20 new jobs at Pizza Hut

With £611,000 of investment in two of their restaurants in Edinburgh Pizza Hut Restaurants is creating 20 new jobs.

The restaurants at North Bridge and Kinnaird Park are both being transformed to include a vibrant new contemporary look and feel.

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There will also be a brand new menu to include chicken wings, Kentucky style BBQ ribs and new additions to its famous warm cookie dough.

The re-openings form part of a multi-million pound nationwide redesign programme by the casual dining company. A total of £4.5million has been invested in Scotland over the past five years with more than two thirds of the estate complete.

All of Pizza Hut Restaurants' famous icons — including the Ice Cream Factory, Salad Station and Buffet — still take centre stage, but form part of the new, interactive design that includes a central preparation station offering a range of desserts, and a self-service soft drinks hub allowing guests to refill drinks at their leisure.

Suzi Marshall, Operations Director at Pizza Hut Restaurants who is based in Edinburgh, said: "Over the past five years, we have focused on refurbishing our entire portfolio of restaurants, with a total of £4.5 million invested in Scotland alone.

"We have a strong commitment to Edinburgh and today we're delighted to announce that we're bringing our new restaurant design concept and menu to our Huts at North Bridge and Kinnaird Park. Through the makeovers we hope to create a warm and fun environment for our guests to enjoy a meal and we're looking forward to welcoming our customers to experience it first-hand."

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The investment in Edinburgh is part of a broader £60 million refurbishment and restructuring programme for the business, secured through private equity investment from Rutland Partners in late 2012.

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