The newest café in town wins prestigious award

Right next to the City Chambers there is a tourist attraction which you may not have even thought of visiting if you live in the capital. But now they have a coffee shop....and not just any old coffee shop but one which has won an award.

The team at The Real Mary King's Close is celebrating after becoming the 1000th business to receive the prestigious *Taste Our Best* accreditation for its new café, The Royal Exchange Coffee House.

The Taste Our Best accreditation from VisitScotland ensures that guests are eating quality ingredients of Scottish provenance and the freshest seasonal produce. Receiving the prestigious accolade within months of opening its new café highlights the standards the five-star attraction sets itself.

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Craig Miller General Manager at The Real Mary King's Close commented: "We are delighted to be the 1000th business to receive the *Taste Our Best* accreditation from VisitScotland. At The Real Mary King's Close we pride ourselves in offering our guests an authentic experience of Scottish history and we wanted to extend this authenticity to our recently opened café, The Royal Exchange Coffee House."

The café offers the perfect place to escape the hustle and bustle of the Royal Mile to warm up with a luxury latte or to enjoy a bite to eat in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town.

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The menu features locally sourced produce and Scottish favourites. With a range of delectable dishes from Haggis,

Neeps and Tatties to Highland Cullen Skink, there's plenty on the menu for guests to savour the real taste of Scotland.

The Royal Exchange Coffee House opened in summer 2015 as part of a £500,000 redevelopment project at The Real Mary King's Close. The café's name alludes to The Royal Exchange Coffee House which operated between the mid-18th and early 19th centuries and could be accessed via what is now the Quadrangle of the City Chambers.

The Real Mary King's Close is a Continuum Heritage Attraction. Now celebrating its 31st year, Continuum Attractions boasts a nationwide portfolio of popular and commercially successful cultural visitor attractions. Continuum's attractions collectively welcome over one million visitors a year.

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