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NEW VENUES 2016

NEW EVENT SPACES AT THE TATE MODERN

Tate Modern will see the addition of a dramatic new building to the south of the iconic riverside gallery, set to open in June 2016.

16 varied and flexible spaces from intimate drinks receptions, all day conferences and parties for up to 1,500, the unique and unforgettable Tanks provide striking spaces like no other in the city, and the viewing terrace with its 360 degree view across the London skyline will take your breath away.

SALTER'S HALL

An original medieval livery hall, licensed in 1348 and now refurbished, the Grade II listed building will soon have a pavilion entrance, suspended walkways, a glazed roof and a secret garden. It overlooks the stylish London Wall complex and has become a hub for banquets, receptions and all manner of events.

VICTORIAN BATH HOUSE

This exclusive venue, located a short distance from Liverpool Street Station, has been extensively refurbished and can accommodate up to 150 guests for corporate and private events.

Claire Lawson, Managing Director of Camm and Hooper, said: 'The Victorian Bath House is as magical as we imagined, it's quirky, luxurious, fun and the ability to transform it from day to evening, seated to standing, serious to fun is testament to the superb work by our design and operations teams. Whatever the occasion this gem in the City is sure to be a hit with our clients.'





Located on the 6th Floor at 2 More London Rivers de, The Tower Room offers stunning views and the versatility to accommodate a variety of events from conference, theatre and cabaret style meetings to corporate events, receptions, product launches and workshops. A choice of caterers and menu options are available upon request.



THE SWINGERS

It is not what you think. A converted WWII bunker, crazy golf Swingers is moving to a permanent, 16,000 ft location at the bottom of the Gherkin. Opening in April, prospective putters will find themselves navigating amongst two nine hole courses, four bars and London style food stalls. A gin terrace and a clubhouse will complete the experience and the space will be available for corporate hire.

FLUX INNOVATION LOUNGE

Flux Innovation Lounge, one of London's most celebrated creative venues, has now reopened with a fresh look and brand new innovative technologies!

This unforgettable interactive space offers a huge variety of options for events. It's perfect for meetings, networking events, breakfast briefings, product launches, collaborative working, receptions and workshops.

BANQUETING HOUSE

The majestic and magnificent Banqueting House, one of London's most prestigious events venues, is now due a little TLC. It is undergoing an important new project of building conservation and restoration work, focusing on cleaning and repairing the grand Portland stonework on the venues façade. An impressive scaffold will be erected to cover the entire building which will be wrapped with a colourful and alluring hoarding, visible from most of Whitehall. Large and vibrant images will depict scenes from the priceless Rubens ceiling within the venue, enticing guests with a taste of what to expect from the inspiring Main Hall on their visit.

UNDERGROUND GALLERY AND VENUE SPACE IN THAMES TUNNEL SHAFT

The Brunel museum is conceiving the world's first underwater tunnel and birthplace of the modern underground system into an impressive performance space for hire.

The Rotherhithe entrance shaft to the Thames Tunnel will serve as a venue for museum events and live performance for audiences of up to 135 people.

IET SAVOY PLACE

Following a £30m refurbishment, IET London has reopened its doors, completely transformed and filled with the latest AV and event technology. Key spaces include the Riverside Room, for conferences and dinners, overlooking the Thames, the Heritage Library and its 2 private balconies, and the main Lecture Theatre with conferencing comfort for 451 as well as live streaming facilities.

A brand new roof terrace completes the package with space for over 200 delegates to enjoy the view right across London from St Paul's Cathedral to the Houses of Parliament.

MUSEUM OF BRANDS AND PACKAGING

The Museum of Brands is opening in a new exciting location in Notting Hill. The new Museum will have even more on offer, including larger exhibition areas and new venue hire spaces.

The Museum offers exceptional conference facilities and access to an incredible collection spanning 200 years of consumer culture. Our light, air-conditioned conference space overlooks a picturesque mews and is perfect for daytime team days, meetings or creative sessions, with full catering services to suit your event.

The Museum is also available to hire for evening events and acts as a unique backdrop for product launches, networking events and dinners.

BREWER STREET CARPARK

A new venue in the heart of Soho, Brewer Street car park is the new venue for London Fashion Week. Originally designed by architect JJ Joass in 1929, it now hosts audio-visual shows, exhibitions and installations, including the International Fashion Showcase that took place in February.

CenterEd AT EXCEL LONDON

A new training and meeting facility that can hold up to 400 delegates has opened at ExCeL London.

