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ACCLAIMED PORTUGUESE CHEF HENRIQUE SÁ PESSOA TO OPEN NEW RESTAURANT IN LONDON LATER THIS YEAR

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The new skyline destination restaurant and bar will span over the top floors of the first art'otel to open in the UK and will also feature a rooftop bar with infinity pool overlooking the iconic Battersea Power Station.

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Chef Sá Pessoa owns the two Michelin-starred Alma and the relaxed trans-Iberian tapas spot Tapisco in his native Lisbon, and he is the Executive Chef at the critically acclaimed ARCA restaurant (located in art'otel Amsterdam).

His new venture will be an exciting new destination dining spot for London, offering unpretentious yet innovative dishes and warm service in a relaxed, lively setting. Guests can feast on a menu





that highlights Sá Pessoa's culinary heritage and travels across the Iberian Peninsula, showcasing his vibrant, fresh takes on traditional dishes using the best of British and Iberian produce.

The menu at JOIA is particularly influenced by the robust flavours and techniques of Catalonia and Portugal, with a focus on seafood, pork and rice. Dishes will include *grilled carabineiro, creamy orzo bisque, tomato, coriander* and *salted cod crudo, pickled onions, tomatoes, olive oil caviar,* with many dishes finished tableside for an engaging dining experience set against a dramatic backdrop of the London skyline.

Set across the 14th floor, JOIA bar will be one of the best cocktail lounges in the capital, offering creative drinks that celebrate Iberian spices to complement the striking floor to ceiling backdrop. Cocktails will sit alongside a broad list of handpicked Portuguese and Spanish wines, with a particular focus on lesser-known producers. Vermouth will also play a significant role in the drinks offering.

Henrique Sá Pessoa, Concept Chef JOIA, said:

"It is such a joy to return to London having trained here in the brilliant emerging scene in the 90s. I love this city and I can't wait to cook and share with the guests my take on authentic Portuguese cuisine."

Daniel Pedreschi, Regional VP of Operations United Kingdom, art'otel said:

"It will be an honour to fulfil the potential of this exciting new neighbourhood and build a destination restaurant that attracts guests from far and wide. We are very ambitious with this project and look forward to welcoming guests in the coming months."

Sam Cotton, Head of Leasing at Battersea Power Station Development Company (BPSDC), said:

"It has always been our aim to bring a vibrant and diverse mix of cafés, bars and restaurants to this exciting new riverside neighbourhood for London and this is evident in the strong offering already open in Circus West Village, the first chapter in the regeneration of Battersea Power Station, and those set to open inside the Grade II* listed building and on Electric Boulevard from this Autumn. Adding a chef such as Henrique with an exciting new restaurant concept to the mix is fantastic and is sure to strengthen our position on the culinary map of 'must visit' dining hotspots in London."



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art'otel London Battersea Power Station is located within Battersea Roof Gardens, a new building designed by Foster + Partners forming a key part of Electric Boulevard, a collection of buildings comprising homes, offices and a new pedestrianised high street which sits to the south of the iconic Grade II* listed Power Station. Opening from this Autumn, the Power Station will house over 100 shops, bars and restaurants, a luxury boutique cinema as well as unique events and leisure spaces, including a chimney lift experience, which will transport visitors 109m up to the top of the building's north west chimney, offering stunning 360° views of the London skyline.

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For more information about art'otel London Battersea Power Station, please visit: <u>www.artotellondonbattersea.com</u> and follow @artotel to keep up to date with the latest news and events.

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About Henrique Sá Pessoa

Born in Lisbon, Henrique Sá Pessoa trained at the Cordon Bleu Institute and honed his craft at Panorama restaurant at the Sheraton Hotel and Hotel da Lapa, both in Lisbon, at the Sheraton on the Park in Sydney, and at the Sheraton Park Lane, in London. In 2009 he opened Alma, his first solo project, which would later relocate to Lisbon's Chiado district in 2015. In this new location, Alma was awarded two Michelin stars in 2018, making Sá Pessoa only the third chef in Portuguese history to receive this accolade. Sá Pessoa also owns a relaxed Portuguese restaurant Taspico which opened in 2017 and is the concept chef for Chiado, a Portuguese restaurant with an Asian influence in Macau, and ARCA, the restaurant at art'otel Amsterdam which opened in 2021. In Portugal, Sá Pessoa is recognised for his appearances on the cooking show *Ingrediente Secreto* and *Chef de Família*, and further accolades include winning Portugal's Chef of the Year in 2005, GQ's Chef of the Year in 2007, and being placed 38th in The Best Chef Awards in 2021 - the highest new entry that year.

