

NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME to veNews



Anita Lowe
CEO

We're halfway through the year and we've already delivered some incredible events all over the globe.

The M&IT Awards finalists have been announced and we're thrilled to share that we are, once again, finalists for Best Intermediary Agency (Large) and Best Event Provider. Watch this space for the final awards ceremony in September!

We've also got our usual venue news, refurbishments, openings and new offerings.

So grab a cuppa, get comfortable, and dive into our space.

M&IT AWARDS

A huge thank you to you, our valued clients for your support with our 2026 M&IT Awards campaign.

We're absolutely delighted to have been shortlisted as finalists for Best Intermediary Agency (Large), the category in which we took home **GOLD** last year, as well as for Best Event Provider.

Thank you for your votes, support and best wishes. We'll share the results with you after the ceremony in September!



2026 IMPACT REPORT

Our inaugural impact report is coming soon!

We'll be sharing the meaningful steps we're taking on our journey to a more sustainable future - working towards our Carbon Net Zero target of 2050, watch this space!



In the meantime...

Have you downloaded your copy of our Ultimate Guide to Sustainable Event Planning?

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THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO SUSTAINABLE EVENT PLANNING

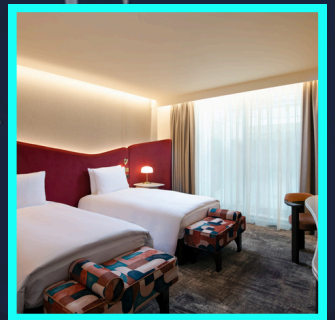
Build lasting, sustainable experiences -
while steering clear of common pitfalls



SNEAKY PEEK



Welcome to our Sneaky Peek feature, where we'll be bringing you the inside scoop from our recent site inspections, the latest on new hotel openings, refurbishments and special events.



PEROLA AT art'otel LONDON BATTERSEA POWER STATION: A BOLD NEW PERSPECTIVE FOR CORPORATE EVENTS

Perola at art'otel London Battersea Power Station is redefining what a corporate event space can be. Previously reserved exclusively for standout social occasions, this striking venue has now opened its doors to meetings and events bringing a fresh, design-led perspective to the corporate market.

Flooded with natural light and framed by panoramic views, Perola offers a dynamic and highly adaptable setting, ideal for everything from creative workshops to product launches, networking events, and brand showcases. New event imagery reveals the full potential of the space, elegantly styled for corporate use, yet retaining the wow-factor that made it one of Battersea's most talked-about venues.

What truly sets Perola apart is its seamless connection to JOIA Battersea, the hotel's award-winning skyline restaurant, offering an elevated culinary experience that can be effortlessly integrated into any event. In addition, Perola sits on the same floor as the uber stylish Masterpiece Suite, connected via a private corridor and creating a unique opportunity for multi-space programming, whether hosting interviews, press days, or breakout sessions alongside a main event. Perola offers something genuinely new to the market, perfect for clients seeking a corporate event with impact



URBAN INDUSTRIAL EVENT SPACE - art'otel LONDON HOXTON IN THE HEART OF SHOREDITCH

Looking for a distinctive event space in Shoreditch? Located within the creative hub of art'otel London Hoxton, the level 2 space offers striking, urban industrial event space designed to make an impact.

Defined by floor-to-ceiling glazing, open-plan layouts and a raw but refined aesthetic, the space blends Shoreditch's creative energy with a polished, design-led finish. Flooded with natural light and highly flexible in configuration, it provides a dynamic backdrop for fashion shows, brand activations, exhibitions and contemporary corporate events.

New to the market, this space has already generated strong interest through a series of high-profile preview events, positioning it as one of East London's most exciting new venues.

Beyond its visual appeal, the space delivers on practicality and quality. With state-of-the-art facilities, seamless accessibility and a prime location in one of London's most vibrant districts, not least to mention an award-winning hotel, it offers an exceptional setting for planners seeking something beyond the standard hotel event space.



