

CESA's monthly round-up of news and movements in the hospitality industry of interest to equipment manufacturers and suppliers

RESTAURANTS

Masterchef's Gregg Wallace to launch café concept in Putney

Masterchef's Gregg Wallace and Justin Carter, formally of the Elbow Room, are to open their first greengrocer/café concept Wallace & Co. in Putney. The pair have acquired the former Red's site in Upper Richmond Road for an undisclosed amount, after first announcing plans to open a chain in April, and expect to launch the business in time for Christmas.

BigHospitality News, October 20, 2009

Selfridges extends Pierre Koffmann's pop-up restaurant yet again

Pierre Koffmann's pop-up restaurant at Selfridges has been extended for the third time, the department store announced today. The former three-Michelin-starred chef patron of the famous La Tante Claire restaurant will now run the temporary eatery on the roof of the Oxford Street store from 2 November to 27 November.

CatererSearch News, 28 October 2009

Soho House Group opens pizza restaurant

Soho House Group has added another restaurant to its growing empire with the opening of a pizzeria in the Tea Building on Shoreditch High Street in London. Pizza East, which opened its doors last Friday, is situated on the ground floor of the former Lipton Tea warehouse in London's East End, the location of the group's latest private members' club Shoreditch House. The 170-cover restaurant, overseen by general manager Kelly Taylor, is described as a 'modern take on the pizzeria' with a focus on using seasonal and local produce.

BigHospitality News, October 21, 2009

High times as BT reopens its revolving restaurant

The revolving restaurant at the top of the BT Tower in central London is to be reopened for the

first time in nearly 30 years. BT has recently begun searching for a big-name chef to oversee the restaurant on the 34th floor. Among those it plans to approach are Heston Blumenthal, Jamie Oliver and Gary Rhodes, who runs a restaurant on the 24th floor of Tower 42, formerly the NatWest building, in the City. The revived restaurant will undergo a full refurbishment before it reopens, in about Christmas 2011. It is likely to have seating for 60-70 diners.

Sunday Times, November 1, 2009

One Moorgate Place will be open to both ICAEW members and the public

Contract caterer ISS Eaton has opened a fine-dining restaurant inside the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) in Moorgate Place this month. Formerly Esca, One Moorgate Place serves a modern European menu to members of the ICAEW as well as the public, following a six-figure refurbishment to the premises.

BigHospitality News, October 21, 2009

Riva Restaurant on Gravesend's historic pier set to reopen

Gravesend's world-famous pier is set to reopen on the 7th November as its restaurant Riva opens its doors under new management.

Eat Out, November 3, 2009

Loungers' new site in Southampton

Loungers — the Bristol-based cafe-bar business that picked up the Most Impressive Growth award at this year's MA150 awards — has opened a new site in a suburban part of Southampton and has two openings lined up for the next six months. The company has spent £335,000 converting a former Pizza Hut in the Portswood area into Trago Lounge, a venue with 130 covers internally and 70 externally.

Morning Advertiser, November 12, 2009

Inc Group to open two Canary Wharf restaurants

Greenwich-based restaurant and bar company Inc Group is adding two ventures to its expanding empire, Battery and Tompkins, both of which will be located in Canary Wharf. Battery will open in December in place of the former Nobu-owned restaurant Ubon and will provide panoramic views across the city and Docklands. Next year a private members' bar, Battery Club, will be added to the third floor providing a more intimate dining area, with an understated decor comprising wooden panelling and leather sofas.

BigHospitality News, October 23, 2009

Glasgow restaurant allows diners to cook own meals

A new restaurant to open in Glasgow next month allows diners to cook their own meals in what is being hailed as the 'UK's first cooking club.' As well as operating as a normal restaurant, Cookie will allow members of its exclusive cooking club to cook their own food under the supervision of head chef Iain Walker, as part of founders Domenico del Priore and Dr Melanie McCallum's aim to 'educate and promote healthy food practice.'

