

COVENT GARDEN

SRI LANKAN STREET FOOD CONCEPT ADOH! TO DEBUT IN SHAFTESBURY CAPITAL'S COVENT GARDEN

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Shaftesbury Capital has announced that **ADOH!**, a new Sri Lankan street food concept from the founders of **Kolamba**, is to open in Covent Garden this June. Building on Kolamba's success, which debuted on Shaftesbury Capital's Kingly Street, ADOH! will draw inspiration from the sounds, colours and flavours of Sri Lanka's vibrant streets. The signing reemphasises Covent Garden's appeal for renowned operators to open dynamic new concepts and bolsters its position as a culinary hub for the capital.

Opening at 36 Maiden Lane, ADOH! is named after a popular Sri Lankan exclamation used in greeting or surprise. The new concept will complement Covent Garden's diverse dining offer, capturing the vibrancy of Sri Lankan street food culture with a menu of comforting favourites, designed for quick, hearty eating. Central to its menu will be *kothu*, a dish of chopped roti, vegetables, and eggs, tossed together on a grill and finished with curry sauce. Designed for casual dining, ADOH! will be walk-in only with 70 covers inside and a further 12 outside, featuring decor inspired by the vibrant visual language of traditional Sri Lankan and the energy of the island's street culture, mixing raw functionality, sun-faded colours and layered nostalgia.

The signing reiterates Covent Garden's position as the go-to for experienced operators to debut unique concepts and will add to the destination's host of first-rate restaurants, neighbouring the likes of **Ave Mario**, **Cinnamon Bazaar, Flat Iron, Sticks'n'Sushi, SUSHISAMBA, thirty7**, and **The Oystermen**.

Emma Matus, Head of Restaurant Leasing at **Shaftesbury Capital**, commented: "The diversification of Covent Garden's F&B line-up continues with another standout signing in ADOH!, which will deliver the theatre of Sri Lankan street food to the centre of London's theatre scene. Founded by the team behind ever-popular Kolamba, who we welcomed to Kingly Street in 2019, ADOH!'s signing will perfectly complement our unrivalled culinary offer."

Eroshan Meewella, **Co-Founder** of **ADOH!**, added: "We're excited to be honouring the food stories from our home country and bring another aspect of our culinary heritage to the heart of London's dining scene in Covent Garden. ADOH! will celebrate Sri Lankan street food at its finest, from fried rice, to small bites on the beach in Colombo, and of course, the theatre of *kothu* making."

The signing follows the recent announcement that modern Indian restaurant **Kricket** is to open a new site in the heart of Covent Garden's Seven Dials, in the iconic Neal's Yard. The space will offer a vibrant blend of Indian-inspired flavours for over 130 diners across 4,000 sq ft.

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About ADOH! Founders Eroshan and Aushi Meewella:

Eroshan Meewella, Co-founder

Born and raised between the UK and Colombo, Eroshan began his career in the corporate world, with roles at Accenture London and Barclays Capital. Following nine years in financial IT, he went on to pursue an instinct for real estate and design, and in 2006 launched Whitebox London, an award-winning property studio, with his wife Aushi. In 2019, the pair co-founded Kolamba, seeking a new chapter that would marry together their life-long passions for food, design and Sri Lanka. Five years later in 2024, they opened Kolamba East, with a menu reviving further dishes from their childhoods - and in 2025, will launch ADOH! – a new Sri Lankan street food concept in the West End.

Aushi Meewella, Co-founder

Hailing from Colombo, Aushi began her career in advertising at the Sri Lanka office of the global agency, Leo Burnett. In 2004, Aushi relocated to London to join the fashion agency Club21, and later moved into both the luxury property (Whitebox London) and hospitality (Kolamba) sectors, co-founding both companies with her husband and business partner, Eroshan. Aushi's eye for detail and artistic talent has played a key role in both ventures, and as co-creator of Kolamba's interior design, her work was recognised when the restaurant won Best Interior at the GQ Food & Drink Awards 2021. In 2024, Aushi expanded her reach within the design sector to launch The Stylish-Friend with Priscilla Kandasamy - delivering affordable and accessible home design and renovation expertise.