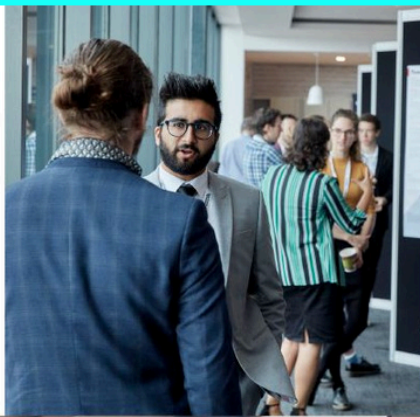
Opening Offer: Book your event for October or November and benefit from a £12,000 minimum spend with the facility fee waived.

For clients looking to create bold, design-led experiences in a truly urban but premium setting, this space sets a new benchmark for Shoreditch and London overall.

Small Meetings DDR at ICC Wales

Whether you're planning a strategy session, leadership meeting or corporate workshop, the purpose built small meetings at ICC Wales combine natural woodland surroundings with seamless technology and fully supported Day Delegate Rate packages. DDRs are charged at £45.00 plus VAT per person and include: Boardroom hire, Onsite parking, lunch & refreshments, integrated technology, access to quiet room and access to Woodland Walks.

Small meetings
Big ideas



Looking for a space
to host your next
team meeting?

All inclusive package:

Lunch & refreshments
Presentation screen
Boardroom hire
Free on-site parking
Access to quiet room

From only

£45

+ VAT, per person, per day

*Boardrooms only, minimum numbers 10,
maximum numbers 25



Summer Rates at Brooklands Hotel, Weybridge

Plan your next event at Brooklands Hotel this summer with exclusive delegate packages and seasonal added-value incentives.

Summer Day Delegate Rate – from £59 per person. Includes your choice of a complimentary upgrade: Bacon rolls or granola pots served on arrival OR complimentary afternoon soft drink buckets (1 soft drink per person)

Summer Residential Delegate Rate – from £199 per person. Complimentary room upgrade for the organiser & one complimentary bedroom for every 20 bedrooms booked. These incentives apply for bookings taking place in June, July & August. T&Cs apply – subject to availability.

FOXHILLS, SURREY UNVEILS MANOR HOUSE REFURBISHMENT & NEW DINING CONCEPT, LOMRI

Foxhills Club & Resort has unveiled a £1.5 million refurbishment of its Manor House, introducing Lomri, a bold new restaurant concept alongside a redesigned Manor Lounge, Bar and reception area at the heart of the Surrey resort.

Designed to enhance the guest experience for corporate stays, private dining and networking events, the updated spaces blend heritage character with contemporary style, creating a more elevated arrival and social experience for delegates and event guests.

At the centre of the launch is Lomri, led by Head Chef Achal Aggarwal, whose internationally inspired menu combines Indian flavours, Japanese technique and contemporary British elegance to create a standout dining experience in Surrey.

Alongside the restaurant, the Manor Lounge and Bar offers a stylish setting for informal meetings, post-conference drinks and evening networking, adding a fresh new dimension to Foxhills' wider meetings and events offering.



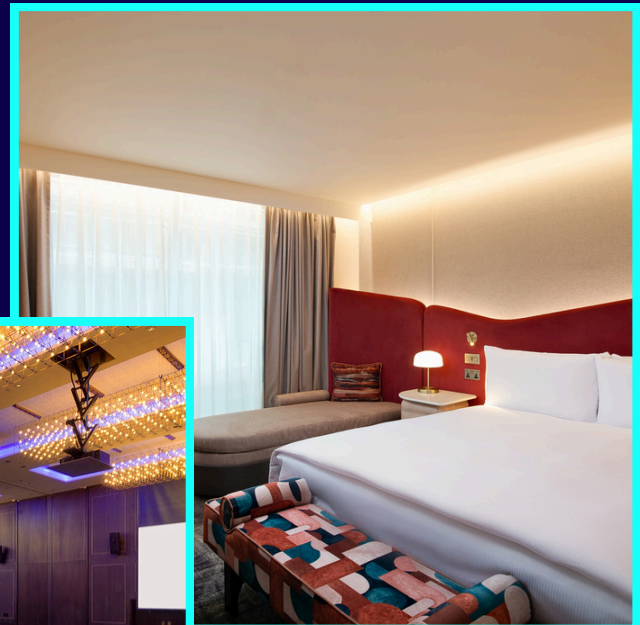
THE 300 CLUB - HILTON LONDON BANKSIDE

Hilton London Bankside is delighted to introduce 'The 300 Club', their new residential meetings and events proposition designed for groups of 300+ delegates.