BigHospitality News, October 26, 2009

Chinese restaurant becomes third eaterie at City of London Crowne Plaza

A destination Chinese restaurant has become the third eaterie to open at the Crowne Plaza London – The City.

The 80-cover Chinese Cricket Club is available alongside Refettorio, directed by Michelin-starred chef Giorgio Locatelli, and all-day dining concept the Lobby Lounge.

CatererSearch, 30 October, 2009

Marco Pierre White eyes expansion of Wheeler's fish restaurant

Marco Pierre White has relaunched Luciano, his Italian restaurant in St. James's, as fish restaurant Wheeler's, with plans to expand the world's 'oldest and finest' fish brand in London and Dubai over the coming years. Having opened earlier this month, the 170-cover restaurant has 'reworked, updated and improved' the classic seafood recipes

of the original Wheeler's brand, which has been in the capital since 1856.

BigHospitality News, 30 October, 2009

Avant garde Supperclub to open in London next month

Supperclub, the conceptual nightclub and restaurant group infamous for offering in-bed dining and cross-dressing waiters, is to open a venue in London next month. Supperclub London, located in Notting Hill on the site of former nightclub Subterranea, will open its doors at the end of November, joining sites such as the original in Amsterdam, Istanbul and Los Angeles.

CatererSearch, 30 October, 2009

Edinburgh's David Ramsden expands his Dogs restaurant chain

Edinburgh-based David Ramsden has opened Underdogs, his third venture in 18 months and plans to open a fourth, Seadogs, next year. Aply-named bar Underdogs opened earlier this month in the basement of Ramsden's second venture (A)more Dogs, an Italian-themed restaurant situated on Hanover Street near his British-themed offering, The Dogs.

BigHospitality News, 30 October, 2009

Three-Michelin-starred chef Daniel Boulud set to open restaurant at Mandarin Oriental hotel in London

Three-Michelin-starred French chef Daniel Boulud is set to come to London and will open a restaurant at the Mandarin Oriental hotel in Knightsbridge next spring.

CatererSearch, November 5, 2009

Pop-up Sketch to open at Royal Academy of Arts

Pierre Gagnaire and Mourad Mazouz's Mayfair restaurant Sketch is to open a sustainable pop-up cafe at the Royal Academy of Arts (RAA) in London next month to coincide with the opening of a new art exhibition GSK Contemporary, Earth: Art of a Changing World. The 70-cover cafe will open on December 3 for two months and will serve breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea from a menu devised by Gagnaire with a nod towards the

exhibition's theme of an artistic response to the climate change debate.

BigHospitality News, November 9, 2009

Marco Pierre White to open restaurants in Lancashire

Marco Pierre White has revealed plans to open two restaurants and an events venue in Lancashire next year in a deal with hospitality management company Sanguine Hospitality. The first, Marco Pierre White at the West Tower, will open in Aughton in January as a wedding and events venue. White's second venture in the North West - a restaurant, will open at the Swan Inn pub in Aughton with the third - Marco Pierre White Steakhouse Bar & Grill - opening at the Doubletree by Hilton hotel in Chester in the latter part of the month.

Big Hospitality News, November 12, 2009

Mark Hix to open restaurant and Champagne bar in Selfridges

British chef Mark Hix is to add to his burgeoning empire of restaurants by opening a Hix Restaurant and Champagne bar at the Oxford Street branch of department store Selfridges. A joint venture with Selfridges and Sir Terrence Conran, Hix Restaurant and Champagne Bar will be located on the store's ground floor on a mezzanine in the space formerly occupied by the Gallery restaurant.

CatererSearch, November 12, 2009

POD reveals expansion plans

Pod, the healthy fast food pioneer, is continuing to expand its eco-friendly dining business across London with the opening of its fourth site on New Street Square along with three further sites which will be opening soon.

