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FEMALE-LED DARJEELING EXPRESS UPSIZES HOME WITH SHAFTESBURY CAPITAL

Shaftesbury Capital has announced that award-winning Indian restaurant, Darjeeling Express, has now opened its doors to its new home on Rupert Street, at a gateway location between Soho and Chinatown London.

The new 5,600 sq ft space at 36-40 Rupert Street sits amongst other well-loved, elevated restaurants, including The Palomar, Speedboat Bar, and Evelyn's Table, adding to Shaftesbury Capital's diverse and high-quality brand mix. Darjeeling Express has moved to Rupert Street following success within Soho's Kingly Court, allowing for an expanded service across more than 150 covers from lunch until dinner, and supporting the late-night dining this part of Soho is famed for.

The pioneering all-female staffed Indian restaurant will continue to serve its regional-inspired homestyle Indian dishes including previous customer favorites, such as Kosha Mangsho, the restaurant's Bengali-style slow-cooked mutton curry, Prawn Malaikari, Methi Chicken, and Calcutta Kati Rolls, aligning with Chinatown's reputation for authenticity, and Soho's uniqueness and innovation.

It features an open plan, modern design inspired by restaurants in Kolkata, with outdoor seating, a dedicated private dining space and a larger kitchen to cater for the restaurant's ambitions to host events, celebrations and collaborations.

Emma Matus, Head of Restaurant Leasing at Shaftesbury Capital, commented: "This relocation from Kingly Court to Rupert Street reflects our dedication to supporting the strategic growth of popular, forward-thinking brands. The restaurants on Rupert Street create a transition between Soho and Chinatown, and what they all have in common is the ability to marry innovation with authenticity, and take flavour inspiration from across Asia. Darjeeling Express does that so well, a female-led restaurant with a unique take on regional Indian cuisine, and we're so proud to be part of their journey."

Asma Khan, Founder of Darjeeling Express added: "Our upsized Rupert Street restaurant marks a huge milestone, allowing our powerful female-only kitchen to bring homestyle Indian cooking to even more people, in such an iconic location within the capital. The ongoing partnership we have with Shaftesbury Capital has been pivotal for our strategic growth, and I'm honoured to now be part of such a strong line-up on Rupert Street."

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Notes to Editors

Chinatown London

As the largest Chinatown in Europe, Chinatown London is the go-to destination for regional Chinese and Pan-Asian cuisine. Its twelve predominately pedestrianised and interconnected streets, lined with iconic red lanterns, are home to an ever-evolving mix of traditional and new concepts that reflect emerging dining trends from cities such as Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo, and Seoul.

Equally thriving day and night, the area's restaurants, bars, shops and cafés, as well as its unique mix of ESEA supermarkets, authentic Asian retail stores and more, attract large numbers of Londoners, tourists, international students and local workers.

中国城

作为欧洲最大的中国城，伦敦中国城是追求地道中餐和亚洲美食的热门去处。这里有十二条以步行为主、互相连接的街道，路边挂满了标志性的红灯笼。中国城的美食也在不断演变，融合了传统与新潮的美食概念，将来自上海、北京、东京和首尔等城市的新兴餐饮趋势带给大家。

无论白天还是夜晚，这里的餐厅、酒吧、商店和咖啡馆，以及特色的东南亚超市、正宗亚洲零售店等，无不吸引着在伦敦学习，工作，旅游和生活的每一个人。

About Shaftesbury Capital

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Our values

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