Following their recent transformation, the hotel now offers an expanded selection of bedrooms and suites alongside flexible event spaces, enabling seamless large-scale residential conferences in the heart of London.

From the pillarless Ballroom with 6-metre ceilings to 11 versatile meeting spaces, The 300 Club has been created to support events that require both scale and flexibility. With enhanced accommodation capacity and modern AV infrastructure, the hotel provides a single, connected venue where meetings, accommodation and hospitality work effortlessly together.

Designed for multi-day conferences, corporate gatherings and association events, The 300 Club offers organisers a straightforward, high-quality solution for delivering large residential events in central London.



PARTY WITH A PURPOSE AT HORWOOD HOUSE

Summer is here, and there's no better time to plan a celebration that truly means something! At Horwood House Hotel & Spa, Buckinghamshire - mark the season with intention - with a package that looks and tastes exceptional, while giving something back to the community around us.

Their Party with a Purpose package has been thoughtfully designed to help you deliver a summer event that aligns with your CSR values. From £79 per person, your guests will be welcomed with a Sparkling Peach Bellini on arrival, before enjoying a delicious buffet showcasing the very best of local produce and foraged ingredients. The event space is dressed with stylish framed signage and eye-catching food and drink displays, all presented on repurposed furniture lovingly reimaged by Recoup.

Every detail tells a story. The plates, platters and cups are sourced from charity shops, adding warmth and character to your tables while supporting the local community. In partnership with Crisis UK and serving Crisis Coffee throughout, even featuring in their tiramisu, with proceeds helping to end homelessness.

Thanks to their work with Urban Bee-lievers and the MK Community Foundation, honey from their Horwood hive finds its way into dishes like the Estate Honey Pannacotta, supporting local beekeeping projects across Milton Keynes.

Make your summer party one to remember for all the right reasons. Available with exclusive evening hire of the Manor or Eyre Suite, with a minimum of 50 guests.



MILLENNIUM POINT, BIRMINGHAM UNVEILS NEW EVENT SPACE - METRO

Millennium Point's new event space, Metro is the latest addition to the award-winning venue in Birmingham. Designed with versatility and a modern style in mind, Metro offers a contemporary setting that can be adapted to suit a wide range of events, from corporate conferences and product launches to networking events and training days, with seating for up to 120 delegates theatre style. Its interior, enhanced by high-quality AV technology and flexible lighting, creates an environment that can be tailored to the client's branding and style of their event.

Adjoining the light and airy Atrium, Metro's position significantly increases flexibility for bookings when planning their events. The seamless link allows organisers to expand into a larger, open space without moving guests far, saving time and creating a natural flow between areas.

To celebrate the addition, you can take advantage of 20% off room hire for any new bookings in Metro taking place before 30th September 2026.



MANCHESTER CENTRAL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF EVENTS

Manchester Central is celebrating 40 years at the heart of the city's events scene. Since opening in 1986 as G-MEX, the venue has grown from a renowned live music destination into a leading international conference and exhibition venue, rebranding in 2007 as Manchester Central Convention Complex.

Over the past four decades, the venue has evolved and played a key role in shaping Manchester's reputation as one of the UK's most exciting event destinations, delivering impactful experiences alongside partners and clients.

The venue was chosen as the 2002 Commonwealth Games venue for gymnastics, weightlifting, judo and wrestling.

2007 saw G-MEX rebrand to Manchester Central Convention Complex, reconnecting with the building's heritage. Over the following three years, the venue was fully modernised, adding new foyer space, refurbished meeting rooms and expanded facilities, helping it to compete on the global events stage.