Eat Out, November 13, 2009

Award-winning chef Malcolm John to open new site in Sutton

Malcolm John, owner of neighbourhood restaurants Le Cassoulet and Fish & Grill in Croydon and Chiswick's Le Vacherin, has acquired a new site in the Greater London borough of Sutton. The award-winning chef-restaurateur, who has worked at London's Bluebird Club and the Café Royal, has exchanged on the lease for the former

Smollensky's in Sutton, Surrey. John will revamp the site and relaunch it as Brasserie Vacherin Malcolm John at the beginning of December, with 80-seats plus an additional 40 in the garden.

CatererSearch, November 16, 2009

HOTELS

Marston's Travelodge Site Share In Cornwall

Travelodge has just signed its second site-sharing deal with brewer Marston's. The Wadebridge, Cornwall, site will have a Travelodge next to a Marston's pub. Meanwhile the budget hotel chain slashed its prices from £29 to £19 a night, in the fight for market share with Premier Inn and Holiday Inn Express, and made 15 head office staff redundant in an effort to cut costs.

Mail on Sunday, Nov 1 2009

Moran plans £20m revamp of Chiswick hotel

The Moran Hotel Group has revealed plans to invest £20m in a major extension to its four-star property in West London's Chiswick. The extension, which will create 80 new jobs, will see the addition of 81 new bedrooms bringing the total up to 200; 16 meeting rooms, a banqueting facility which will cater for up to 300 people, support areas and additional underground parking facility for 90 cars.

CatererSearch, October 19, 2009

IHG to open second InterContinental hotel in London

InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) has signed a deal to open its second InterContinental-branded hotel in London. The company, which opened its flagship InterContinental London Park Lane in 1975, has agreed a 20-year management contract with franchisee Splendid Hotel Group for a 254-room six storey property in Westminster

CatererSearch, October 26, 2009

Apex London Wall Set To Open In Financial District

Following the successful opening of the Apex City of London hotel four years ago; Apex Hotels are to open a second London property this November, in

the form of Apex London Wall. Situated in the very centre of London's financial district, close to the Bank of England; the brand new four-star deluxe property will boast 89 luxury guest bedrooms and suites, a quintessentially British restaurant, a cocktail bar and a fitness suite.

Eat Out, October 26, 2009

Cairn Group buys former Swallow Imperial hotel in Jesmond

Cairn Hotel Group has picked up the freehold on the Imperial Hotel in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which was on the market for a guide price of £5m. The 122-bedroom hotel in Jesmond, which was owned by a fund managed by F&C Reit Asset Management, previously operated under the Swallow brand. The Cairn Hotel Group, which currently operates 16 hotels across England and Scotland, plans to invest a "substantial sum" to reposition the Imperial, part of which was destroyed by fire in early 2008.

CatererSearch, October 27, 2009

Former Acorn winner to head up new £20m hotel in York

Former Caterer and Hotelkeeper Acorn winner Andrew Coney has been appointed general manager of a new, £20m hotel in York. The Grand hotel and spa is being developed by Yorkshire-based hotel group Cedar Court, which has four hotels in the region, as its first five-star venue. The former North-eastern Railway Company's (NERC) headquarters - a landmark building built in 1907 - is being converted to host the new operation, which is to be headed up by Coney as general manager.

CatererSearch, October 28, 2009

IHG to open Holiday Inn at Manchester's MediaCityUK complex

InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) has signed a deal to open a new Holiday Inn hotel at the MediaCityUK development in Manchester. The 218-room hotel, with a bar, restaurant, gym facilities and meeting rooms, is expected to begin operating in autumn 2010. MediaCityUK, a brand new development on Salford Quays, will be the home to

2,500 BBC staff from five departments, when it opens in 2011.

CatererSearch News, October 29, 2009

BaxterStorey will continue to supply catering to Barclays Bank

BaxterStorey has secured an extended contract with Barclays Bank, which sees the caterer continue to supply catering across all Barclays UK non-branch offices. The five-year agreement requires BaxterStorey to cater for 24,000 members of staff at 18 locations through a combination of staff restaurants, coffee and deli bars.

