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**BURRO SET TO BLOOM IN FLORAL COURT, JOINING COVENT GARDEN'S GROWING LINE-UP OF CHEF-LED
INDEPENDENT DINING**

Shaftesbury Capital has announced that a new, high-quality Italian dining concept, **Burro**, will be opening its first location in Covent Garden's Floral Court early next year, strengthening the destination's position as one of London's most distinctive and sought-after culinary neighbourhoods.

Burro, meaning 'butter', is the new concept by Conor Gadd, Chef Co-Owner of Trullo, one of London's most loved restaurants. Burro will open a c4,000 sq ft restaurant in early 2026, offering Italian dishes that celebrate its rich history. The menu will feature Italian classics such as Bruschetta of Venetian Chicken Livers, Fried Artichokes, Duck Ragù, Dover Sole with Caviar, and a signature Roman Fettuccine 'Alfredo'.

Designed by Lisa Helmanis of DAY STUDIO, the space will nod to Conor's Irish roots and approach to hospitality, with a part Irish Country House kitchen and part Italian fifties Bistro aesthetic. With al fresco seating in the courtyard, Burro will be a restaurant for all seasons, complemented by a striking interior with warm woods and carefully selected artwork to add character.

Situated between King Street and Floral Street, Floral Court is a hidden oasis and thoughtfully designed public courtyard that blends restored heritage buildings with contemporary architecture, retail, and F&B. The arrival of Burro represents the continued evolution of this unique space, and Shaftesbury Capital's long-term commitment to attracting and securing best-in-class operators that enhance the character and diversity of one of London's most iconic neighbourhoods.

Emma Matus, Head of Restaurant Leasing at Shaftesbury Capital, commented: "Floral Court has a unique location in the heart of Covent Garden, especially with its exceptional al fresco dining offer. Our vision has always been to collaborate with partners who share our commitment to quality, creativity and a sense of place. Burro is a strong concept with an established name behind it, bringing a compelling new energy and culinary perspective to the courtyard."

Burro will join a cohort of acclaimed operators across Covent Garden, contributing to the area's growing reputation as a destination for high-quality concepts from both global and independent operators. It follows the recent openings of **Harry's Bar** at 11-12 Russell Street, delivering its trademark Italian glamour with a modern twist in a c3,100 sq ft unit, which boasts a large terrace on the Piazza for guests to dine al-fresco. French restaurant **Chez Antoinette** has also recently opened its new upsized location in the Market Building, offering a range of breakfasts, tartines, mains and aperitifs in a French bistro, as well as **ADOH!** on Maiden Lane and **Cô Thành** on Henrietta Street, adding authentic Sri Lankan and Vietnamese flavour to the neighbourhood.

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Our values

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About Covent Garden

Covent Garden is a world-class global destination in the heart of the West End, including the iconic Piazza, Market Building and surrounding streets, together with Seven Dials. The portfolio is home to over 200 retail stores including global flagships, British and independent brands as well as 200 restaurants, bars and cafes.

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About Trullo

Trullo first opened its doors in June 2010, founded by **Tim Siadatan** and **Jordan Frieda** on what was then a relatively untouched corner of Highbury. From the outset, it signaled a shift toward quality dining in the area, with Jay Rayner, critic for Observer magazine at the time, describing it as "a restaurant he was desperate to see succeed." Sixteen years on, Trullo's rustic interiors and well-worn wooden floors speak to a legacy of memorable meals and lasting appeal. Now led by Chef Co-Owner Conor Gadd, who joined the team shortly after its opening, Trullo continues to build on its reputation for understated excellence.

About Conor Gadd

Conor began his career at just sixteen, training under Michelin-starred chef Paul Rankin at Belfast's Roscoff restaurant. The experience gave him an early grounding in the discipline and precision of fine dining.



After studying at the University of Edinburgh, Conor travelled cooking in various culinary hotspots around the globe. Before moving to London, Conor trained at the internationally acclaimed Ballymaloe Cookery School in Ireland under the formidable Darina Allen.

In London, Conor joined the opening team at Terroirs, then later, he joined Trullo in Highbury Corner to gain greater insight into the operational side of running a restaurant. Eighteen months later, he was promoted to Head Chef, a role he held for over a decade before becoming Chef Co-Owner. Today, Conor oversees all aspects of Trullo.