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Newcastle based pub group brews up growth plans with £4.5m HSBC UK funding

One of the North East's largest leisure operators is expanding thanks to a £4.5m funding package from HSBC UK.

Newcastle based Vaulkhard Group, which owns a number of bars and pubs in the city, including Barluga, Redhouse and The Beehive, has purchased two pubs using the funding. The family-run business has acquired Town Wall and Bridge Tavern, both located in central Newcastle.

All 59 members of staff across both Town Wall and Bridge Tavern will be retained, seeing Vaulkhard Group reach a total of 350 employees. Vaulkhard Group is now looking to make further acquisitions in the North East over the coming years as it continues to grow its portfolio.

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Sunderland film studios complex moves forward with plans to create 8,450 jobs

A “once in a generation” development, that could bring more than 8,000 jobs to the North East, has taken a step forward as public consultation gets underway, paving the way for a planning application later this summer.

FulwellCain Studios, a joint venture between Cain International and entertainment company Fulwell73, with strategic partner Sunderland City Council, announced plans earlier this year to deliver Crown Works Studios, one of the largest filmmaking complexes in Europe, creating some 8,450 jobs across the North East over the next decade.

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Northumbria continues to climb up the rankings

Northumbria University is continuing to climb the national league tables, with an impressive seven place rise to rank 36th in the UK in the latest Complete University Guide.

The league table is the first of the key national university league tables to be published since Northumbria was named the UK University of the Year by Times Higher Education.

Northumbria's rise in the Complete University Guide 2024 is down to an improved performance in a number of key metrics including entry standards, student satisfaction and graduate outcomes.

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Multi-million-pound Newcastle city centre complex to be home to over 1,000 workers

Newcastle city centre's new multi-million-pound Bank House office complex has officially opened with news that it has secured a third occupier

Barclays is set to occupy 5,000 sq ft on Level 7 in a move that will see the bank and financial services provider relocate its regional base later this year to the new 100,000 sq ft Grade A office on Pilgrim Street

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Northumberland luxury hotel reopens following multi-million-pound refurbishment

The recent re-opening of luxury hotel and country estate, Matfen Hall, follows an extensive multi-million-pound refurbishment, after its takeover by Walwick Estate Group.

Matfen has had a “stunning” refresh, creating an easier to navigate experience across its sizable footprint with “quality oozing” from every part of the rural Grade II-listed building.

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Newcastle city centre rooftop garden venue set to become city's 'hottest sky lounge'

A hidden, Balearic rooftop venue 'Altitude' is opening its doors in the heart of Newcastle this weekend.

Altitude will bring together a playful Balearic party vibe, sundowner cocktails, classic house DJs and dancers, in what is set to become the city's latest outdoor venue this summer. Situated on Clayton Street West, Altitude is a secret hidden garden on the rooftop of music venue NX (formerly the O2 Academy).

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