

HOTELS

The Manor in Burton to be replaced by The Bear of Burton in £2million refurbishment

A Christchurch hotel and pub is set to undergo a £2m refurbishment after it was sold to pub chain Fuller's last year. The Manor, in Salisbury Road, will be renamed The Bear of Burton as part of the redevelopment. Works at the site are due to start imminently. Officials from Fuller's say the eatery will be transformed as part of a complete overhaul.
Daily Echo, 2.1.2020

Two new London hotels added to Preferred's '20 for 20' campaign

Preferred Hotels & Resorts has announced a global openings programme to kick off the new decade that involves launching 20 hotels in 2020. Preferred claims to be the world's largest independent hotel chain. Its '20 in 20' campaign will include two new London hotels. The Leicester Square-set Londoner Hotel will open in June 2020. The Guardsman at Buckingham Gate, meanwhile, will open in April.
Boutique Hotelier, 6.1.2020

Dalata Hotel Group announces new property in Liverpool

Irish hotel group Dalata has announced a Maldron hotel opening in Liverpool, furthering its expansion into the UK market. Dalata has signed a lease to build a new hotel in Liverpool's Park Lane, adjacent to the Liverpool One retail and leisure complex. The build will begin in the first half of 2020 and Dalata plan on

opening the 260-room property in mid-2022.

Boutique Hotelier, 6.1.2020

Former Hilton Green Park to reopen as The Mayfair Townhouse

Iconic Luxury Hotels has announced plans for its fifth UK property, to be located within a set of seven listed Georgian buildings formerly home to the Hilton London Green Park. The 172-room Mayfair Townhouse will be situated on Half Moon Street close to Green Park Underground Station, and is scheduled to open in September. The Hilton London Green Park closed in September 2018, and the property is being gutted and refurbished, with features including a Penthouse suite and Garden suite, as well as The Dandy Bar, gym, and "versatile event spaces".
Business Traveller, 9.1.2020

New 156-room hotel planned for Birmingham city centre

Plans to transform two Birmingham city centre buildings into a hotel have been revealed. Czero Developments has submitted plans to turn the Murdoch Building and Pitman Chambers on Corporation Street into a 156-room hotel. The buildings date from the late 19th Century and are listed. Work will include restoration work to the buildings' historic shopfronts. The new hotel will include a co-working space, gym and meeting rooms.

The Business Desk, 12.1.2020

Infamous Broadmoor Hospital which once housed killers

including Ian Brady and the Yorkshire Ripper could be sold off to become a luxury hotel

The infamous Broadmoor Hospital that once housed killers including Ian Brady and the Yorkshire Ripper could be sold off to become a luxury hotel. The building is owned by West London NHS Trust, who will invite bids from deluxe hotel chains for the Victorian wing of the psychiatric facility. The anticipated multi-million pound windfall will go towards the £250million pound bill for a new hospital in the grounds. The redbrick 150-year-old building is currently empty after the patients were moved to the new high-security facility in Broadmoor grounds at Crowthorne, Berkshire, before Christmas.

Daily Mail, 13.1.2020

Premier Inn to open its tallest UK hotel yet in Canary Wharf in 2022

Premier Inn's tallest hotel in the UK is to open in London's Canary Wharf after property developer Rockwell completed a £106m deal with Aviva Investors to fund its construction. The 30-storey, 400-bedroom development has been designed by architects SimpsonHaugh and is scheduled for completion in early 2022. Additionally, 66 residential homes will be constructed on the site, which is adjacent to Westferry DLR station. The freehold had been bought by Aviva Investors' Lime Property Fund, with Premier Inn's parent company Whitbread acquiring a 30-year lease from them to open the hotel alongside a restaurant.

The Caterer, 15.1.2020

The Grand hotel in Birmingham to open in summer 2020

The Grand hotel in Birmingham is set to reopen in the summer as "one of the most prestigious hotels in the UK" following an extensive restoration of the Grade-II*-listed Victorian building. In 2017 it was announced that the 185-bedroom hotel would open under the Principal brand following the signing of a partnership between US-private investment company Starwood Capital Group with family-owned property company Hortons' Estate, owner of the hotel. However, following the sale of the Principal portfolio of hotels by Starwood to French company Covivio in 2018, the hotel will operate as an independent entity. *The Caterer, 16.1.2020*

