



Holohans @ The Barge – Closure

It is with heavy hearts that we are announcing the closure of our much-loved Holohans @ The Barge restaurant in Belfast. Due to several circumstances beyond our control, we will be consolidating our operations at Holohans Pantry in the Queens Quarter on reopening. It is a tough loss, coming at the end of a very tough year but the combination of Covid, lease, insurance and other operational issues and a very uncertain future have rendered it effectively impossible to continue trading at this location. It has been a fantastic 8-year journey building one of Belfast's most successful restaurants and the people we have met along the way - wonderful staff, brilliant supportive customers and amazing local suppliers - have made it a rich and rewarding experience. It would have been difficult enough to have to close a struggling restaurant, but to be forced to close such an iconic, successful, and well-loved restaurant is devastating and really hard to bear.

We are privileged to be able to continue trading at our Queens site at 43 University Road, Belfast and even amid the current uncertainty we are incredibly excited about the future of Holohans in Belfast. We will be expanding our opening hours, combining our staff teams, and relaunching The Pantry with the best features of both restaurants and with plenty of new additions as well! Our stunning Blue Room is being transformed into a very accessible wine and cocktail bar, the perfect place for an aperitif while waiting for your table, or to continue your evening once your meal is complete. For those not familiar with our sister restaurant, The Pantry is located in a period building exuding charm and grace from a bygone era and with its own distinctive architectural style. The Pantry is full of discrete and quirky spaces where you can hide away and watch the hustle and bustle of the dining floor from a distance and is particularly well suited to weddings and gatherings, with private dining areas and an outdoor courtyard available also.

To our loyal Barge customers, we hope you will give us an opportunity to impress you at The Pantry. Any vouchers in circulation will remain valid for use or a refund can be applied for. We look forward to forging friendships with new customers as we continue our award-winning tradition of providing the highest levels of local food and hospitality. From all the management team here at Holohans, we thank you for your support over the years and hope to see you again very soon.

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