## Kestin Hare is opening in Leith

Scottish Fashion Retailer of the Year Kestin Hare will open his new flagship menswear store in Leith at the end of this month.

Tucked in behind Custom House the shop will be spread over two floors facing directly onto Custom Wharf.



The store's interior will reflect the nautical area with a 1960s speedboat downstairs in the changing room and yachting rope used to suspend fixtures.

Hare loves to support other Scottish creatives and his range of menswear will be displayed alongside sunglasses, stationery, homewards, confectionery and grooming products.

Hare said: "At the front of my mind has been to create something that gives customers a real reason to come to my physical store. We want to involve the community, to tell a story and inspire. I want to build an experience where someone feels like they want to come, relax, feel at home and live the Kestin Hare lifestyle.

"We will have an onsite barber and the store will also house a florist with a focus on selling seasonal Scottish plants and flowers. There is definitely a local customer in Leith for us, and Edinburgh also benefits from a buoyant tourism industry. We will have a unique offer, housing the very best selection of Scottish design, which has been a lifelong dream of mine"

The store lies between Leith coffee roasters Williams & Johnson café and Custom Lane, a collaborative centre for design and making. Custom Lane includes a gallery, event

space, workshop and studios where Hare is now housing his design studio.

Hare is delighted to have been given the opportunity to get involved in this new venture and to be working alongside a mix of inspiring creatives across many disciplines at Custom Lane.

The opening of the store ties in with his new spring collection launch entitled The Northern Shores. The Northern Shores collection draws inspiration from the modern day explorer and a road trip of 500 miles around the north of Scotland on the North Coast 500.



Kestin Hare also has a retail store in Shoreditch, London.