Cost Sector Catering, November 3, 2009

Seven more Travelodge sites will open between now and Christmas

Travelodge has revealed plans to open seven new hotels between now and this Christmas with the aim of staffing them entirely with the long-term unemployed. The hotels will open for business in Edinburgh, Bournemouth, Farnborough, Macclesfield, Newquay, Liverpool and Norwich by the end of the year, adding another 575 rooms to Travelodge's estate and creating 150 new jobs.

Big Hospitality News, November 3, 2009

Bespoke acquires former Legacy hotel in Cardiff

Legacy Hotels has handed control of The Royal Hotel in Cardiff over to Bespoke Hotels, after the group's management contract on the property expired. The UK arm of Legacy Hotels and Resorts took control of the 64-bedroom Royal Hotel in June this year, after its previous operator Niche Hotels went into administration in December 2008.

Big Hospitality News, November 5, 2009

American Embassy in London to become luxury hotel

The American Embassy in London is poised to become a new luxury hotel, following an agreement by a Qatari real estate investment company to buy the iconic building for an undisclosed sum. While Qatari Diar has not announced what it intends to do with the property in Grosvenor Square, Mayfair - home to the American Embassy for nearly 50 years - it is

believed the Grade II-listed Modernist building will be turned into a hotel and apartments.

CatererSearch, November 9, 2009

AB Hotels to open boutique hotel in Marylebone

AB Hotels, operator of Sopwell House in Hertfordshire and Five Lakes in Essex, will open an 82-bedroom boutique townhouse hotel in Great Cumberland Place at Marylebone, London next month. The Arch, made up of seven Georgian townhouses and two mews homes and designed by RDD Interior Architectural Design, will include Hunter 486, a 30-cover bar and 25-cover restaurant overseen by the Gorgeous Group.

Big Hospitality News, November 10, 2009

D&D London announces first hotel venture in the heart of the city

D&D London has announced today that it has concluded agreements with Frogmore to develop and operate an 80 bedroom luxury boutique hotel at South Place off Moorgate in the heart of the city. The hotel will contain a number of restaurants and bars. This will include a Bar and Grill on the ground floor and a 7th floor rooftop restaurant and bar with an outdoor terrace overlooking the City skyline. The hotel will also provide extensive meeting, private dining and events spaces. The development is anticipated to commence on site in 2010 with a view to opening in 2012.

Eat Out, November 11, 2009

Plans to refurbish hotel in Wales get underway

Plans to refurbish and transform an empty disused hotel in the centre of Blaenavon in Wales have been announced by the Welsh Assembly Government. The Lion Hotel is to be converted into a four star bed and breakfast visitor accommodation to provide eleven en suite rooms as well as a fitness suite and bar/restaurant. The restoration of the hotel, which is due to be completed in time for the 2010 Ryder Cup, is being financially supported by the Heads of the Valleys (HoV) regeneration programme.

Eat Out, November 11, 2009

Marriott plans independent collection of hotels under Autograph brand

Marriott International have announced plans to introduce a new brand of luxury, independent hotels and resorts called the Autograph Collection. Located in major cities and desirable locations worldwide, the hotels will be individual in style. They will include historic, boutique-style and urban contemporary properties. It is hoped that 25 hotels will be added to the brand across the globe during 2010.

CatererSearch, 13 November, 2009

Travelodge invests £50m in 10 new hotel openings

Budget hotel group Travelodge announce plans to open 10 new properties at a total investment of nearly £50m. The move will add 857 rooms to the company's 27,000 room estate and create 250 jobs, with all entry-level staff being recruited through Job Centre Plus. The exchanges include new sites in Edinburgh and Manchester and the group's first properties in High Wycombe, Ealing, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Wadebridge.

CatererSearch, 16 November, 2009

PUBS

Barracuda invests in pub refurbishments

Managed operator Barracuda is to refurbish 22 of its pubs between August and December 2009 as part of a multi-million pound investment. The refurbishment roll-out follows the successful refinancing of its equity and debt structure earlier this summer and is expected to continue into 2010.

