

Another restaurant opens in Milsom Place

A pizza parlour has become the latest business to bring a slice of Italy to Bath's £13 million Milsom Place shopping centre.

Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver launched his Jamie's Italian brand with a flagship restaurant in the development in October last year.

Now, unlike the Naked Chef's Mediterranean offering, a new restaurant only a few doors away will cater for those with a craving for pizza.

Solo Pizza is in the north courtyard of Milsom Place, next to Cafe Parisien.

Developer L&R Group's director Sarah Mansfield said: "This is a new food offering for Milsom Place and it has involved a complete refurbishment and overhaul of the unit, so for us it is really good news.

"It was part of the overall redevelopment and there is no way it would have happened without that.

"The restaurant sector has held up very well and the restaurants in Milsom Place are doing very good business. They are not showing much sign of slowing down."

Work began to refurbish Milsom Place, which was formerly known as Shires Yard, in January 2007.

The L&R Group is looking for the final tenants to sign up for space on the site, which will include the



TASTE OF ITALY: the new Solo Pizza restaurant

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former home to the Royal Photographic Society, known as the Octagon Chapel.

The developer is in talks with possible tenants but, in the meantime, it is looking to use the Octagon as a venue for events and exhibitions.

Later this month it will host a vintage fashion show featuring everything from classic garments and gowns to miniskirts, designer bags and shoes.

The event will also act as a showcase for the work of fashion and textile design students at the University of Bath.

All products will be for sale during the show, which runs on the weekend of April 18 and 19.

Milsom Place will also be getting into the Easter spirit with a day of chocolate sales from sweet-toothed experts on Saturday, from 10am to 5pm.