A little Italy in St Andrew Square

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St Andrew Square, the site of a new Italian restaurant backed by a global brand

Vapiano will open in Edinburgh this month bringing an easygoing approach to Italian food and creating around 50 jobs.

It is the global company's first Scottish restaurant and it is situated on three floors in St Andrew Square.

It will offer pizzas, pastas, antipasti and salads ordered directly from chefs at the open kitchen and made fresh.

Payment is made via the smart-card system which sees everything added the card of a customer as they order.

Phil Sermon, managing director, said: "Edinburgh has one of the greatest restaurant scenes in Europe so we're thrilled to be joining it."

The first Vapiano restaurant opened in Hamburg, Germany in 2002.

Since then, the business has developed a portfolio of 186 outlets in 31 countries on five continents.