

The Naked Deli's world-first airport outlet at Newcastle International Airport

LONDON, 30 July 2018: Foresight portfolio company, The Naked Deli, has opened its world-first airport outlet at Newcastle International Airport, the recently named Airport of the Year*.

Launched in 2014, The Naked Deli offers a health-conscious and clean-eating experience and provides a range of gluten and dairy-free, vegan and paleo dishes. With a keen focus on locally-sourced foods, The Naked Deli uses high quality meats, responsibly sourced fish, and organic eggs and dairy.

Foresight recently invested £2.5 million into The Naked Deli, providing growth capital to bolster systems and infrastructure and continue the rollout of additional sites around the UK. Foresight also introduced John Upton, ex MD of LEON, who has been appointed Chairman.

John Cordrey, Investment Manager, Foresight Group, said: *"It is fantastic to see The Naked Deli opening up a store at Newcastle International Airport. This is a huge opportunity and the brand will gain a lot of attention from the numerous travellers that pass through each day. This is a very positive mark for further UK expansion. We look forward to what the team achieves next."*

Kirstie Kimmins, Founder Director at The Naked Deli, said: *"We're delighted to be opening our fourth store at Newcastle International Airport. I'm a firm believer that your holiday starts the minute you get to the airport, and what better way to celebrate seeing the world with a delicious, healthy meal. I also recognise that many of the airport's millions of passengers are business travellers and it's important to ensure that those that live their lives on the go are benefiting from a balanced and nutritious diet."*

Our new Naked Deli at the Airport will enable us to reach not only those who know and love our brand already, but those who have come from afar to travel through the airport. This is the first step in us being able to expand into the wider UK market and who knows where from there!"

Dean Ward, Head of Commercial at Newcastle International Airport, added: *"We're delighted to announce that The Naked Deli will be coming on board and launching its world-first airport outlet here in its home of the North East."*

It's really important that we offer something for everyone here at Newcastle International. With more and more of our customers becoming increasingly health conscious, I'm confident that The Naked Deli will go down a treat. Everyone here at the airport is very excited for the opening of the outlet and we look forward to working with The Naked Deli team."

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The Naked Deli currently has three stores within the region; Gosforth, Heaton and Fenwick's Food Hall. Its large social media presence has attracted a wide customer base and the news of its latest opening is set to delight travellers across the region.

The Naked Deli at Newcastle International Airport opened last week and will be situated in the Departure Lounge. Recruitment for team members is now taking place. For more information visit <https://www.newcastleairport.com/partner-vacancies>.

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* Newcastle International Airport was named 'Airport of the Year' at the 2017 National Transport Awards

About the Naked Deli

Launched in 2014, The Naked Deli offers a health-conscious and clean-eating dining experience with a tasty range of gluten and dairy-free, vegan and paleo dishes. All of their products are served freshly prepared in their deli and have no hidden sugars, 'E' numbers, hormones or chemicals.

The first site opened in Heaton and after a strong social media campaign, reached full capacity in the first week. The Naked Deli now has additional stores Gosforth and Newcastle International Airport.

www.thenakeddeli.co.uk

About Foresight Group LLP ("Foresight"):

Foresight is a leading independent infrastructure and private equity investment manager which has been managing investment funds on behalf of institutions and retail clients for more than 30 years.

Foresight has over £2.5 billion of Assets Under Management across a number of funds, including Listed Vehicles-Limited Partnerships, Enterprise Investment Schemes (EISs), Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs) and Inheritance Tax Solutions using Business Property Relief (BPR).

Foresight's Private Equity Team, comprising 18 investment professionals, invests between £100k and £5m in management buy-outs, management buy-ins and growth capital investments in UK SMEs.

Foresight is an appointed equity fund manager for the Midlands Engine Investment Fund (MEIF), as the British Business Bank launched £100 million of equity funding for the region, as part of the wider £250 million Midlands Engine programme. Foresight will make equity investments of between c.£100k and £2m in growing small and medium sized businesses across the East and South-East Midlands.

The £38 million Foresight Regional Investment Fund is dedicated to making equity investments of up to £5 million in small and medium sized growth companies in the North West of England, North Wales

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and South Yorkshire. The Fund recently completed its ninth investment into Epistem, adding life science services exposure and follows the recent investment in DA Languages which completed last month.

Foresight's Nottingham office manages the Foresight Nottingham Fund ("FNF"), a £40 million dedicated regional growth fund providing investment and support to businesses in the Nottinghamshire region on behalf of the British Business Bank and Nottinghamshire Local Government Local Government Pension Fund. FNF is already invested in 16 companies.

Foresight was voted 'Best VCT Investment Manager' at the 2017 Growth Investor Awards, having been previously awarded 'VCT House of the Year' at the 2016 Unquote British Private Equity awards.

Foresight is headquartered in London with regional offices in Manchester, Nottingham, Milton Keynes, Leicester and Guernsey and international offices in Sydney, Rome, San Francisco and Seoul.

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About Newcastle International Airport

Newcastle International Airport is the largest airport in the North East. It is a jobs generator, supporting 18,900 jobs, including 3,500 onsite.

Newcastle International Airport is a public private partnership. Seven local authorities own 51% of the airport company; Durham County Council, Gateshead MB Council, Newcastle City Council, Northumberland Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council. 49% is owned by AMP Capital.

The airport serves a catchment area of the North East, South Scotland, Cumbria, and North Yorkshire and contributes over £1.16 billion in GVA to the regional economy every year.

In 2017, almost five and a half million customers passed through its doors, the highest number in a decade. Newcastle International connects to more than 80 destinations directly and provides customers with access to a wider global network via flights to London Heathrow, Dubai, Amsterdam, Brussels, Dublin and Paris.

In 2017, Newcastle International Airport was voted 'Best UK Airport' for a second successive year by CheapFlights.co.uk, was named 'Airport of the Year' at the North of England Transport Awards and placed fifth on a list of happiest airports in the world. In 2018, Newcastle International was named best in its category for customer service at Airport Council International's Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards and Best-Value UK Airport by Skyscanner.

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