Morning Advertiser, October 19, 2009

Whitbread updates Beefeater brand

Whitbread is giving its 130 Beefeater pub-restaurants a brand refresh with £100,000 being invested in each site in the next two years. The company will refurbish 30 sites this year, with 17 already completed. As sites are refurbished they will be branded Beefeater Grill.

Morning Advertiser, October 20, 2009

Flying Kiwi Inns buys Norfolk freehold

Flying Kiwi Inns has bought the freehold to the Ship Inn, Brancaster, on the north Norfolk coast. The pub was acquired through Christie+Co and is the fourth site for the company headed up by Kiwi Chris Coubrough.

Morning Advertiser, October 20, 2009

Manchester family plans in-pub micro

A Greater Manchester family plan to build a microbrewery at their new pub the Magnet in Stockport, which they bought from Admiral Taverns for around £150,000.

Morning Advertiser, October 20, 2009

Foundation's sixth site ready

Foundation Inns is gearing up to open its sixth site, following a £500,000 refurbishment at a pub in Oxfordshire. The King's Head & Bell, at Abingdon, closed in November 2007 due to structural problems with the 16th-century building.

Morning Advertiser, October 21, 2009

Lincolnshire pub owner Michael Thurlby is set to open his eighth pub.

The latest site is in Newark, Notts, and will involve redeveloping Newark's oldest pub, the Woolpack Inn. Thurlby, who bought the outlet three years ago, is turning it into a traditional pub serving a range of ales and re-naming it the Prince Rupert.

Morning Advertiser, October 23, 2009

New city bar from Nick House and Piers Adam will target women

The team behind celebrity hangouts Mahiki, Whisky Mist and The Punch Bowl is to open a new bar in the City of London next month. Kanaloa, the latest venture from Nick House and Piers Adam, aims to break the mould of the male-dominated Square Mile by specifically targeting women. There will be several female-friendly house rules and initiatives including; free entry for women, complimentary manicures, massages and makeovers.

CatererSearch, October 27, 2009

Pub and bar group TCG reopens Dartford pub after investment

Managed pub and bar group TCG has reopened The Royal Victoria & Bull Hotel in Dartford after a restoration totalling over £350,000 was carried out on the historic high street pub. The refurbishment of the pub, a Grade II listed building, has been completed in conjunction with Dartford Townscape Heritage Initiative

Eat Out, November 6, 2009

Sir John Ritblat tipped to buy back Merchant Inns

Ex-British Land chairman tipped to regain control of Merchant Inns less than a month after its fall into administration. The chain of seven inns — set up two years ago as a joint venture between Sir John and Robert Breare, the leisure entrepreneur — fell into the hands of administrators from Deloitte after “the discovery of a number of previously unknown financial liabilities”.

Times Online, November 6, 2009

Abbey Inns adds fourth pub

Abbey Inns has taken a fourth pub in its home city of Bath — it's added the pub next door to its brewery, Bath's famous jazz pub, Ye Old Farmhouse, to its estate. Abbey Inns already operates The Star Inn, The Coeur De Lion and The Assembly Inn, all in the World Heritage City of Bath city centre, and boss Alan Morgan confirmed that he was keen to continue with the expansion programme and subsequently acquire more pubs in the city.

Morning Advertiser, November 9, 2009

£1m refurb for Cubitt's Orange

Upmarket pub operator Cubitt House has just opened its third site, the Orange in London's Belgravia, following a £1m refurbishment. Owners Barry Hirst and Stefan Turnbull already run the Thomas Cubitt on Belgravia's Elizabeth Street, and the Pantechnicon on Motcomb Street. The firm bought the long leasehold on the Orange, on which it pays a peppercorn rent, for an undisclosed sum in September 2008, and it has been closed ever since. The £1m was spent on a complete

internal refurbishment including the addition of four hotel bedrooms on the second floor.

