



## **UCC COFFEE REBUILDS DARTFORD WITH IMPROVED PRODUCTION FACILITIES**

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UCC Coffee UK & Ireland has announced plans for its new and improved production facilities at its Dartford roastery, following a fire in October 2018.

The rebuild of Dartford is a key initiative for 2019, with planning permission secured to rebuild and improve long-term production and operations on site, as the total coffee solution futureproofs its business, and continues to deliver outstanding coffee and service to its customers.

The rebuild, which is expected to complete in August 2020, will not only increase production and improve product flow, but will offer teams a new and improved, modern space including a new break out area, changing facilities, and increased office space. A new coffee bag machine will also be installed alongside its state-of-the-art roasters to increase capacity of its key retail lines. The rebuild follows a £2.5m investment to the roastery in 2015, further cementing its commitment to its customers.

**Elaine Swift, regional director (North), UCC Coffee Europe comments:** “After a challenging few months in Dartford following the fire, we’re pleased to share further progress as we invest and rebuild for a stronger future. We’re back on our feet and our plans will not only improve our roastery operations, but our office space too. We’re investing in to the rebuild to not only futureproof our business but to increase our capacity. This recovery would not have been possible without the support of our European roasteries, customers and team.”

Following the fire, UCC Coffee’s roasteries across Europe supported the UK business through its disaster recovery process to ensure disruption was minimised for its customers. In April, UCC Coffee also announced a move to a new regional European structure.

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### **About UCC Coffee UK & Ireland**

UCC Coffee UK & Ireland creates and manages coffee experiences for the most dynamic businesses in foodservice, hospitality and retail – making every cup of coffee count.



It works in partnership with its customers to implement the right Total Coffee Solution. With a unique seed to sip model, market-leading insight and global network its total coffee solution is tailored around the customers' needs and goals, ensuring their coffee offer outperforms the market.

Its Total Coffee Solution includes leading coffee brands, private label roasting, equipment, COFFEEWORKS training, and the UK's largest service and maintenance support structure. Its range includes coffee brands Lyons, Three Sixty°, Grand Crü, Grand Café and Orang Utan Coffee, and exclusive partnerships with the world's most innovative equipment brands including Nuova Simonelli, Thermoplan, and BUNN.

UCC Coffee UK & Ireland is part of a global family. UCC Holdings, based in Kobe Japan, is one of the top five largest independent coffee companies and the seventh largest coffee roaster in the world, and is responsible for £2bn annual sales. It operates across Europe, with UK and Ireland sites including its state of the art roastery in Kent. This gives UCC Coffee UK & Ireland the ability to provide its Total Coffee Solution at scale and benefit from worldwide market expertise.

UCC Coffee UK & Ireland combines exceptional coffee, world-class equipment, actionable insight, data-driven training and market-leading service.

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