

HOTELS

First Hilton hotel in Plymouth to begin development in 2023 as Hilton continues to expand in the UK and Europe

Hilton has today announced plans to open six hotels under its focused service brands in Germany, Italy, the UK and Poland as part of significant growth for the brands' European portfolios. The plans include the first Hilton hotel in Plymouth, UK. These hotels will join more than 60 Hilton Garden Inn and 100 Hampton by Hilton hotels currently trading in Europe. Located in a prime spot overlooking Plymouth Hoe, the 150-guest room Hilton Garden Inn Plymouth will be Hilton's first property in the British port city. The development of the hotel is expected to be in late 2023.

RPBi News, 3.5.22

Planning permission granted for 60-room hotel at Warwick Castle

Plans to add a new hotel on the site of Warwick Castle have been approved by Warwick District Council. Earlier this year, the owners of Warwick Castle submitted a planning application to build a new hotel at the famous tourist site. The proposal included plans for a 60-room hotel on the site of what is currently a car park. There are also plans to create a new play area and extend the

restaurant, which is owned by the Merlin Group.

Boutique Hotelier, 6.5.22

Forty-Seven hotel to open in Manchester this summer

Manchester will see the addition of the boutique Forty-Seven hotel this summer. The hotel from Kro Hospitality will open within the Grade-II listed Lancashire House, a former shipping warehouse located at 47 Peter Street. The Peterman bar, which draws inspiration for its name from its location, will offer cocktails while Indian restaurant Asha will reopen on the ground floor.

Business Traveller, 18.5.22

Mandarin Oriental Mayfair hotel confirms opening date and restaurant partnership

Mandarin Oriental Group is to open a new hotel in London this winter featuring the first UK restaurant from Korean-American chef Akira Back. The Mandarin Oriental Mayfair will launch on Hanover Square and feature 50 bedrooms, 79 private residences and an urban spa.

The Caterer, 19.5.22

RESTAURANTS

Fat Hippo which started in Newcastle and Durham expands across the UK

A successful independent North East restaurant group has revealed plans to more

than double the number of restaurants it runs across the UK and create more than 200 jobs by the end of next year. The Fat Hippo Group is aiming to open up to nine new burger restaurants over the next 18 months, with the first of these set to open in Cardiff city centre at the end of May. The Newcastle-headquartered group's next restaurant will then follow in Birmingham a few weeks later, with its first restaurant in Scotland, which will be in Glasgow city centre, opening soon after that.

The Northern Echo, 3.5.22

CHOPSTIX continues growth with four new sites by end of July

Asian QSR brand CHOPSTIX has announced plans to open four new sites by the end of July, as it continues a steady programme of growth in 2022. Planned openings in Brixton, Canary Wharf, Cardiff St David's, and Kingston-upon-Thames, will follow three recent launches, in Glasgow, Oxford, and Middlebrook, Bolton – Britain's biggest retail park.

RPBi News, 3.5.22

Burger & Beyond launching two new restaurants

London-based brand Burger & Beyond will open two new restaurants this summer. On top of its existing sites in Shoreditch, Camden, Acton, Vauxhall and Hackney Wick, the group will now expand to

Soho and Borough Yards. The 119-cover Soho site – the group's biggest yet – will open on Old Compton Street, swiftly followed by the 89-cover Borough Yards development, which will also feature an outdoor terrace. Both locations will offer their signature burgers and sides, as well as brand-new dishes exclusive to each new venue.

Dine Out, 5.5.22

New £730,000 Costa Coffee to open on outskirts of Stratford

Work has started on a £730,000 drive-thru Costa Coffee on the edge of Stratford-upon-Avon. The new coffee shop is being built next to the Rosebird Centre on Shipston Road and will create 12 full-time and 12 part-time jobs. Costa, which has signed a multi-year lease for the new unit, is expected to be open for business in the autumn.

Stratford-upon-Avon Herald, 5.5.22

Huge new steakhouse Hawksmoor coming to iconic Liverpool building

Hawksmoor is opening a brand-new steakhouse restaurant in Liverpool, bringing its charcoal grilled steaks and "award-winning" cocktails to the city. Based in the grade II listed India Buildings on the corner of Brunswick Street and Fenwick Street, Hawksmoor Liverpool will offer diners its 35-day dry

aged steaks among other dishes

Liverpool Echo, 6.5.22

Norfolk's biggest Greggs approved after plan changes

The biggest Greggs in Norfolk could soon be selling sausage rolls after plans were approved. The bakery chain is taking over the prominent 1,700 sq ft unit formerly occupied by Game opposite its existing shop at the main entrance to Castle Quarter in Norwich.

Eastern Daily Press, 11.5.22

New American diner Slim Chickens to open in Liverpool city centre

Popular American dining brand Slim Chickens is set to open in Liverpool ONE later this year. The huge new chicken restaurant will be located on The Terrace, adjacent to Las Iguanas and Five Guys. It will feature an al-fresco dining area and offer the brand's full menu, including its signature fresh buttermilk marinated, hand-breaded chicken tenders.