Morning Advertiser, November 11, 2009

Oak Taverns plans pub microbrewery roll-out

Oak Taverns has opened a microbrewery to supply the latest pub in its estate, and plans to roll out the concept to seven more sites. The firm bought the Cross Keys at Thame, Oxfordshire, from Punch Taverns in July this year for an undisclosed sum, after running the pub under a tenancy-at-will agreement since January.

Morning Advertiser, November 11, 2009

Pub operator Jobo sells London site

Jobo, the London-based pub operator, has sold The Clissold Arms in Fortis Green in North London to an independent operator. George Karageorgis has acquired the venue, which comprises a bar and dining area and an organic grocers shop and deli, as well as four letting rooms.

Morning Advertiser, November 13, 2009

Pub operator Aquaclear rebrands as Principle Leisure

Pub operator Aquaclear has changed its name to Principle Leisure as part of plans to expand across the UK. Although the company's individual venues will keep their existing names, the operator is to assign regionalised titles to each of its geographical divisions. The re-brand is all part of the firm's continued expansion across the UK, which will see Principle Leisure Group increase its portfolio from 10 venues to at least 13 within the next few months.

Big Hospitality News, November 13, 2009

Longshot raises £30m to buy pubs

The former owners of the Groucho Club and London's first 24-hour restaurant have raised £30m to buy pubs, bars, restaurants and hotels. Longshot, founded in 1994 by Ollie Vigors and Joel Cadbury, sold its assets in June 2007, which included the 24-hour restaurant Vingt-Quatre, the Groucho Club and health club The Third Space, for around £50m. Longshot is targeting leisure companies with an equity value of around £10m,

high quality companies with underlying asset value or distressed asset opportunities.

Morning Advertiser, November 16, 2009

Wetherspoon buys five Punch pubs

JD Wetherspoon has bought five freehold pubs from Punch Taverns. The five pubs are; The Aunt Sally (Sheffield), The Childwall Fiveways Hotel (Liverpool), The Berkshire Tavern (Newbury, Berkshire), The Red Lion (Petersfield, Hampshire) and The Black Horse, Northfield, Birmingham).

All five pubs are set to reopen as Wetherspoon outlets in January 2010 following a £4m refurbishment programme.

Morning Advertiser, November 16, 2009

CONTRACT CATERING

Prue Leith opens school FEAST centre at Worcester College

The grand opening of state-of-the-art culinary facilities at Worcester College of Technology marks the latest in the national school feast provision of training for the school food workforce. Worcester is one of 29 specialist centres and partnerships comprising school feast, (food skills and excellence training) and is the second specialist training centre for school cooks in the west midlands. The new centre will provide training and continuous education for cooks, kitchen assistants, lunch-time supervisors, pupils and their parents.

Cost Sector Catering, October 16, 2009

Patheon sign Sodexo for five years

Sodexo has announced the award of a five-year contract with Patheon to provide catering and hospitality to its 600 employees based at its Swindon plant.

Cost Sector Catering, October 16, 2009

Charlton House wins contract with Avery Weigh-Tronix

Charlton House has gained a three year catering contract with Avery Weigh-Tronix. The independent caterers took over from the

incumbents, Olive Catering, on 1st September, following the completion of a newly designed, bistro-style staff catering facility. They now provide breakfast, lunch and hospitality services to 480 staff at Avery Weigh Tronix's UK corporate headquarters in Foundry Lane, Smethwick, Birmingham.

Cost Sector Catering, October 19, 2009

7 day Catering wins contract with Paymentsshield

A contemporary new restaurant at major insurance company Paymentsshield has been added to the portfolio of national contract caterer 7 day Catering. The 'Blue Orange Restaurant' was re-launched by 7 Day Catering in Summer 2009, offering the 300 plus staff on site new seasonal menus, special promotions and a convenient grab and go service.

