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Aberdeen's Marischal Square welcomes two more major businesses ahead of completion

Leading UK restaurant group, Prezzo, and Mackie's of Scotland are the latest businesses to join the growing list of high-profile tenants committed to the prestigious £107 million Marischal Square development in Aberdeen city centre.

Prezzo, which specialises in Italian food and hospitality, has signed a 25-year lease, to join All Bar One and Marriott Hotels in taking space at the transformational mixed-use project and will welcome customers from next summer.

Prezzo has agreed a deal to secure a 3,300 sq. ft. unit facing the historic Marischal College with direct access from the rear of the restaurant to the 16th century Provost Skene's House and open public space which is undergoing a major refurbishment as part of the development. The restaurant will offer open-air seating, allowing diners to enjoy the view and atmosphere of the new gardens.

Mackie's announced that it will open a flagship ice cream parlour and coffee shop at Marischal Square, signing a 15 year lease. With plans to open next summer, the 70 cover venture will provide discerning customers with a choice of more than thirty flavours of ice cream, plus a growing range of chocolate now produced in the £600,000 chocolate factory at the family's Westertown Farm near Inverurie.

Major employer, Aberdeen Journals, has also agreed to move into the Grade 'A' office accommodation at Marischal Square next year. The transformational development is led by Muse Developments, Aberdeen City Council and Aviva Investors.

Steve Turner, regional director for Muse, said: "We're delighted to welcome two more iconic brands to Marischal Square.

"Prezzo is a renowned restaurant brand and we believe they are showing real confidence in the Aberdeen market by extending their presence and creating new jobs in the city, despite a difficult economic climate.

"Mackie's plans are exciting, innovative and exactly the kind of business proposition we are looking to bring to the project.

"The ambition from day one was to make Marischal Square work for all involved and deliver a transformational development which would provide significant employment and business opportunities for this vital city centre area. As part of the wider City Centre Masterplan ambitions, this is another important deal which will deliver against those ambitions." he added.

Marischal Square, which is fully funded by Aviva Investors, will deliver:

- Two office buildings providing 173,500 sq ft of Grade A office space with secure parking
- Seven restaurants and café bars occupying 28,000 sq ft of ground floor space
- A 126-room Residence Inn by Marriott providing long stay luxury for business and leisure travellers
- Modern civic space around a rejuvenated Provost Skene's House including a £500,000

investment in this historic location in the heart of the city

- Up to 300 jobs during the 116-week construction phase and the potential for 1500 city centre jobs when fully occupied

The Prezzo and Mackie sites are two of seven bar/restaurant facilities available within the 28,000 sq. ft. ground floor space at Marischal Square.