

SCOTTISH PRIVATE MEMBERS CLUB EXPANDS

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OWNERS of The Hallion private members' club in Edinburgh have announced plans to open their second club - this time in Glasgow.

The new £2.5 million club will be housed in a four-storey Georgian townhouse in the city's Bath Street.

Work on the property refurbishment will commence in the middle of September and the club is expected to open to members in early spring of 2005. A total of 50 new jobs will be created.

Members' facilities will include a 64-cover restaurant with a mezzanine and retractable glass roof, three bars, luxury spa treatment rooms, conference and business facilities, a Japanese-style garden and six individually themed bedrooms.

The club's interior will be in "Hallion-esque" style, with the emphasis on the relaxed and unstuffy.

Members at the Glasgow club will pay the same £150 one-off joining fee and a monthly membership of £30. Membership is strictly by invitation only.

Like its Edinburgh sister club, the Glasgow premises will also benefit from a reciprocal membership agreement with London's Groucho Club – allowing members of all three to use each other's facilities.

More than 800 members have already passed the selection process and signed up to The Hallion's Edinburgh club in Picardy Place since it opened its doors in January of this year. The capital club's membership is ahead on the target of 1000 members by the end of the first year.

The Glasgow club is also looking to sign up 1000 members in its first year. Over the coming month 100 people from the worlds of business, entertainment, media and sport will be invited to become "founder members" – giving them the privilege of nominating five members.

The Hallion – which means "rascal" – is the brainchild of Glyn Partridge and Fiach Maguire. Glyn described the commitment to the new Glasgow club as "a fantastic step in the exciting story of The Hallion".

He added: "Without question Glasgow has an incredible energy and a huge entrepreneurial spirit and we see a gap in the city for a private members club which offers not only a combination of excellent facilities but the right level of service.

"The building with its location in the heart of the city along with the Hallion concept are the perfect combination to form a club to bring together people from all walks of life who share what we call a penchant for pleasure.

“We believe the Glasgow Hallion will be the ultimate in the city’s must-go destinations – but for members only.”

Co-founder Fiach Maguire added: “We have so many Glaswegians visiting the Edinburgh club and expressing a desire for such a facility in their city. One of our most frequently asked questions on our website has been – when is The Hallion opening in Glasgow?

“We also hear from so many of our Edinburgh-based members who visit Glasgow regularly for business and social reasons and they too want to see the creation of a Hallion there.

“We hear of the great Edinburgh-Glasgow divide but we see the Hallion bringing the two cities closer together – all in the pursuit of enjoyment.”

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