

Opening of Maldron Hotel Manchester Cathedral Quarter fuels Dalata's continued UK expansion

Latest North West offering is the first of four Maldron Hotels set to open this year

June 6: Dalata Hotel Group Plc, the largest hotel operator in Ireland, with a growing presence in the United Kingdom and continental Europe, has created 32 new jobs with the official opening of its second Maldron Hotel in Manchester.

Maldron Hotel Manchester Cathedral Quarter is Dalata Hotel Group's fourth hotel in the city, providing another epic basecamp for guests in the northern powerhouse.

The Group also operates Clayton Hotels and is adding this new build hotel to a portfolio which includes Clayton Hotel Manchester Airport, Clayton Hotel Manchester City Centre located on Portland Street and Maldron Hotel Manchester City Centre on Charles Street.

The 4-star Maldron Hotel Manchester Cathedral Quarter is the group's 54th hotel and the first of four new Maldron Hotels set to open across the UK this summer.

The new 188-bedroom hotel features the brand's popular Grain & Grill restaurant, which serves a carefully chosen selection of favourite dishes, and a Red Bean Roastery coffee dock serving quality barista prepared coffee. The Chapel Street hotel also features two state-of-the art meeting rooms for business travellers.

Maldron Hotel Manchester Cathedral Quarter General Manager, Richard Dennell said the hotel is the perfect basecamp for enjoying both the vibrant Cathedral Quarter and all that Manchester has to offer.

Richard said: "We are proud to add to the area's outstanding reputation and are looking forward to providing even more guests in Manchester the chance to enjoy the epic Maldron experience.

"Located just minutes from the legendary Arndale Shopping Centre, the impressive AO Arena and the city's dynamic business districts, we're in the perfect spot to be your adventure's first step.

"For football fans, Maldron Hotel Manchester Cathedral Quarter is also the perfect choice as it is just a few minutes' walk from Manchester Victoria Station providing excellent links to both Old Trafford and the Etihad Campus."

The newly opened hotel has a contemporary ground floor lobby with convenient self-check-in pods, a spacious dining and bar area and a well-equipped fitness suite.

Maldron Hotel Manchester Cathedral Quarter also boasts comfortable and stylish rooms, including deluxe double bedrooms, all complete with rainfall showers, modern wooden floors, air-conditioning and USBC charge points.

As part of the Company's ambitious UK growth strategy, Dalata Hotel Group will open three additional Maldron Hotels in prime locations across the UK this summer, including Shoreditch in South Central London, Brighton and Liverpool, bringing the Maldron brand to a total of eleven hotels in key cities across the UK.

Dalata Hotel Group CEO, Dermot Crowley described Manchester as one of the world's most vibrant cities and a great place to be, as Dalata continues to increase its footprint across the UK.

Dermot said: "We are very proud to open Maldron Hotel Manchester Cathedral Quarter, this is the second Maldron Hotel in Manchester and Dalata's fourth hotel in the city.

"Manchester is a key location for Dalata and our success to date is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our people.

"Today's opening increases our Manchester team to 291 employees and demonstrates our commitment to the delivery of our UK expansion strategy.

"We look forward to welcoming our guests today and over the coming months, to experience Dalata's heart of hospitality".

The Maldron Hotel Manchester Cathedral Quarter has been designed with sustainability at its core. It has been accredited with a BREEAM Very Good rating; as well as meeting EPC A status, which is the most energy efficient rating a building can achieve.

For more information and to book your next stay, visit <u>maldronhotels.com</u>

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About Maldron Hotels

Founded in Ireland and operating since 2008, the Maldron Hotels brand consists of mainly 4-star and a small number of 3-star hotels in Ireland and the UK.

Including the 4 new Maldron Hotels scheduled to open in 2024, there are 26 Maldron Hotels across Ireland and the UK. You'll find the hotels situated in prime locations, providing rest and relaxation that's always close to the action.

Whether it's a romantic escape, a weekend with friends or family, or a business trip, your stay at a Maldron Hotel is the perfect combination of outstanding facilities, and efficient, always friendly service. Maldron is all about providing a fun, relaxed time for all who arrive through the doors.

Maldron Hotels are a principal brand of The Dalata Hotel Group, with all team members going through the Dalata Academy training programme.

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About Dalata Hotel Group

Dalata Hotel Group plc is a leading hotel operator backed by €1.7bn in freehold and long leasehold assets in Ireland and the UK. Established in 2007, Dalata has become Ireland's largest hotel operator with an ambitious growth strategy to expand its portfolio further in excellent locations in select, large cities in the UK and Continental Europe. The Group's portfolio comprises 54 primarily four-star hotels operating through its two main brands, Clayton and Maldron Hotels, with 11,601 rooms and a pipeline of 1,360 rooms. For the year ended 31 December 2023, Dalata reported revenue of €607.7 million, basic earnings per share of 40.4 cent and Free Cashflow per Share of 59.7 cent. Dalata is listed on the Main Market of Euronext Dublin (DHG) and the London Stock Exchange (DAL). For further information visit: www.dalatahotelgroup.com