The £300m luxury hotel with a secret tunnel to Harrods

A £300m luxury hotel development with a secret tunnel to Harrods has been given the green light by the local planning committee. The Knightsbridge hotel will be a one minute walk from the iconic London department store, but also includes a disused underground pedestrian and goods tunnel linking the two sites. Kensington and Chelsea's planning committee has granted Singapore's City Developments Limited (CDL) – which owns Millennium & Copthorne Hotels – permission to develop the Pavilion Road car park site. The proposed scheme will include 120 rooms across eight above-ground floors and three basement levels, with 23,000 sq ft of retail space and a spa. The new development will be the seventh London site for

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, which already has six venues in Kensington and Chelsea. *City AM, 21.1.2020*

Green light to transform Greenwich Magistrates' Court into hotel

LHG (London Hotel Group) has won planning permission to transform the former Greenwich Magistrates' Court in the capital into a hotel. Expected to open in 2022, planning permission has been granted to convert and extend the Grade II-listed building as well as two empty school buildings, into a 293-bedroom hotel. The ground floor of the former court and one of the school buildings will contain a bar, restaurant and café, and the project will also include the creation of a public square. Further facilities will include a gym, pool and conference centres. *The Caterer, 21.1.2020*

Oxford hotel plans granted approval

Plans to transform a former private club in Oxford into a hotel have been given the green light. The property at number 10 Crown Street in Cowley is largely unused and vacant on the ground floor. It has been earmarked for development by EST8 Investment Ltd. *Insider Media, 21.1.2020*

Belfast's Titanic Quarter to get third hotel after plans approved

Planning has been approved for a new 276-bed hotel in the Titanic Quarter in Belfast. The decision was taken at Belfast City Council's planning committee on Thursday night. The project, in Hamilton

Dock beside the Titanic Belfast visitor centre, will be the first in Northern Ireland for developers JMK Group. They say construction is expected to begin in spring 2020, with an opening date in summer 2021. *BBC News, 23.1.2020*

Green light for final phase of Signature Living George Best hotel

Planning permission has been granted for the final construction phase of Signature Living's George Best hotel, with a target completion date of June 2020. The property developer and hotel operator said funding is in place and now final planning consent has been granted by Belfast City Council, construction will "continue apace". The project will see the city's Scottish Mutual Building transformed into a 65-bedroom hotel celebrating the life and career of Northern Irish footballing icon George Best. The venue will offer a 150-cover ground floor bar and restaurant and a 120-cover top floor conference and wedding venue. *The Caterer, 24.1.2020*

Balmer Lawn Hotel unveils £4million expansion plans

An award-winning Hampshire hotel has unveiled a £4m expansion scheme which includes an extra 38 bedrooms. The four-star Balmer Lawn Hotel in Brockenhurst is also planning to plant more than 100 trees, extend its function room and create a new traffic system which will make it easier to enter and leave the site. *Southern Daily Echo, 24.1.2020*

Shiva Hotels to open property in Covent Garden

The 180 room hotel, Middle Eight, is set to open in May in the former Kingsway Hall Hotel on Great Queen Street. Of the hotel's food and beverage outlets, Sycamore Vina Cucina is central to Middle Eight's offerings. The restaurant will serve an all-day menu of Italian and Californian sharing dishes. The Balcony, overlooking Sycamore, will serve an all-day, globally inspired menu. *Boutique Hotel News, 31.1.2020*

RESTAURANTS

Tom Brown and Alyn Williams among chefs launching sites with Neil Rankin and Handley Amos' new Pepper Collective in 2020

Tom Brown, Alyn Williams, Gizzi Erskine and Jasmine Hemsley are among the high-profile chefs who will launch restaurants with the newly formed Pepper Collective in 2020. Headed by restaurateurs Neil Rankin, of Temper and Simplicity Burger, and Handley Amos, of Nando's, Benugo and Creams, Pepper Collective will provide investment opportunities, financial backing and expertise to support operators eyeing new projects. *The Caterer, 8.1.2020*

Adored Laksa Hotspot Sambal Shiok Will Open Economy Rice-Inspired Takeaway Next Door

Restaurateur Mandy Yin will build on the success of critically acclaimed, adored laksa restaurant Sambal Shiok by opening a new, as yet unnamed Malaysian takeaway next door on

Holloway Road. Yin says it will be "a completely separate concept to Sambal, a community-minded quick lunch and dinner option for students and local residents." *Eater London 13.1.2020*