The new £1.5 million centre, CenterEd at ExCeL, is made up of 29 training rooms and features panoramic waterside views across London. It will have a private entrance and dedicated reception area, as well as dockside balcony access.

Other features at CenterEd ExCeL include coffee lounges with unlimited tea and coffee, a waterfront self-service restaurant, internet stations and business services, built-in audio visual services in each room and free Wi-Fi.

ALEXANDRA PALACE REVAMP

Alexandra Palace has been awarded £18.8m of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to restore its historic spaces to their former glory.

The Victorian Theatre will be made available for events, accommodating up to 1,300 people, while the BBC studios – the birthplace of high-definition television broadcasts in 1936 – will be turned into an interactive visitor attraction, drawing on the BBC's archives.

THE DESIGN MUSEUM

2016 will see London's Design Museum relocate to the Commonwealth Institute building in Kensington. The move will give the museum three times more space than in its current location at Shad Thames, with vastly improved learning facilities and a dedicated gallery to display its permanent collection, it will be accessible free of charge, and it will bring the museum into Kensington's cultural quarter.

HERE EAST

Smart Group is opening a new meetings and events space within the former London 2012 Olympics Press and Broadcast Centre, known as Here East.

Events at Here East is a 28,000 square ft venue divided into two floors.

The 4,000 square ft ground level is designed for receptions, and the larger first floor comprises of meeting rooms, breakout spaces and an auditorium that can seat up to 1,000 guests.

A private terrace can accommodate up to 2,000 standing and overlooks the nearby canal. The new large space is being marketed at planners of creative brand activations, product launches and consumer engagement events, as well as dinners, award ceremonies, conferences, teambuilding activities and parties.

INN THE PARK

This summer Peyton Events will reopen the roof terrace situated at this beautiful venue located in the middle of St. James Park.

Nestled among the greenery and lakes of St James's Park, Inn the Park offers a great location with beautiful surroundings for a spectacular summer event for up to 300 people.

Inn the Park is a wonderfully innovative Café Restaurant that blends seamlessly into its surroundings to offer a natural oasis right in the heart of London.

NEW HOTELS 2016



HILTON LONDON BANKSIDE

The Hilton London Bankside is moments from Tate Modern close to Borough Market, Shakespeare's Globe, the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. The hotel has 292 contemporary rooms and suites, exquisite dining which includes a restaurant with show kitchen and 10 meeting and event rooms.

NTERCONTINENTAL LONDON AT THE 02

A new luxury hotel located in historic Royal Greenwich on the vibrant Greenwich Peninsula. The famous O2 arena will adjoin the hotel via a covered walkway, as well as being minutes from ExCel London on the Emirates Airline cable car. The hotel features 453 spacious guest rooms and suites spread over 18 floors and has over 20 meeting rooms. Restaurants and Bars have been designed as destination venues, with an impressive line up of all day dining and fine dining options, as well as a main bar and Tea Salon to perfectly complement the Sky Bar with its mix of vibrant and relaxing entertainment spaces.

CITIZEN M TOWER OF LONDON

CitizenM Tower of London hotel offers 370 bedrooms over eight floors above Tower Hill London Underground Station. A ground floor cafe and gallery, bar, living room spaces and a SocietyM business club on the eighth and ninth levels complete the package.

FOUR SEASONS TRINITY SQUARE

The former Port of London Authority building has been redeveloped as one of the most exclusive addresses in London. With 98 guestrooms and suites, the site at Ten Trinity Square will also include 41 private residences.

TOBACCO DOCK HOTEL

To the north of the historic <u>Tobacco Dock</u>, the Tobacco Dock Hotel will include 242 fully serviced hotel rooms and 63 apartments, a restaurant and cafe facing a publicly accessible piazza. The design features a dramatic six storey entrance atrium, and interiors also reference the docks' original use as a warehouse for tobacco, wines, wool, and animal skins in the 1800s.

HIGHGATE HOLDINGS COMES TO LONDON

The NY Hotel Giant is starting its 20-hotel portfolio with a 30-storey iconic building on Shoreditch High Street, opening at the end of 2018. At the heart of the Highgate scheme is a 200 bedroom luxury hotel which will include 100,000 square ft of office space as well as retail and leisure spaces, and a sky lounge.

MOXY STRATFORD, ROYAL DOCKS AND HEATHROW

Moxy, Marriott's hotels for tech-savvy young travellers - a brand 'defined by attitude rather than affordability' - plans to open 11 new hotels across Europe by the end of 2016, three of which will be in London. The first of these is the 8 storey 279 bedroom Moxy London Stratford, adjacent to the Olympic Park.