Showing the venues versatility, Manchester Central has been used as a filming location for a range of TV dramas and shows including playing host to ITV's Ninja Warrior UK, and the 2012 X Factor final.

Adding to the venue's varied history, in March 2020, Manchester Central was repurposed as the NHS Nightingale North West hospital for just over 12 months to help support the NHS during the pandemic.

Nearly half a million delegates across 156 events walked through our doors in 2023, showcasing the enthusiasm delegates had for returning to live events. The recent addition of Junction, our bar, restaurant, café and workspace, has expanded our offer for organisers, delegates and the local community.

Now we'd love to see Manchester Central through your eyes. Share your memories, milestones and standout moments, tag us on social and use [#40YearsOfEvents](#) so we can celebrate them with you.

MILLENNIUM HOTELS AND RESORTS INVESTS IN ELEVATED GUEST EXPERIENCES ACROSS EUROPE

Millennium Hotels and Resorts is entering an exciting new phase of investment, with refurbishment programmes underway across several key European properties.

At Millennium Hotel London Knightsbridge, a complete refurbishment will reposition the hotel in line with the luxury character of its prestigious neighbourhood. The 222-room property will introduce a contemporary bedroom and bathroom design from November 2026 across all five categories, from Deluxe Rooms to Executive Suites, alongside a refurbished lobby and new food and beverage concepts. Completion is expected in spring 2027

