

Aramark UK Launches Loch & Larder, Exciting New Food Collective at Eastgate Centre, Inverness

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Aramark UK has recently launched an exciting new food collective, Loch & Larder, at Eastgate Shopping Centre in Inverness. Loch & Larder hosts some of the most innovative food and drink brands Inverness has to offer, while showcasing high quality local produce and creating an inviting, enjoyable atmosphere.

The centrepiece of the new food and beverage offering comes from Scotland's National Chef, Gary Maclean, with his restaurant, *Scottish Kitchen*. Gary is a multi-award-winning chef who was crowned *Master Chef: The Professionals* champion in 2016. At Scottish Kitchen, he will be producing his own twist on traditional Scottish cuisine.

Loch & Larder hosts six delicious food concepts within one area of the centre. In addition to Scottish Kitchen, the collective features:

- Cluck, renowned for both tasty buttermilk chicken and vegan options,
- SweetNess, a mouth-watering dessert destination,
- Inver Mercato, an Italian deli with a variety of pizzas and salads,
- Ness n Korma, a modern fusion take on authentic Indian street food,
- Fairground Café, who will join the mix when it opens later this month

At the opening of the collective, Gary Maclean commented: "We are absolutely delighted to be part of the new food collective in the heart of Eastgate. It is with this passion for celebrating Scotland's larder that I am honoured to partner with Aramark in delivering something truly exceptional at Eastgate. We're proud

to champion homegrown produce and support small and independent suppliers.”

Aramark has partnered with the owners of Eastgate Centre to run the operation in its entirety. The leading service provider was chosen following a competitive tender process. Aramark was awarded the contract thanks to their wealth of experience in the catering industry and the freshness of their concept and ideas.

Commenting on the launch of Loch & Larder, Janet Wigley, Business & Industry Director at Aramark UK noted the importance of the centre. She said: “This is a wonderful and truly innovative development. We look forward to delivering a culinary experience for every lifestyle which will showcase the best of Scottish cuisine. Loch & Larder will become a place to meet, to socialise and, to enjoy fantastic food. We look forward to the food collective becoming a go-to destination for the Inverness community, as it boosts both the local economy and local appetites.”

Eastgate Centre Manager, Chris Kershaw added: “We are so excited to see our vision for the revamped Inverness Eastgate Shopping Centre food court come to life. Our customers are always at the forefront of our strategy, and we believe the new Loch & Larder food collective will really add to the visitor experience of the centre. The Aramark team really understood what we wanted to achieve and have brought their innovative and creative concepts to the new eating facilities.”

Loch & Larder is open seven days a week at Falcon Gallery, Eastgate Centre, Inverness.