It will be followed by Moxy London Royal Docks, close to the ExCel Exhibition Area. Finally, Moxy London Heathrow Airport opens in winter 2016. Redesigning the traditional economy experience, Moxy Hotels feature vibrant lobby spaces, 24/7 self-service grab and go and free Wi-Fi.

EVERY HOTELS

The 83 bedroom Every Hotel Piccadilly has been retagged from the former Thistle Piccadilly hotel, intending to offer limited service within the four star market. Bedrooms feature Hypnos beds, rainfall showers, Smart TVs, Nespresso coffee machines and complimentary soft drinks mini bar, with free Wi-Fi.

PARK PLAZA LONDON WATERLOO

Hercules House, a tired and dated 1960s government office building - best known as the home of the now defunct Central Office of Information - is given a complete makeover and transformed into the 494 bedroom Park Plaza London Waterloo.

The modern Park Plaza London Waterloo is the newest of the four star Park Plaza hotels in central London. Dine at the hotel's on-site restaurant, café or bar, or stay in your comfortable room or suite and order room service. Relax in the on-site spa, sauna or heated indoor pool, and stay connected with free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel.

THE GREAT SCOTLAND YARD

Lulu Group International has agreed a £110m deal to open a five star, super luxury hotel in the Great Scotland yard building in 2017. Watch this space for more details.

NOBU HOTEL LONDON

Famous for the restaurant chains popular with A-list celebrities, Nobu is opening its first European hotel in London in 2016. The five storey, 156 bedrooms Nobu Hotel Shoreditch will boast an angular glass design with concrete balconies and steel beams. The restaurant over three floors will become the hub of the resort, showcasing a menu developed by Chef Nobu Matsuhisa, exclusively for the hotel.

Nobu Hotel Shoreditch will also feature banqueting and meeting spaces, a fitness room and a private garden.

NEW RESTAURANTS 2016



NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Time to get your art on! The Portrait Restaurant's airy new interiors have been designed by Linda Turner featuring a stone and bronze bar, giving way to charcoal grey banquettes and chairs offset by accents of bronze, while some suitably arty vertical fins— floating between the ceiling and floor— give tables a bit more privacy.

GERMAN GYMNASIUM

D&D London opened the German Gymnasium, one of London's largest restaurants. The former home to the German Gymnastics Society in London was being redeveloped to create a ground floor 150 cover brasserie and bar with outdoor terraces. There is also a smaller restaurant and private dining area on a mezzanine level. The restaurant seats 447 people.

SAILLOFT GREENWICH

The Sail Loft serves up fresh food and fabulous drinks with a side order of stunning views. Drink or dine at the water's edge courtesy of the beautiful outdoor terrace, or enjoy the panoramic cityscape from the Captains private cabin, with capacity for up to 50 guests.

100 WARDOUR STREET

This venue will be set over two floors, with an all-day restaurant, lounge and cocktail bar situated on the ground floor and a second restaurant space on the lower ground floor. 100 Wardour St will be able to host 872 delegates for events and space for dining for 425 guests

FLEMINGS MAYFAIR

The Flemings Mayfair hotel is opening a newly refurbished restaurant. The new Flemings Mayfair menu will offer seasonal Jersey produce to reflect Rankin's love for the island, including fresh lobster, crab, oysters, hand-dived scallops, Jersey royals, hand-picked shoreline and foraged herbs.

PHARMACY 2

English artist and entrepreneur Damien Hirst's new gallery space, the Newport Street Gallery, will soon play host to his new restaurant venture, Pharmacy 2 – great for smaller groups.

The space will work as a canteen for visitors to the gallery during the day and offer a fine dining experience in the evening. Hirst's pictures are expected to decorate the walls, particularly his famous 'pill' images.

THE BOTANICALS

Michelin-starred chef Tom Aikens is set to open a new flagship restaurant in London serving 'British tapas' and featuring a botanicals bar, though a site has not yet been confirmed. The restaurant will feature a central bar to divide the restaurant into more and less formal spaces, and cocktails will be a large part of the offering, with mixologists making syrups and tonics from scratch.

FATTY CRAB

The first UK branch of the US restaurant Fatty Crab will offer diners plenty of delicious options. The menu will be Indonesian based, so expect steamed buns, nasi lamak, and the chain's signature Dungeness crab with chilli sauce. While menus vary at each restaurant location, groups dining at Fatty Crab can expect Fatty's specialities such as the fatty duck, chilli crab, and watermelon pickle and crispy pork.

Be warned, this is a finger pulling, chewing, crunching sort of crab menu rather than the usual knife and fork dishes diners might be used to.

