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## **ITALIAN RESTAURANT WITH AN EAST LONDON BASE OPENS AT IQL, STRATFORD**

Independent Italian restaurant, **Figo**, has officially launched at International Quarter London (IQL), the £2.4 billion joint venture development between Lendlease and LCR.

The new 3,024 sq ft space, catering to 100 customers, features food that reflects traditional and modern Italian dishes with a regional focus, and includes a cocktail bar and open plan kitchen to create a warm ambience and theatrical atmosphere. Figo comes from the team behind Bella Vita in Hackney's Broadway Market.

**Guy Thomas, Head of Retail at Lendlease, said:** "The drive at IQL has been to combine popular East London operators with best-in-class national brands. Figo, with its original base in Hackney, has developed a strong local following, and we are confident the expanded offer available in this popular independent eatery will be warmly received by the people who shop, work, and visit the area."

**Tony Manconi, Founder of Figo, added:** "Stratford has such a vibrant and diverse community, and IQL sits in the heart of this. Our expansion plans were carefully considered, and we believe Lendlease and LCR's development offers us the best of both worlds – close proximity to Bella Vita retaining our loyal customer base, and the ideal location to grow as part of this huge east London community."

Nash Bond and CF Commercial represented IQL, Figo represented themselves.

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