Celebrated chef Michael Caines is taking over a restaurant in Cornwall

One of the country's most celebrated chefs is coming to Cornwall. Michael Caines will take over The Cove at Maenporth, the beach front restaurant just outside Falmouth. The restaurant will re-launch with Michael at the helm in March this year, following a light refurbishment. *Cornwall Live, 15.1.2020*

Part of former Dundee department store to be become a whisky bar and Asian restaurant

The further transformation of part of a former landmark department store in Dundee will see a three-floor Asian restaurant and whisky bar added, after plans were approved. Local hospitality firm Macmerry 300 Ltd has been given the green light to open North East on the second, third and fourth floors of the former Draffens department store above Bubus. The restaurant will serve up Asian-inspired dishes and additionally sell Scottish and Asian whiskies to be consumed off of the premises. *RPBi News, 28.1.2020*

Award winning chef to bounce back with new restaurant

Award winning chef Aiden Byrne has revealed he is opening his latest venture in Salford. Byrne, who was one of the youngest chefs in the country to win a

Michelin Star, is teaming up with millionaire businessman Fred Done for his latest venture. Developer Salbo, which is owned by Fred Done, has signed a deal with Byrne to open a new restaurant at its Local Blackfriars development in Salford. The venture will use all three floors of the restored Grade II listed Black Friar pub on the corner of Blackfriars Road and Trinity Way. *The Business Desk, 28.1.2020*

Nigerian Tapas Specialist Chuku's Gears Up to Open Debut Restaurant in Tottenham

Chuku's, one of 2019's most popular restaurant residencies, is close to opening its first permanent restaurant in Tottenham. The sibling duo Emeka and Ifeyinwa Frederick will launch the restaurant, serving Nigerian food in a tapas spirit and not in cultural crosshatching. *Eater London, 30.1.2020*

Bingham Riverhouse to partner with chef Steven Edwards for new restaurant

Bingham Riverhouse in Richmond has announced a new collaboration with chef Steven Edwards, with a new restaurant to set to launch in March at the boutique hotel. The partnership will mark Edwards' first venture in London and the restaurant will be called Steven Edwards at Bingham Riverhouse. *Boutique Hotelier, 31.1.2020*

PUBS and BARS

The Inn Collection Group adds more rooms to portfolio with Cumbria acquisition

The Inn Collection Group has acquired the Pheasant Inn, Cumbria, as its first 'build and buy' move of the new decade. The addition marks the northern pubco's twelfth property in the Northumberland, County Durham, Yorkshire, and Cumbria area. It aims to more than double its portfolio of freehold pubs with rooms by 2022. The 15-room, 17th century coaching inn is situated near Cockermouth and Keswick, at Bassenthwaite Lake, and was famously said to be a favourite pitstop of huntsman John Peel. It will continue to operate as usual until redevelopments are undertaken at an undisclosed date.

Boutique Hotelier, 7.1.2020

Soho House to open newest London venture in spring 2020

Soho House has revealed plans to open its latest London site in spring this year. The members' club and hospitality portfolio is to launch 180 House at 180 Strand later in 2020, comprising two floors of members' space, a restaurant and rooftop pool. Below will be Soho Works, a workspace designed for members.

Boutique Hotelier, 17.1.2020

Pub closed for nine years to reopen after £1m revamp

Gunton Arms owner Ivor Braka is preparing to reopen a rural north Norfolk pub later in the year after a £1m revamp. The Suffield Arms in Thorpe Market, near North Walsham, has been closed for nine years. Mr Braka, who is an art dealer, said: "We are looking to reopen after the summer."

North Norfolk News, 20.1.2020

£500k plans to transform former Blackburn nightclub into an entertainment venue

Plans to transform a former nightclub in Blackburn into a £500,000 entertainment venue have been approved. The former Switch nightclub building in St Peter Street will be turned into Q Lounge, a restaurant with a non-alcoholic cocktail and dessert bar on the ground floor. There will be an amusement arcade and snooker rooms on the first floor, after plans submitted to Blackburn with Darwen Council were approved.

RPBi News, 28.1.2020

Black Swan in Helmsley sold to new company

The Black Swan in Helmsley has been sold. The hotel, which dates back 500 years has been bought by The Inn Collection Group. The deal brings the group's portfolio to 13, following the company's purchase of The Pheasant in Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumbria earlier this month. The 45-bedroom The Black Swan will continue trading before the group begins a major redevelopment of the site, which will reopen under its 'eat, drink, sleep and explore' pubs with rooms brand. The Black Swan is The Inn Collection Group's second Yorkshire site.