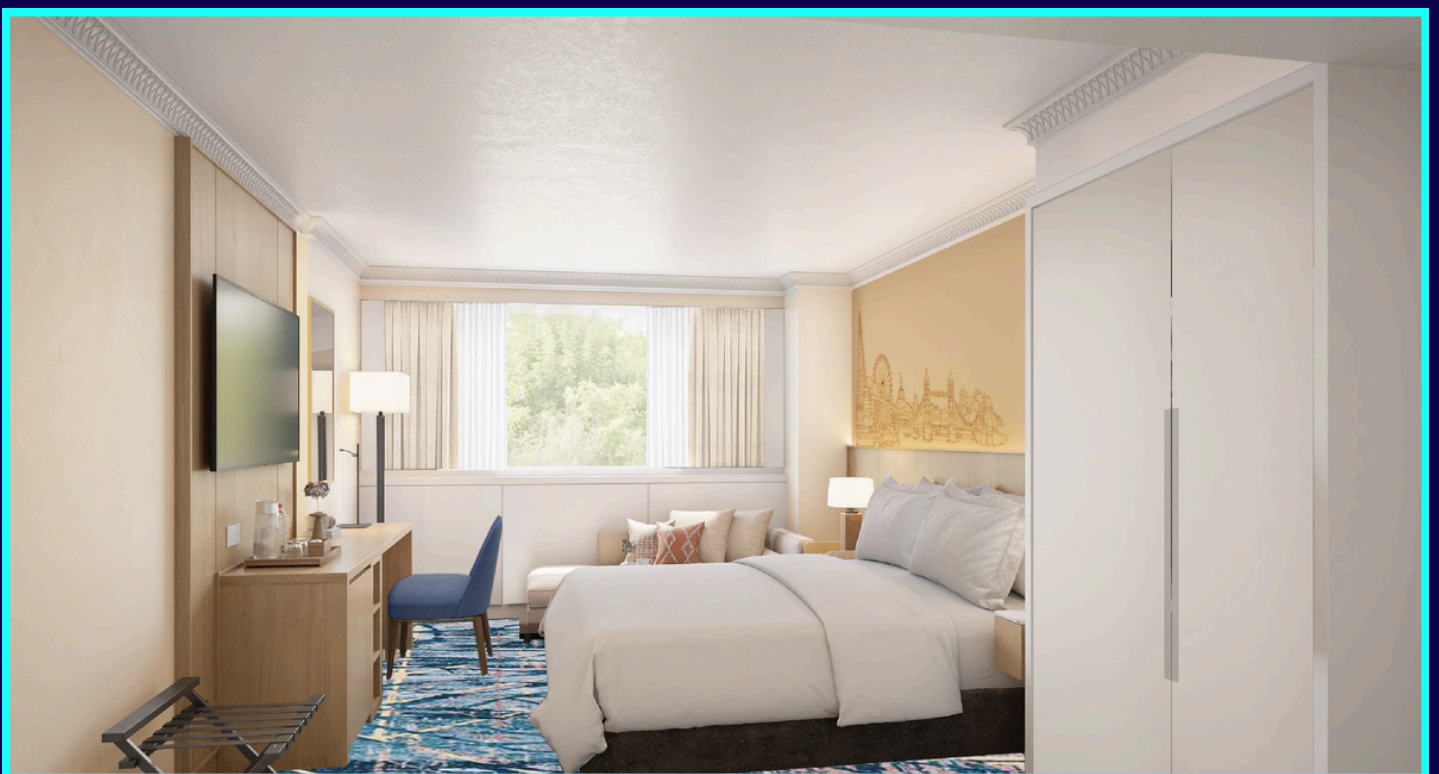


At Millennium Hotel Paris Charles de Gaulle, redesigned bedrooms and bathrooms will focus on comfort, with soundproofing investment supporting a peaceful stay for business and leisure travellers alike.

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Alongside these enhancements, MyMillennium BIZ continues to reward corporate bookers with points redeemable worldwide for stays, dining experiences and retail vouchers for Apple, Harvey Nichols and Marks and Spencer to name a few. Through the new 'Build Your Benefits' offer, planners can personalise meetings and events with complimentary perks based on booking value at participating hotels, choosing from added-value options such as upgraded breaks, accommodation benefits, dining discounts and event-day extras that help tailor each booking around the needs of their group.

Copthorne Tara Hotel London Kensington is also refreshing its rooms for the modern traveller. Moments from Kensington High Street, the hotel is ideally placed for London's cultural attractions, destination shopping and a growing lifestyle scene, with nearby openings including Lululemon, Dishoom and Kensington Roof Gardens.



NO ORDINARY HOSPITALITY TAKES OVER COOMBE ABBEY PARK FIELD

No Ordinary Hospitality has expanded its events portfolio to include the outdoor field at Coombe Abbey Park, with festivals and large-scale public events returning to entertain audiences from Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

The field, located within 500-acres of Warwickshire parkland, is available to host car shows, outdoor cinema, food and drink festivals, family entertainment and more. No Ordinary Hospitality's events team, which also operates across Coombe Abbey Hotel, will work alongside Coventry City Council to handle booking enquiries for the space.

Coombe Abbey Park sits on the edge of Coventry and forms part of the Coombe Abbey estate, founded in 1150 as a Cistercian abbey. The 500-acre site, which is easy to reach via the M6, M69 and M1 with convenient rail connections via Rugby and Coventry, also includes parkland and formal gardens designed by Capability Brown.