SEXY FISH

If a nightingale sang in Berkeley Square today, would the song be 'You Sexy Thing'?

The Caprice Group has poured mind-blowing amounts of everything into transforming a former branch of NatWest bank into one of London's most opulent restaurants. Sexy Fish is an Asian fish and seafood restaurant, which includes a private dining space, The Coral Reef Room, that houses two of the largest live coral reef tanks in the world.

THE IVY TOWER BRIDGE

The IVY restaurant group will open a new 8,000 sq ft river facing brasserie at the newly developed One Tower Bridge Complex. Eagerly awaiting its arrival in August 2016.

STOP PRESS!



EXHIBITIONISM — The Rolling Stones — Screaming into London in April 2016

The Rolling Stones. Enough said. The most iconic rock and roll band in the world – ever.

Loved by all generations, they have played to more people in more countries that any other band. Their influence on popular culture- music, fashion, design, film, art- is unrivalled across five decades.

2016 will see the global launch of **EXHIBITIONISM** – the first international touring exhibition on The Rolling Stones – opening at the Saatchi Gallery in London in April.

Taking over two entire floors of the Saatchi Gallery with 9 thematic galleries, **EXHIBITIONISM** combines over 500 original Stones' artefacts, with striking cinematic and interactive technologies offering the most comprehensive and immersive insight into the band's fascinating fifty year history.

After years of meticulous planning, **EXHIBITIONISM** offers a perspective that only the band's own archive can provide. The exhibition is an exhilarating tour through the Rolling Stones' vast artistic oeuvre,

including original stage designs, backstage paraphernalia, priceless guitars and instruments, iconic costumes, rare audio tracks and unseen video clips, diaries, artwork, and unique audiovisual

presentations that celebrate every aspect of their careers. Collaborations and work by a vast array of artists, designers, musicians and writers will be included—from Andy Warhol, Shepard Fairey, and Martin Scorcese to Alexander McQueen and Ossie Clark.

In line with other hugely successful international exhibitions, **EXHIBITIONISM** will provide an unforgettable experience for all – young, old and in between!

Your exclusive opportunity

For corporate partners, conference hosts, event organisers, or private individuals, it also provides a unique entertainment platform for clients, guests and employees alike.

Between April and September 2016, there will be a limited number of opportunities to hold private events inside the Exhibition, taking over the Gallery and giving exclusive access for your guests to enjoy a behind-the-scenes viewing of this world first event.

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MASTERPIECE LONDON 2016

Under one grand roof, Masterpiece London offers for sale 5,000 years of art history, jewellery and design; from antiquity to contemporary. Each year the fair offers carefully curated museum quality pieces and presents a unique opportunity to buy the best pieces available in the current market.

Returning to The Royal Hospital Chelsea at the end of June (29 June – 6 July, 2016), the fair will once again bring together over 150 exhibitors representing every major market discipline to create an unparalleled event for collectors and curators, and provide something of interest for every visitor.

This is the perfect event for client entertainment or to host a private breakfast or evening reception.

Event spaces available at Masterpiece include:

- The Masterpiece Terrace: a covered outdoor terrace that accommodates up to 300 people standing
- The Lecture Theatre: a lavishly designed, flexible space that can be used for lectures and reception events alike. This space can accommodate up to 150 people standing and 80 people seated
- Two unique Salon spaces: that can accommodate up to 50 people standing
- The Steinway Salon: featuring beautiful Steinway pianos in an intimate space that can accommodate up to 20 people standing



TEAM BUILDING AND INCENTIVES

GO APE CITY PARK ADVENTURE

Nestled a stone's throw from the buzz of the city, this high ropes adventure takes one beautiful corner of Battersea Park and adds a healthy dollop of breath taking London scenery. Go Ape offer tailored corporate events and have various 'outdoorsy' catering options and on-site conference facilities.

SENIOR CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAMBUILDING AT TRINITY HOUSE

The elegant home of the General Lighthouse Authority has teamed up with powerboat charter company Solent Rib Charter. The experience starts with a light breakfast, followed by a thrilling Thames Rib Blast on the river. The boats can accommodate up to eight guests each and while the duration of the ride is flexible, most opt for a two-hour blast through central London and/or to the Thames Barrier and back.

Participants then return to Trinity House for a champagne lunch.

ABSEIL DOWN THE ARCELORMITTAL ORBIT

The looping red steel giant, commissioned for the London 2012 Olympic Games, overlooks the

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and at 80 metres high, is the UK's tallest sculpture. Now, brave members of the general public are welcome to visit the top, enjoy the panoramic views... and then abselt their way back down!

