



# Press Release

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## **RENOWNED RESTAURATEUR HEADS TO NORTH ENGLAND FOR THE FIRST TIME**

The international restaurant operator D&D LONDON is to open its first UK restaurant outside London at Trinity Leeds.

D&D LONDON owns and operates more than 30 of the world’s most exclusive restaurants with venues in London, Paris, Copenhagen, New York and Tokyo. D & D will now open two bespoke restaurants, totalling 12,000 sq ft at Trinity Leeds, the UK’s only major new retail development when the scheme opens in spring 2013.

D&D, whose other restaurants include Coq D’Argent, Skylon and Quaglino’s, will open a French restaurant and a grill serving British food, both of which will be designed by Conran and Partners, Sir Terence Conran’s interior design and architecture practice.

The restaurant concepts will be entirely new entries into the D&D portfolio and developed specifically for Trinity Leeds, which overlooks the Grade I listed Holy Trinity Church.

Des Gunewardena, Chairman and CEO of D&D London said:

“Trinity Leeds provides a tremendous opportunity to expand our business into a city which we believe has a very bright future as a retail destination. When completed, the scheme will be of true international quality and an excellent venue for our first restaurant in the North of England.”

John Grimes of Land Securities, said:

“Attracting the very best restaurant operators and designers has been a key strategy for our schemes. Shoppers want to be able to enjoy a day out that offers the best retail and leisure experience, and having world class restaurateurs on board adds considerably to the Trinity Leeds brand.”

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**Note to editors:**

- Trinity Leeds [[www.trinityleeds.com](http://www.trinityleeds.com)] is a 1 million sq ft urban regeneration development located in Leeds' prime shopping district bounded by Briggate, which sits within the top ten busiest streets in the UK.
- Trinity Leeds is situated in the heart of the city with 1 million sq ft of shopping and leisure and will include over 120 new shops, stores and restaurants, bringing big international brands and the best of fashion, food, arts and culture to Leeds.
- This urban city centre development will be a dynamic, evolving shopping experience and is set to become a retail beacon for the UK when it opens in spring 2013.
- The £350m development is the only major retail destination under construction in the UK.
- The development will take Leeds from 7th to 4th in the retail hierarchy in the UK (Source: CACI Report 2010)
- Leeds' shopper population will grow from 638,000 to 771,000 while the catchment area will increase from 5.2 to 5.5 million.
- The market potential increases accordingly from £1.66 to £1.93 billion weighted spend (same source as above)
- Trinity Leeds will include leading international brands such as Mango, Hollister, Cult, Topshop/Topman, H&M, Marks & Spencer's, Primark, Everyman, D&D London.
- Trinity Leeds has achieved unprecedented leasing progress to date with 60.7% of the scheme pre-let or in solicitors' hands. A substantial increase from 40% just over a year ago.
- Trinity Leeds will be home to the first sites out of London for two notable brands – a new Everyman cinemas and a new Conran Restaurant
- The site is designed to achieve BREEAM "Excellent" rating and 28% improvement above Part L (CO2 emissions) of the UK Building Regulations
- As the largest city after London and Birmingham Leeds' resident catchment is over 5.6 million with an annual spend of £15bn

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