Liverpool Echo, 11.5.22

Huge Flannels Liverpool department store will have three restaurants and a rooftop bar

A huge new Flannels department store is opening in Liverpool this summer with three restaurants and a rooftop bar. The new Flannels store will be set over six floors and will offer "retail and leisure under one roof", with a

variety of brands, dining and experiences available. It will feature four venues open from dawn until late, creating a new eating and drinking destination in the city centre.

Liverpool Echo, 11.5.22

Huge new Popeyes chicken restaurant to open at former Burger King outside Victoria Centre

An international fast food giant will be opening in the former Burger King opposite the Victoria Centre in Nottingham. The building has been on the market for a year following the closure of the burger joint during the pandemic. The new operator will be Popeyes, a US fried chicken chain which is expanding across the UK. The property has only just been let by Box Property on a 15-year lease so there's no opening date yet.

Nottinghamshire Live, 13.5.22

Starry Eyed Chef Will Open a Soigné AF Michelin Magnet in Piccadilly

A chef who adores all things soigné is opening his first standalone restaurant in London, after his last stint in the city met an ignominious end. Alex Dilling will open a guaranteed Michelin magnet at Hotel Cafe Royal later this summer, steeped in fine ingredients; French technique; minimalist plating; and an abundance of caviar and truffle.

Eater London, 16.5.22

Italian restaurant Tropea to undergo refurbishment in time for summer

Italian restaurant Tropea have announced that they are closing their cafe and undergoing a refurbishment just in time for the summer. Tropea is the brainchild of Ben Robinson-Young and Kasia Piatkowska, who both graduated in Culinary Arts from the University College Birmingham in 2014. Located in Harborne, Tropea opened in 2021 as a 'cafe by day, restaurant by night'.
What's On Birmingham, 16.5.22

Dishoom unveils plans for vast Canary Wharf branch

Dishoom, the retro Bombay-themed all-day cafe group, has announced plans for an enormous new branch in the Wood Wharf development at Canary Wharf, expected to open by the end of the year. The 8,800 sq ft venue will seat 355 diners over two floors and a terrace, giving it an even bigger capacity than the Dishoom branch at King's Cross.
Hardens, 20.2.22

KFC to trial its first delivery-only kitchens

KFC is trialling its first delivery-only kitchens. The fast food giant said the new kitchens would take pressure off existing restaurants and improve the experience for staff and consumers. The first kitchen is due to open in

London, with further trials being phased in gradually over the rest of the year.
The Grocer, 26.5.22

Cosy Club restaurant set to open in Milton Keynes shopping centre

Opening at centre:mk this Autumn, MK's 'Cosy Club' restaurant will be one of just a handful in the South East of England. Managed by hospitality business, Loungers, there are currently only 32 sites across the UK, including locations such as Bath, York, Liverpool and Manchester. The new restaurant will take over the former Jamie's Italian unit, next door to Wagamamas.
MK fm, 26.5.22

Mark Poynton to open restaurant within Caistor Hall hotel in Norfolk

Chef Mark Poynton is to open a restaurant within Caistor Hall by Brasteds country house hotel in Norfolk. Mark Poynton at Caistor Hall will open in February 2023 offering tasting menus only at both lunch and dinner.
The Caterer, 27.5.22

PUBS AND CLUBS

Brothers behind hit cocktail bar Schofield's to open new underground bar at Gary Neville's hotel

Joe and Daniel Schofield, the brothers behind acclaimed cocktail bar Schofield's are planning to open a new

project at Gary Neville's Stock Exchange Hotel. Called Sterling, it will take over the space formerly known as The Vault, in the hotel's lower ground floor. The bar is set to open in the summer.
Manchester Evening News, 3.5.22

North West pubs estate in line for £6.5m makeover

Pubs group Heineken UK is investing £5.5m in upgrading its North West pubs estate. A further £1m will be pumped in to the portfolio by the group's operators, the people who run the pubs. The improvement is part of a total £42m plan to refurbish and improve pubs around the country in its Star Pubs & Bars estate.
The Business Desk, 2.5.22

The Hippodrome Casino to invest £3m in three new dining options

The Global Gaming Award-winning Hippodrome Casino will expand its existing food and drink options this summer, with three new dining facilities planned following the acquisition of an additional 2,400 square feet of space.
Gambling Insider, 3.5.22

Grant awarded to restore historic building in Hexham

An historic public house in the centre of Hexham has been awarded a grant to breathe new life into the building. The Coach and Horses Public

House in Priestpopple, which is situated in the town's Conservation Area, has been awarded £240,000 by Northumberland County Council and Historic England through the Hexham High Streets Heritage Action Zone scheme (HSHAZ). Property owner Admiral Taverns, the UK's leading community pub group, is also investing £460,000 into the restoration of the Coach and Horses. *Northumberland County Council, 11.5.22*

