

## Kurt Zdesar to open Fucina restaurant on Chiltern Street

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Restaurateur Kurt Zdesar has signed a deal with landlords Frogmore, Galliard Homes and CJ O'Shea on a 4,000 sq ft unit on London's Chiltern Street.



The site will be home to Italian restaurant Fucina which is set to open as part of The Chilterns development in October and will cater for 120 covers.

In addition to the Fucina site, the deal also included a property on Paddington Street that will be converted into a bakery and sell homemade produce from the Fucina kitchen.

Stefano Stecca, formerly of Novikov in Mayfair and Toto's Restaurant in Knightsbridge, will be joining as Head Chef at Fucina.

Interiors have been designed by Andy Martin Architecture and will feature an undulating ceiling lined with red brick to resemble the inside of a traditional Italian pizza oven.

The bakery will be headed up by ex-Princi Head Baker, Massimiliano Porta, and is scheduled to open in November.

Shelley Sandzer acted on behalf of Frogmore and Galliard Homes. Ted Schama, joint managing partner at Shelley Sandzer, said: “Our key strategy was to secure the most exciting and suitable restaurant to complement the Chilterns development and the surrounding area, the well-known home to Andre Balazs’ Chiltern Firehouse and other standout sites.

“We had numerous offers, but Kurt Zdesar and his new concept struck us as a perfect fit, adding value to what is already a very special location.”

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