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**SHELLEY SANDZER ASSIST WITH ALBION & EAST EXPANSION**

Leading specialist UK leisure property agency, Shelley Sandzer, has acted in a deal that will see the operator of Hackney's Martello Hall, Albion & East, open at 250 Ferndale Road, Brixton. The 4,579 sq ft café and bar is set to open in September and is split over basement and ground floor level, with an area for outdoor seating.

The new restaurant is in The Department Store, a development by Squire & Partners architects which revives a local Brixton landmark to create an evolving hub of creative, retail and community uses. Originally built in 1906 as an annex to the Bon Marche department store, the design of the reimagined space has been informed by existing structural elements and layers of history. Albion & East's interior will similarly showcase the historic characteristics.

During the daytime, the venue will provide a relaxed workspace environment, a menu inspired by a wood fired oven as well as a coffee hatch fronting Stockwell Avenue. It will have an all-day appeal, transforming it's offer into the evening with cocktails and music. The new location will be the brand's second site in London, having launched their debut, Martello Hall, in Hackney last year.

Commenting on the news, Nick Weir, Joint Managing Partner at Shelley Sandzer, said: "It's great to see a budding operator like Albion & East continue to grow and in such a brilliant location. We know this tenant will provide a space that is perfect for employees and locals, feeding into the community and truly putting Brixton on the map. The area is seeing considerable regeneration and we are pleased to have been involved in another deal in Brixton."

George Squire at Squire & Partners, added: "The team at Shelley Sandzer have been fantastic agents throughout the entire process. It was key to find the perfect tenant for this beautiful building that is steeped in so much history and their expertise has resulted in the delivery of just that."

Shelley Sandzer is a leading and dynamic agency, specialising in the restaurant and leisure property sector. The company provides considered and valued advice to many of the UK's most highly regarded restaurant brands, centres, developments high streets and landlords, via a lateral thinking team with an unparalleled knowledge and understanding of the leisure business. Shelley Sandzer is also known for the key role it plays in launching new entrants and unique concepts to the market, such as Sushisamba, Patty & Bun, Duck & Waffle, Honey & Smoke and Xtend Barre.

Shelley Sandzer acted for Squire and Partners. Albion & East dealt directly.

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