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STREET FIGHT

Two of London's favourite old-school hoods are battling it out for supremacy

NOTTING HILL

Taking up residence in five interconnecting townhouses seconds from Notting Hill Gate tube station, **THE LASLETT** (left) takes its name from local character Rhaune Laslett, considered one of the founders of what became Notting Hill Carnival. The celebration of West London goes further than just the name – art clustered on the walls of the 51 bedrooms has a local connection (including photographs of carnival sound systems) and food comes from Sally Clarke's neighbourhood restaurant. *Opens August; doubles from £215*



Golborne Road has become West London's foodie hub with recent additions **JOHN DOE** (left), which serves meat and fish from its charcoal oven, **SNAPS & RYE** (top) for Danish-style fare and **WEST THIRTY-SIX**, a four-floor hangout. On Portobello Road, Rose Mann opened **FARM GIRL** in May, dishing up a hearty and healthy menu. And nearby, **EGG BREAK** opens this summer from Ennismore, the team behind The Hoxton hotels.

The iconic **CORONET** cinema is in the process of being turned into an all-round arts hub. Fringe theatre company Print Room, its new occupants, have transformed the second, smaller screen into a 120-seat theatre, which raised the curtain on its first season of productions last autumn. The listed main cinema space is due to reopen, fully restored, later this year.

MARYLEBONE

Cheeky sister to Clerkenwell's **ZETTER TOWNHOUSE**, this 24-room Marylebone opening (top right) is based around the tales of (fictional) Uncle Seymour and decorated with an eclectic collection of antique furniture, art and curios 'amassed during his Grand Tour'. A rogue and a gambler, he had a love of women and horses, which inspired the cocktail lounge from Michelin-starred chef Bruno Loubet and master mixologist Tony Conigliaro of Bar Termini and Grain Store. *Opens July; doubles from £258*



American hotelier André Balazs jumpstarted Marylebone's makeover with **CHILTERN FIREHOUSE** last year; you can finally get a reservation inside the restaurant, but summer is when the courtyard comes into its own with a new oyster cart (right). Elsewhere, **CAROUSEL** (top) offers a revolving line-up of chefs. But the latest local hotspot comes from Jason Atherton: **SOCIAL WINE & TAPAS**, a wine shop/tapas bar upstairs and a restaurant/wine bar in the basement.

Marylebone's upgraded with cult fashion names in the past year or so: Chiltern Street is now home to **MOUKI MOU**, an exquisitely curated concept store, **PRISM** (above right) for considered holiday separates and **TRUNK LABS**, the accessories arm of smart menswear store **TRUNK CLOTHIERS**. And on Marylebone High Street, the Americans are coming with new outposts of **ANTHROPOLOGIE** and **J CREW**.

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