

New cocktail bar to open at The Caley

The Caley was bought by Henderson Park in summer 2023, and as part of their £35 million investment into the well known hotel, a new eating and dining space will open later this month.

The Court lies in the middle of the hotel combining “vintage luxury with mid-century design”. The hotel now has a grand cocktail bar, a lively dining terrace, a patisserie and lounge. The cocktail bar draws inspiration from the 123 train, the fastest steam train associated with The Caledonian railways, casting back to the hotel’s own unique history as a railway station and so giving the hotel its name.













The bar will offer a selection of signature cocktails, one-of-a-kind serves, and Caledonian classics, collaborating with local suppliers, and incorporating sustainable, climate positive spirits. “Inspired by Scotland’s surroundings and flavours, guests will be taken on a journey of rugged peaks and crisp valleys and rivers, rich fruity florals and hyper-local spirits from Edinburgh itself.”

A music stage for live acts completes what the hotel hopes will be an inviting social space where locals and visitors gather. A weekly music programme of performers will be curated.

Nitin Ramtri, General Manager at The Caledonian Edinburgh, said: “We’re thrilled to unveil The Court and look forward to welcoming guests to this exciting new food and drink destination, which stands as a testament to the city’s rich history.

“At The Court, we’re not only providing physical spaces but an environment that reimagines networking, entertaining, dining events in an iconic building and location that only Edinburgh could offer.”

Completed in 1903, the five star 241-room hotel is a category A listed building with a red sandstone front, which has been part of the social fabric of Edinburgh for over 120 years.

The “Caley” has a long list of famous former guests having hosted Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth II and former U.S. President Barack Obama, as well as Hollywood stars including Laurel and Hardy, Judy Garland, Charlie Chaplin and Sean Connery. During COP26 President Joe Biden was prevented from staying at the hotel as the necessary bullet proof screens would have been too heavy for the hotel lift.

