

Gordon's Trattoria – same old name under new owners

The Italian restaurant on the High Street which was opened by Gordon Scott in 1982 is to continue trading under new owners.

Merchant Leisure bought the business which claimed to be “the heart of Italy in the heart of Edinburgh” for an undisclosed sum after Gordon retired recently.

Jim Tullis the owner of Merchant Leisure is a close friend of Gordon's who was such a High Street presence for so many years – and says they will keep the restaurant exactly as it is for the time being. Gordon's will continue to “serve up authentic Italian cuisine made with passion and the finest ingredients”.

Merchant Leisure owns bars & restaurants across the city including The Newsroom, The Piper's Rest, Burgers & Beers Grillhouse and The Railbridge. Their speakeasy venue Jackson the Tailor, located at the top of Leith Street and inspired by the speakeasy culture of the early 20th century, was recently shortlisted for a prestigious design award by the British Institute of Interior Design.

Arthur Mustard, Managing Director at Merchant Leisure Ltd, said: “We are very excited to announce our ownership of Gordon's Trattoria. It's such an honour to take over an Edinburgh establishment with such rich history and loyal customers. Our plan is to keep the venue as it is for now, serving authentic Italian food in the heart of Edinburgh. We look forward to welcoming new customers, as well as meeting

the locals who make this restaurant so special.”

Gordon's Trattoria is the sixth venue which will operate under the Merchant Leisure umbrella.



Gordon's Trattoria on Edinburgh's Royal Mile. All photos Tom Duffin.