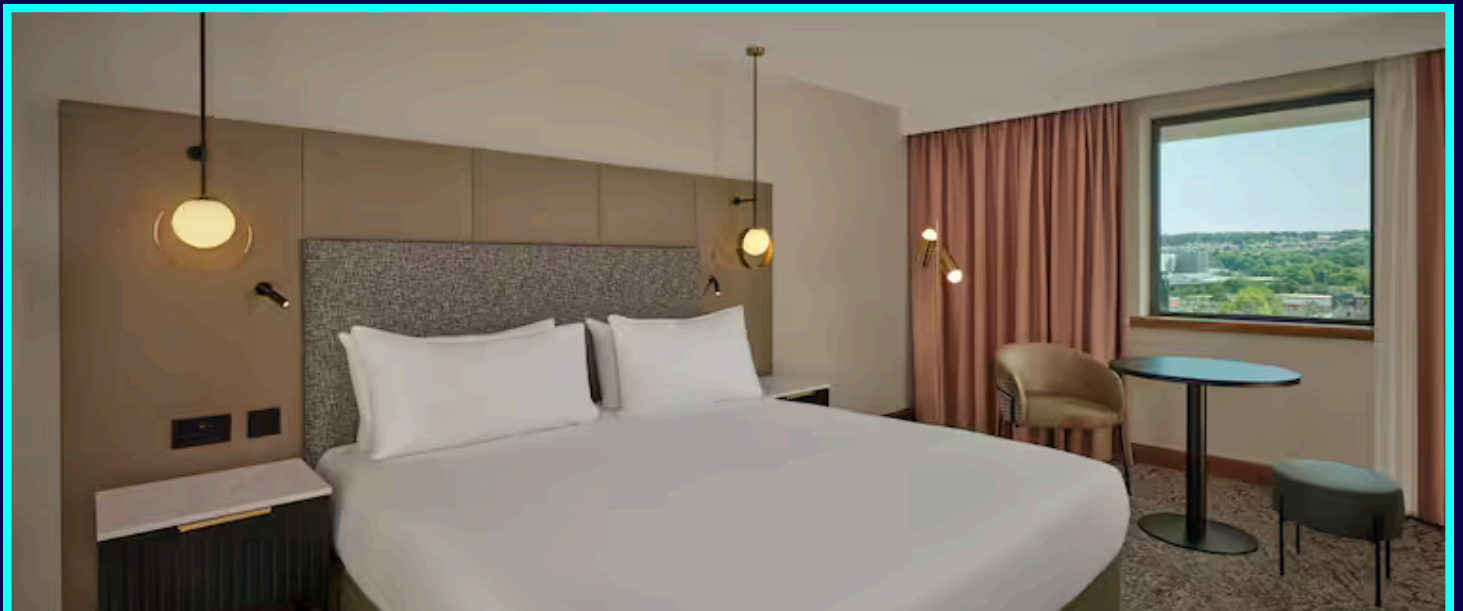
VILLAGE HOTELS TAKES OVER DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SHEFFIELD

Village Hotels has announced the acquisition of the former DoubleTree by Hilton Sheffield Park. Village Hotel Sheffield is set to open in February 2027, featuring newly designed bedrooms with in-room fitness equipment and enhanced amenities in our premium Club Rooms.

Village Hotels substantial refurbishment and investment programme has already seen 765 rooms refurbished across their hotels in Cardiff, Chester, Hull, and Swansea, with more to come! In addition to a fresh and modern look, the revamped bedrooms feature new beds and fully re-fitted bathrooms.

They're also taking their leisure facilities to the next level with multiple gym expansions and refurbishments including Reformer Pilates, Padel courts, recovery lounges and outdoor fitness areas.

Their 'Just Meet' offering continues to give flexibility to all planners for any meeting under 20 people with our flexibility to cancel up to 15 days on either our room hire or daily delegate pricing - simple meetings made simple. In addition, we have just launched our multi meeting package - book 3 meetings save 10% or book 5+ meetings, save 15% valid for any future dates if booked by 30th September 2026.



£1M TRANSFORMATION AT IXL EVENTS CENTRE

The IXL Events Centre at Dallas Burston Polo Club has unveiled a comprehensive refurbishment to enhance the venue's capability host a wide range of events through new state of the art production infrastructure.

The investment represents one of the most significant upgrades in the venue's history and includes a new LED wall, a starcloth ceiling installation, an upgraded intelligent lighting rig, redesigned reception facilities, a new bar, premium wall cladding and new flooring throughout.



Located within a 600-acre estate in the Warwickshire countryside, the IXL Events Centre hosts a variety of corporate events, conferences, awards ceremonies, weddings and live entertainment.

Atul Lakhani, CEO of IXL Events Centre, said: "This represents a significant milestone for the IXL and reflects our ambition to establish ourselves as one of the UK's finest destinations for conferences, corporate events and live entertainment.

"Event organisers increasingly expect venues to deliver exceptional production capabilities alongside outstanding hospitality and visitor experiences. This refurbishment enables us to meet those expectations while providing clients with greater flexibility, enhanced technology and a truly memorable setting for their events."

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