Cost Sector Catering, October 20, 2009

Aramark wins HMS Caledonia catering contract

Aramark, an award-winning foodservice company, has announced it has won the HMS Caledonia and Rosyth full service catering and soft facilities management contract. In a contract worth £4.4m over three years HMS Caledonia, the shore-based royal navy training establishment, located within the naval dockyard at Rosyth, will be under the "command" of Aramark's specialist defence business from December 2009.

Cost Sector Catering, October 21, 2009

Accent Catering wins three-year Deansfield school contract

Accent Catering has scored a £250,000, three year contract to provide school lunches for pupils and staff at Deansfield Primary School. All existing staff at the Middlesex site will transfer under TUPE regulations to Accent and be provided with additional training.

CatererSearch, October 22, 2009

Cambridgeshire County Council opens new kitchen to train school cooks

The grand opening of a new kitchen training facility in Huntingdon marks the latest in the national school food skills and excellence training

(FEAST) provision of training for the school food workforce. The kitchen will train school caterers from Cambridgeshire and neighbouring counties.

Cost Sector Catering, October 23, 2009

End of an era

The iconic tower block, home to army caterers since 1968 and also for a time the home of Royal Navy and Royal Air Force caterers, is being demolished as part of the plan to provide modern, quality accommodation for single soldiers. The old site at St Omer Barracks in Aldershot is being rebuilt as a modern campus style village for military personnel.

Cost Sector Catering, October 27, 2009

Heathcotes Outside wins Manchester's Velodrome contract

Event caterer Heathcotes Outside has won the contract to provide hospitality at two British Cycling events at Manchester's Velodrome, home of the national cycling centre between 30 October and 1 November. The Heathcotes Outside team has also been tasked with delivering all VIP hospitality at the UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships between 6 and 8 November.

CatererSearch News, October 26, 2009

Catering Academy wins £1.3m contract with Merthyr Tydfil College

Independent contract caterer Catering Academy has won a five-year contract worth £1.3m to cater at Merthyr Tydfil College in South Wales. Under the terms of the deal, Catering Academy will provide daily catering and hospitality services from 8am to 8pm for the 4,000 students. It will also cater for the crèche that is provided for students attending the college.

CatererSearch, 2 November 2009

Company of Cooks wins £52m food contract with the Royal Opera House

Contract caterer Company of Cooks has signed a deal worth £52m with London's Royal Opera House to oversee the iconic venue's food and beverage operation. The contract is to run for seven years and five months to coincide with the events

calendar at the Royal Opera House and an annual turnover of £7m is expected

CatererSearch News, November 5, 2009

Charlton House wins Oxfordshire University contract

Charlton House has gained a £180,000 catering contract with Oxfordshire University Administration and Services (OUAS). Under an initial three year contract, the independent caterers now manage a full restaurant service for 400 people on site at Wellington Square in Oxford since the contract opened on 2nd November 2009.

Cost Sector Catering, November 16, 2009

Manchester Airport seeks operator for control tower bar

Bar operators are being invited to tender for a contract to run an airport bar within an unused control tower at Manchester Airport. The tower sits right in the middle of Terminal 1, with 360 degree views of the runways and airport, and looking to the south, over the Cheshire countryside. The

decommissioned control tower is arranged on four main levels with the focus on level five being the principle space.

CatererSearch, November 16, 2009

TOURISM NEWS

£417m casino for Ireland

A replica of the White House will form the centrepiece of a EUR460 million (£417 million) Las Vegas-style village deep in the Irish countryside. Plans for the 800-acre development beside Two-Mile Borris in Co Tipperary include a casino, National Hunt racecourse, a 7,000 seater greyhound track, five-star hotel, a 15,000 seater concert venue - with retractable roof - and golf course. Former government minister Michael Lowry, top racehorse trainer Aidan O'Brien and concert promoter Denis Desmond have backed the venture dreamt up by slot-machine tycoon Richard Quirke.

Irish News, October 28, 2009

Summary of CESA PR activity

- Publican Food Report
- Business Briefing
- Cost Sector/Eat Out Energy feature
- 2010 Buyers Guide (ongoing)
- Conference e-marketing
- Conference report