New rooftop venue set for summer launch

A new cocktail bar is set to launch in Liverpool city centre this summer. The team behind Liverpool-headquartered Pub Invest Group are preparing to open Blush Rooftop Garden, above the popular Zanzibar in Seel Street. *Insider Media, 25.5.22*

Breaking Brands brings Coyote Ugly bar to London

Coyote Ugly is coming to London with the opening of a new venue in Camden Town. Coyote Ugly, which was the inspiration behind the multi-million dollar hit movie of the same name, will open its doors later in the summer 2022. The deal to open the new 5,000 sq ft, two-storey bar, which will be located in Camden Market, has been headed by Steve Lewis, chairman of the Breaking Brands group which owns the

UK franchise rights to Coyote Ugly. *RPBi News, 30.5.22*

Welsh gin bar set to open in Cardiff's Zt David's

Welsh bar Gin Ne Sais Quoi is the latest hospitality operator to take a site within the St David's development in Cardiff. Landsec, part of The St David's Partnership, owners of the destination, has announced that the specialist gin and cocktail venue will take a 6,800 sq ft space, split over two floors. Set to open in August, the new bar is a second location for the south Wales brand, with its debut site operating in Swansea's Shed Arcade. *Pub and Bar, 31.5.22*

CONTRACT CATERING

Eve enters £3m events deal with Chiswick House & Gardens

Eve - CH&CO Group's venue and events subsidiary – has secured a contract with London visitor attraction Chiswick House & Gardens. Under the three-year deal, worth about £3 million, eve will promote and sell events at the grade-I listed 18th-century venue through its interactive online platforms and central team. *Facilitate, 4.5.22*

Sodexo secures new contract at St Bartholomew's Hospital

Sodexo has been awarded the food services contract for the first and only independent hospital in the City of London: the new Nuffield Health at St Bartholomew's Hospital. The £1.1m contract will run for 18 months and sees Sodexo deliver patient dining as well as hospitality and staff dining at the 55-bed Nuffield Health Hospital, which opened on 3 May. *Public Sector Catering, 4.5.22*

BaxterStorey awarded contract with AQA

BaxterStorey, the UK's largest independent hospitality provider, has been awarded a three-year contract with AQA Education in Milton Keynes. The new partnership will see BaxterStorey open an onsite café for both employees and visitors. The contract will include an artisan coffee bar and in-house grab and go service, offering fresh paninis, salads, and sandwiches. *The Caterer, 11.5.22*

Sodexo takes on catering contract at Birmingham Women's Hospital

Sodexo has strengthened its successful 25-year relationship with Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust by taking on the catering contract at the women's hospital. The catering and facilities management firm, which already runs the

contract at the children's hospital, successfully bid for a tender that is worth up to £5 million throughout its duration. Sodexo will work on a number of improvements as well as investing in refurbishing the lower-level restaurant.
Public Sector Catering, 17.5.22

Seven-figure catering contract win for Bovingdons

Bovingdons has announced its has secured a catering contract, valued in the region of £1m, with London's Postal Museum. The 30-year-old catering company, which is based in the south east, will provide food and drink for the museum's café and events. The Postal Museum is supported by Royal Mail and Post Office Limited. Bovingdons already has partnerships with seven cafés and restaurants, which include the Little Ship Club, Museum of London Docklands and Nonsuch Mansion.
The Caterer, 23.5.22

Rhubarb secures contract for London's first permanent digital arts experience

Rhubarb Hospitality Collection has secured a contract to deliver events and run a café bar at Frameless, London's first permanent digital immersive arts experience. The 30,000 sq ft attraction in Marble Arch Place, will feature digital versions of iconic masterpieces from the likes of

Cezanne, Kandinsky, Monet, Canaletto, Rembrandt and Klimt. Works will be presented using 4k projection technology, with the space set to open its doors to guests in the autumn.
The Caterer, 25.5.22

Chartwells Independent strengthens Northern presence with contract wins

Chartwells Independent, part of the education catering arm of Compass UK & Ireland, has been awarded two new contracts to operate the catering at Hunter Hall in Cumbria and Abbey Gate College which is located just outside Chester.
Public Sector Catering, 30.5.22

LEISURE AND TOURISM

Work starts to transform Fat Budda site in Durham into new boutique bowling alley

Work has officially begun on the new Lane7 site in Durham. Plans for the new boutique bowling alley were announced a few months ago and contractors have now moved onto the site. The former Fat Budda in the Walkergate Scheme will be transformed as part of the £1.5m project and the new site is due to launch this summer. The new venue will boast walnut bowling lanes, cricket batting cages;

darts; beer pong; basketball hoops and arcades. As well as a large bar and an outdoor seating area.
East Durham News, 23.5.22