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About art'otel:

• PPHE Hotel Group, an international hospitality and real estate company, wholly owns the art'otel® brand.

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- art'otel, part of Radisson Hotel Group, is a contemporary collection of premium lifestyle hotels, each inspired by a Signature Artist, forming a cultural, gastronomic and social hub in the most creative areas of the most interesting cities, filled with warm, welcoming, helpful team members and discerning, cosmopolitan guests, buzzing with life all year round, in buildings as striking and individual as the stunning art they host.
- art'otel London Battersea Power Station will be the UK's first art'otel, with art'otel London Hoxton following in 2024.
- art'otel's entire concept focuses on original art displayed from one Signature Artist throughout the hotel's guest rooms and public areas.
- art'otels can be found in Amsterdam, Berlin, Budapest, Cologne and soon in Pula, Rome and Zagreb.

About PPHE Hotel Group

PPHE Hotel Group is an international hospitality real estate company, with a £1.8 billion portfolio, valued as at December 2021 by Savills and Zagreb nekretnine Ltd (ZANE), of primarily prime freehold and long leasehold assets in Europe.

Through its subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities and associates it owns, co-owns, develops, leases, operates and franchises hospitality real estate. Its portfolio includes full-service upscale, upper upscale and lifestyle hotels in major gateway cities and regional centres, as well as hotel, resort and campsite properties in select resort destinations. The Group's strategy is to grow its portfolio of core upper upscale city centre hotels, leisure and outdoor hospitality and hospitality management platform.

PPHE Hotel Group benefits from having an exclusive and perpetual licence from the Radisson Hotel Group, one of the world's largest hotel groups, to develop and operate Park Plaza® branded hotels and resorts in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

In addition, PPHE Hotel Group wholly owns, and operates under, the art'otel® brand and its Croatian subsidiary owns, and operates under, the Arena Hotels & Apartments® and Arena Campsites® brands. PPHE Hotel Group is a Guernsey registered company with shares listed on the London Stock Exchange. PPHE Hotel Group also holds a controlling ownership interest in Arena Hospitality Group, whose shares are listed on the Prime market of the Zagreb Stock Exchange.

About Battersea Power Station

Battersea Power Station is one of central London's largest, most visionary and eagerly anticipated new riverside neighbourhoods. The £9bn regeneration project is delivering a vibrant, mixed-use destination offering a community of homes, shops, restaurants, offices, culture and leisure venues, as well as 19 acres of public space, all serviced by an extension to the London Underground Northern Line.

The Battersea Power Station project covers 42 acres and includes 3.5m sq ft of mixed commercial space, together with 4,239 new homes.





The successful regeneration of Battersea Power Station is creating 20,000 new jobs, generating long term career opportunities for local residents. A new NHS medical facility is also being built.

The Grade II* listed Power Station, the second phase of the development, opens to the public from this Autumn, housing over 100 shops, restaurants and cafes, events venues, a unique chimney lift experience offering 360-degree panoramic views of London's skyline, new office space and 254 new residential apartments. The first residents moved into the Power Station in 2021.

Circus West Village, the first chapter of the regeneration of Battersea Power Station, is already a thriving riverside destination and home to over 1,800 people. Offering an eclectic mix of independent and design-led bars, restaurants, shops, fitness and wellbeing facilities, a cinema, a theatre and an ongoing events programme, this new neighbourhood welcomes over three million people on average per year.

The third phase comprises Prospect Place and Battersea Roof Gardens which together form Electric Boulevard, London's newest high street. Prospect Place is the first residential project of globally renowned architectural practice Gehry Partners and Battersea Roof Gardens, designed by Foster + Partners, will house new residences, terraced retail and leisure offerings, and a 164-room art'otel, the brand's first to open in London.

With the recently opened Zone 1 Battersea Power Station Underground station on the Northern Line Extension, the development is only a 15 minute journey from the West End and the City. It also has its very own Uber Boat by Thames Clippers pier and is a 15 minute journey from Embankment, 20 minutes from Blackfriars, 30 minutes from Putney and 40 minutes from Canary Wharf. Battersea Power Station is easily accessible by bus, bike, car and train too.

The wider Battersea Power Station development is owned by a consortium of Malaysian investors comprising Sime Darby Property (40%), S P Setia (40%) and The Employees' Provident Fund (20%), with the commercial assets within the Power Station building now being directly owned by Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) and EPF.

Management of the development is being undertaken by the British-based Battersea Power Station Development Company.