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**BURRO OPENS IN FLORAL COURT, BRINGING INNOVATIVE NEW DINING CONCEPT TO COVENT GARDEN**

Shaftesbury Capital has announced that **Burro**, an original dining concept delivering high-quality Italian cuisine, has opened in Covent Garden, cementing the neighbourhood's position as one of London's most unique and coveted culinary destinations.

Conor Gadd, Chef Co-Owner of Trullo, one of London's most renowned restaurants, has opened Burro in Floral Court, Covent Garden. Burro, translating to "butter" in Italian, celebrates a thoughtful, produce-led approach to Italian cooking with warm hospitality, values which connect his native Ireland and beloved Italy. The c4,000 sq ft restaurant is a hub for comforting classics, with dishes celebrating the core principles of Italian cooking, with care and exceptional local produce. Highlights include Dover sole with prosecco and caviar; duck and porcini ragù; and a signature Vitello al burro. Classics are reinterpreted via playful twists with drinks and desserts too, such as tiramisu doughnuts and almond cake with creme fraiche, served with a glass of Marsala.

The design of the restaurant, by Lisa Helmanis of DAY STUDIO, lends an air of traditional Italian trattoria to an Irish country house kitchen, with a colour palette inspired by colours of sun-drenched Rome, uniquely complementing the atmosphere of familial, kitchen-table meals. The lighting by Stileman Lighting creates an intimate atmosphere, making the space feel both welcoming and exclusive, with al fresco seating available in the courtyard, positioning Burro as an adaptable, all-seasons operator.

Burro adds to a long line of chef-led concepts within Covent Garden, including **The Barbary, Café Murano, ST JOHN Neal's Yard Bakery and Bar, Story Cellar** and **Buvette**, which is due to open in Neal's Yard later this year. This opening represents a new chapter for Floral Court, following Shaftesbury Capital's continued investment and long-standing stewardship in the area, and its ongoing commitment to securing the highest quality operators and culinary experiences across the portfolio.

**Emma Matus, Head of Restaurant Leasing at Shaftesbury Capital, commented:** "At Shaftesbury Capital, our focus is on curating best-in-class operators who reflect and elevate the distinctive character of Covent Garden. Burro's arrival at Floral Court embodies our commitment to thoughtful innovation, exceptional quality and chef-led creativity. It is a standout addition that further enhances the neighbourhood's reputation as one of London's most dynamic, compelling, and sought-after dining destinations."

**Conor Gadd, Founder of Burro, added:** "Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine opening a restaurant in Covent Garden. But as soon as I saw the room – and the courtyard – I knew it was an opportunity I couldn't miss. It's been a labour of love with a brilliant team, and we can't wait to welcome guests with some amazing food served in the warmest, most elegant of rooms."

The opening of Burro follows the recent news that Inception Group has signed for a new flagship location in Covent Garden's historic Market Building. Set to be a **Mr Foggs Tavern**, the 4,500 sq ft site will add to the neighbourhood's eclectic mix of experiential F&B names, as well as the 24 dining concepts which joined the Shaftesbury Capital portfolio in 2025, covering both independent operators and international entrants. This included **Harry's** at 11-12 Russell Street, **ADOH!** on Maiden Lane, and **Cô Thành** on Henrietta Street, highlighting Covent Garden's continued appeal as a distinctive dining neighbourhood.

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### About Shaftesbury Capital

Shaftesbury Capital PLC ("Shaftesbury Capital") is the leading central London mixed-use REIT and is a constituent of the FTSE-250 Index. Our property portfolio under management, valued at £5.4 billion, extends to 2.8 million square feet of lettable space across the most vibrant areas of London's West End. With a diverse mix of shops, restaurants, cafés, bars, residential apartments and offices, our destinations include the high footfall, thriving neighbourhoods of Covent Garden, Carnaby, Soho and Chinatown. Our properties are close to the main West End Underground stations and transport hubs for the Elizabeth Line. Shaftesbury Capital shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange ("LSE") (primary) and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange ("JSE") (secondary) and the A2X (secondary).

### Our purpose

Investing to create thriving destinations in London's West End where people enjoy visiting, working, and living.

### Our values

We have a set of values that are fundamental to our behaviour, decision making and the delivery both of our purpose and strategy: Act with integrity; Take a creative approach; Listen and collaborate; Take a responsible, long-term view; and Make a difference.

### 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 Burro

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### 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 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.

**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 signalled 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.

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