaurant for the Taiwanese soup dumpling juggernaut will open on Tottenham Court Road in 2020.

Over two years after it was first reported restaurant super chain Din Tai Fung would open at Tottenham Court Road's redeveloped Centre Point, the Taiwanese company will finally do so — taking over Vivi, the short-lived retro restaurant managed by contract catering business and white label restaurant operator, Rhubarb.
Eater London, 18.12.2019

Growing Speciality Coffee Chain Snaffles Decade-Defining London Restaurant Group

Growing speciality coffee chain Watch House has acquired the four remaining London outposts of Fernandez & Wells, one of the defining cafe, wine bar groups of the 2010s. The sites on Denmark Street, South Kensington, Mayfair, and Somerset House will continue to trade under the brand into 2020, at which point Watch House will convert the quartet into its all-day dining model.
Eater London, 23.12.2019

Prolific Indian Restaurant Group Brings Food of Kolkata to Marylebone

Another prolific Indian restaurant group will make its London debut in 2020. Speciality Restaurants Ltd will open Chourangi at 3 Old Quebec Street — a restaurant named for an historic district of Kolkata that will serve the food of that city. It follows New Delhi company Azure Hospitality's plans to open Banjarah on the former Gaylord site in Fitzrovia.
Eater London, 31.12.2019

PUBS and BARS

JD Wetherspoon to invest over £200m in pubs

British pub company JD Wetherspoon has revealed plans to invest more than £200m in pubs over the next four years. The investment is expected to create around 10,000 new employment opportunities. The pub chain operator will invest the money in new pubs and hotels, as well as expand its current sites in the UK and Ireland. The company intends to use a significant portion of the investment for the development of new pubs in small and medium-sized towns, including Bourne, Waterford, Hamilton, Ely, Diss, Felixstowe, Newport Pagnell and Prestatyn. It will also invest in large towns and cities such as London, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Birmingham, Leeds and Galway.
Verdict Foodservice, 11.12.2019

Major refurbishment ongoing at historic Northamptonshire village pub after takeover

A historic pub in a Northamptonshire village remains closed for a major refurbishment after being taken over by a new company. The Olde Coach House in Ashby St Ledgers has been shut since last month after The Inn-Credible Pub Co. took on the pub in October. While the *Chronicle & Echo* has so far been unable to speak to the new owners, it is understood the pub where the Gunpowder Plot was formed could reopen in February, 2020.
Northampton Chronicle & Echo, 11.12.2019

CONTRACT CATERING

CH&CO receives catering contract from RCP Meetings & Events

CH&CO has secured a five-year contract to provide catering services for The Royal College of Physicians Meetings & Events (RCP). Moreover, the catering firm bears a Royal Warrant to provide catering services to Her Majesty the Queen for six years.
Verdict Foodstuff, 2.12.2019

Hospitality Belfast wins two-venue catering deal

Hospitality Belfast, a joint venture between Mount Charles and Yellow Door, has been awarded a four-year catering contract by BWUH Ltd at ICC Belfast, Waterfront Hall and Ulster Hall. The contract includes an optional two-year extension. Hospitality Belfast will work across both venues, delivering a full-service offer including retail catering for entertainment events, gala dinner and corporate functions – as well as a wide range of catering options tailored to support the venues' growing national and international conference business.
Facilitate, 2.12.2019

Mount Charles receives catering contract from Raidió Teilifís Éireann

Belfast-headquartered foodservice firm Mount Charles has secured a seven-year contract to provide catering services for Ireland-based national public media organisation Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ). As part of the contract, the catering firm will deliver its food and beverages for 1,822 staff members of RTÉ's Donnybrook campus. It includes RTÉ's

television and radio studios, and the Fair City set. The catering firm is spending £100k to offer food concepts such as Real Good Food, Honest and Urban Square Coffee.
Verdict Foodstuff, 5.12.2019

Sodexo awarded TfL contract for food services

Sodexo has won the new four-year contract to provide food services at 26 Transport for London (TfL) sites across the London Underground network. Sodexo, which has delivered services to TfL for more than 25 years, was awarded the new food services contract following a competitive tender. The new contract includes the management of staff restaurants, out of hours service requests at 26 locations for TfL's London Underground consumers.
Sodexo, 17.12.2019

Mitie prescribes £150m IFM deal for GlaxoSmithKline

Mitie has won a five-year IFM contract worth £150 million with global healthcare company GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) following a competitive tender. It is Mitie's first big IFM foray into the pharmaceutical sector and the contract includes a two-year extension option. Works comprise delivery of engineering, cleaning, catering and scientific services across eight sites on GSK's estate in the UK and Ireland.
Facilitate, 20.12.2019

LEISURE AND TOURISM

Planning chiefs give nod to transformation of former Rackhams building

Plans to transform the former Rackhams buildings in Birmingham city centre have been given the green light. Owners Legal & General appointed the original architects tp bennett to design a contemporary refurbishment of the Rackhams buildings – currently occupied by House of Fraser, who occupy on a temporary basis having entered into a Company Voluntary Arrangement in 2018. The building will offer space for retailers, bars, restaurants and other leisure uses on the ground and lower ground floors, while nine floors above will be converted for office use.
The Business Desk, 19.12.2019