The York Press, 23.1.2020

Rooftop restaurant for Brum's tallest tower

Luxury restaurant and bar group D&D London is to launch a rooftop restaurant at 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham's tallest new office tower. Sterling Property Ventures has agreed terms with D&D for a 25-year lease on 6,412 sq ft on the 23rd and 24th floors,

plus 1,653 sq ft on part of the ground floor. The rooftop restaurant at 103 Colmore Row will be on the 24th floor and will have a double-height space offering diners panoramic views across the city and beyond. The kitchen and back of house will be located on the 23rd floor. D&D will also operate a ground floor cocktail bar and café, with an outdoor terrace that will form an integral part of the building's feature winter garden. The anticipated opening date for both venues is autumn 2021.

Express & Star, 29.1.2020

CONTRACT CATERING

Family-run catering company wins Delamere Forest catering contract

Meadow Brown Restaurants has won the 10-year catering contract for the new visitor site at Delamere Forest in Cheshire. The 10-year contract with Forestry England will start in June when the venue, which will include a café, is expected to open. The expected turnover across the 10-year period is around £12m. The family-owned business, run by husband and wife Raj and Neera Regmi, also operates the Ferry Meadows café and Lakeside Kitchen & Bar at Nene Park in Peterborough, and the Woodland Manor hotel in Bedfordshire.

The Caterer, 13.1.2020

Totally Delicious wins £5m catering contract for three Newcastle museums

Staffordshire caterer Totally Delicious has won a seven-year, £5m contract to provide catering services to Tyne and Wear

Archives and Museums (TWAM) across three of its key venues. It will manage and operate event catering and cafés at the Discovery Museum, the Great North Museum and the Laing Art Gallery, all based in Newcastle Upon Tyne.

The Caterer, 15.1.2020

Green & Fortune wins Central Hall catering services contract

UK-based hospitality firm Green & Fortune has secured a £15m hospitality and retail catering services contract to serve at Central Hall Westminster. Under the five-year contract, Green & Fortune will cater for corporate events and public concerts held in the venue's 2,000-capacity Great Hall, the 150-seat Wesley's café and a street café. The agreement commences on 1 March.

Verdict Foodservice, 21.1.2020

Aramark signs up to 7-year deal with college in South West

Aramark Northern Europe has won a new seven-year contract to provide catering at South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS). From this month, Aramark takes over all the catering, food retail and hospitality services on the college's campuses in Wise, Filton, Berkeley Green and Stroud, delivering services to almost 15,500 students and college employees.

Facilitate, 22.1.2020

Central Hall Westminster appoints Green & Fortune as caterer

Hospitality and retail caterer Green & Fortune has won a contract to provide services for all corporate events at Central Hall

Westminster, a central London conference venue. The agreement starts on 1st March and includes catering for all corporate events in the venue's 25 spaces, its concert programme and the 150-seat café within the building as well as a street café opposite Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Central Hall Westminster is central London's largest purpose-built conference and events centre, combining historical elegance with cutting-edge technical capabilities.

Facilitate, 27.1.2020

Searcys to provide catering at the Royal Institution

Searcys has been appointed the new caterer at the Royal Institution, a Grade I listed venue in Mayfair, Central London. Located just off Piccadilly on the historic Albemarle Street, Searcys now runs the event catering and on-site café menus at the Royal Institution.

Facilitate, 31.1.2020

views, and a stunning new restaurant named The Deck.
The Headland, 6.1.2020

Cornwall's St Mellion hotel and golf resort to add 230 holiday lodges

The St Mellion International Resort has submitted a planning application to Cornwall Council for permission to invest £30m in the building of 230 holiday lodges on its 280-acre estate. St Mellion is owned by Crown Golf, the largest owner and operator of golf courses in the UK with 16 sites. The St Mellion lodges would be in addition to a wedding and events barn, a kids club, an adventure golf course and a farm shop.

Boutique Hotelier, 10.1.2020

LEISURE AND TOURISM

The Headland Aqua Club to Complete a Five-Star Destination

A new multi-million pound leisure complex at The Headland, The Aqua Club, will create a five-star destination for visitors to the luxury hotel and self-catering cottage village. The Aqua Club, planned to open Late Spring 2020, will contain five pools, a sun terrace with impressive ocean