CIRCUS SPACE

Firstly, it was one of London's cool original event ready urban spaces and secondly it's an actual school for people who dream of running away with the circus. The integral apparatus and equipment means that this unique events venue is perfect for team building and corporate away days with an acrobatic twist...You can even learn trapeze and tightrope walking!

THE VIEW FROM THE SHARD'S VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE

The Shard has partnered with virtual reality content provider Visualise to create the experience for Samsung Gear VR headsets, which transports users to the top of The Shard to experience a 360-degree video time-lapse captured over 48 hours, comparable to standing 1,000 feet above London. Revealed ahead of London's highest viewing platform's second anniversary on 1 February 2015, the virtual view is the first of its kind for a UK landmark.

CAPITAL KARTS

Become the racer of your dreams in one of the largest and most exciting tracks in the whole of Europe. Karting will give you and your team an adrenalin rush that you will not forget easily! If you are looking only for a little ride around a track or for a more energetic race, this will be the ideal activity!

OSEA ISLAND

This beautiful secret island is nestled in the crystal clear Blackwater estuary. A tranquil oasis of total calm and lush beauty awaits you and your guests when you arrive by boat and disembark via your own private beach. The island can sleep up to 130 guests and is the perfect get-away for conferences, teambuilding expeditions or corporate away days. There are four miles of coastline and 350 acres of idyllic countryside to explore, as well as plenty of exciting activities from glamping to cycling, fishing and even swimming in their tide filled saltwater swimming pool.

ASHLONE BUILDINGS BOAT HOUSE

With the world's most prominent Boat Race rounding the bend, this cool warehouse style space on the banks of the Thames in Putney is a rare find. Available for a wide variety of corporate and private events from drinks receptions to seminars and even small conferences, with uninterrupted Thames views, the Boat House is modelled on a navy ship complete with main deck, mess room and even a galley! Come Boat Race day there is no finer vantage point, so for a completely unique experience (and shelter from the elements), check out this excellent new venue which would be the perfect hospitality facility for Thames side entertaining on Boat Race Day and beyond.

CIRQUE LE SOIR

For a crazy, immersive experience, Cirque Le Soir will enable you to push boundaries in an 'magical-macabre' environment with their quirky floorshows, interactive funfair and a hoard of weird and wonderful acts that can be as outrageous or as innocent as your event needs them to be. Bespoke cocktails and canapes can be created exclusively for your event.



TRAVEL TIPS

CHINESE SINGLE VISA TO UK AND EUROPE

Chinese tourists and entrepreneurs can now obtain UK and European visas in a single process. FCO provides an on-demand visa service which is currently available in 59 cities from January 2016.

In addition, they also operate a mobile visa service whereby a representative will go to a location of the applicants' choice, take their biometrics and check through the application form. The process takes approximately five minutes and group sizes of up to 100 can be accommodated.

LONDON CITY AIRPORT EXPANSION

The expansion of London City Airport will increase the operative annual flights to 111,000. Infrastructure development includes increased runway capacity, to allow more flights at peak times and accommodate the next generation of quieter, more fuel efficient aircraft with longer ranges; opening up new markets not currently served from London City Airport.

DIAMOND AIR INTERNATIONAL

DiamondAir International is the world's leading provider of the finest luxury airport services, delivering a first class experience on the ground at more than 465 airports worldwide, including various rail stations. They have looked after the world's highest net worth and highest profile individuals for over 30 years and continue to be the first choice for premium travel. Available on Departure, Arrival and Transit. DiamondAir offer two core services:

Airport Concierge - VIP Airport Meet & Assist in airports and train stations worldwide
Airport by Invitation - ultimate in privacy and exclusivity through various airports worldwide.

SILVERKRIS SERVICE AT HEATHROW'S NEW LOUNGE

Singapore Airlines has unveiled its brand new SilverKris Lounge at Heathrow T2. With separate areas dedicated to first and business class customers, a total of 208 seats are on offer, complete with roving hosts to look after guests throughout their stay. A 'taste of Singapore' theme will feature freshly cooked food as well as complementary wines, beers, spirits and champagne.

LONDON BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT HELI SHUTTLE SERVICE

The dedicated on demand service to the London Heliport in Battersea is the shortest journey time of any business airport in the UK to London. A fleet of AgustaWestland AW109 helicopters, configured for six passengers and operated by resident charter firm Castle Air, whisk arriving business jet passengers from Biggin Hill to London within six minutes. Included in the price is a complimentary door-to-door chauffeur service to the clients' final destination in London. No prior notice is required to book.

