

Press Release

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St Christopher's Place estate announces new store openings

St Christopher's Place – the West End estate owned by F&C Commercial Property Trust (FCPT) and managed by F&C REIT – has announced seven new retail and restaurant openings, adding to the estate's mix of 27 boutique fashion and lifestyle stores and 23 alfresco dining offerings.

Luxury shoe retailer Kurt Geiger has taken a 2,500 sq ft unit at 28-32 St Christopher's Place. The new store adds to the existing collection of high-end fashion retailers located on the estate, including flagship stores for Whistles and Reiss.

Specialist belt store Elliot Rhodes will be opening its third London premises at 14 Gees Court, St Christopher's in November this year.

Bolstering the food offer, Australian coffee boutique Sensory Lab opened its first London store at 75 Wigmore Street, St Christopher's Place in August. The site is the first of 25 new shops planned to pop-up in London over the next few years. A new style Prêt A Manger Kitchen also opened in the main piazza just off Gees Court in July.

Swedish style lifestyle stationery and accessories retailer Prints opened its UK store at 20-21 St Christopher's Place on August. The 800 sq ft unit will be the retailer's European flagship store.

Joanne Wilkes, Head of In Town Retail at F&C REIT commented:

“We have seen an extremely strong year of letting activity at St Christopher's Place, which is in the heart of London's West End shopping district, and reflects the strong interest from both national and international retailers for representation and expansion in central London at the present time.”

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