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# ODEON LEEDS BRADFORD SET TO RE-LAUNCH AS ENGLAND'S FIRST FULLY RECLINING ODEON LUXE CINEMA

- ODEON Leeds Bradford is to become the first ODEON Luxe cinema in England – fully launching Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Guests will be able to enjoy the UK's biggest ODEON Luxe cinema with 1,117 new handmade luxury recliner seats across 13 screens
- Film fans can also experience a new state-of-the-art iSense screen with 4K projection and Dolby ATMOS sound, as well as a range of food & drink options – to see the latest entertainment in style

ODEON – the UK & Ireland's leading cinema chain – has today announced ODEON Leeds Bradford will be re-launching as an ODEON Luxe cinema, making it the first in England.

Following the launch of Europe's first ODEON Luxe cinema in East Kilbride, Scotland in October, film fans in Yorkshire will soon be able to enjoy the ultimate in luxury when the new ODEON Luxe Leeds Bradford fully launches on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

The cinema will become fully-reclining, with ODEON unveiling 1,117 luxurious handmade reclining seats across 13 upgraded screens, with increased leg room and personal space for guests, as well as retractable tray tables and a host of new food and drink options to ensure ultimate comfort.

Cinema goers will also experience an overhaul of the technology in the cinema to deliver an outstanding viewing experience. The cinema will now boast a state-of-the-art, 147-seat iSense screen with 4K projection and cutting-edge Dolby ATMOS sound, providing a truly immersive, ultra-high-definition cinema experience.

Film fans can enjoy breath-taking sound delivered by 234 new speakers across all auditoriums, with all standard screens upgraded with Dolby 7.1 Surround Sound and improved picture quality throughout.

A new in-screen lighting system will also help minimise distractions between guests, and any guests who are hard of hearing can also take advantage of a new Dolby Fidelio Audio Description system and Hearing-Impaired loops across all screens.

The improvements to the cinema come ahead of an exciting release schedule of new films, including, family favourite *Paddington 2* (November 10<sup>th</sup>), superhero epic *Justice League* (November 17<sup>th</sup>) and the highly anticipated *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* (December 14<sup>th</sup>).

Guests of the cinema can now choose from a range of food including freshly-popped popcorn, nachos, fries and hot dogs, as well as drink options including a Coca Cola Freestyle machine with over 100 different flavours to enjoy. ODEON Luxe Leeds Bradford will also feature an all-new Oscar's Bar, which offers guests freshly-cooked pizza and a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

In addition to the range of retail options, guests can also enjoy a range of promotions and discounted screenings including ODEON Kids, ODEON Newbies, ODEON Silver Cinema & ODEON Screen Unseen – as well as being able to take advantage of ODEON's Limitless cards and ODEON Première Club loyalty scheme.

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For more information on available offers and to book tickets for upcoming screenings, guests can visit the ODEON website: <a href="http://www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/leeds">http://www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/leeds</a> bradford/103/

"We're extremely proud that the Leeds Bradford area will be home to the first ODEON Luxe cinema in England," **said Stephen Hagon, General Manager at ODEON Luxe Leeds Bradford.** "We're looking forward to revealing the final product of all the hard work that has been put into redeveloping the cinema over the past few months. With over 1,000 fully reclining seats across thirteen upgraded screens – and a jam-packed release schedule of the biggest and best films in the coming months – we can't wait to welcome Yorkshire film fans through the doors to experience the ultimate in luxury and comfort."

Key features of the new ODEON Luxe refurbishments at Leeds Bradford will include:

- 13 fully-refurbished screens with upgraded Dolby ATMOS sound systems
- 1,117 fully-reclining seats between across all auditoriums, with increased legroom, improved comfort and individual retractable tray tables
- Cutting-edge 147-seat iSense screen, delivering a truly immersive, ultra-high-definition cinema experience, with 4K projection and Dolby ATMOS sound
- 234 new speakers across all screens, with all standard screens also upgrading to Dolby 7.1 Surround Sound
- Upgraded screens across all auditoriums with new in-screen lighting systems to minimise distractions
- New Dolby Fidelio Audio Description system and Hearing-Impaired loops across all screens for guests who are hard of hearing
- ODEON's sub-brands including ODEON Kids, ODEON Newbies, ODEON Silver Cinema & ODEON Screen Unseen
- New food & drink offering, including freshly-popped popcorn, hot dogs and nachos, as well as the all-new Oscar's Bar featuring freshly-cooked pizza and a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- New drinks options including a Coca Cola Freestyle machine with over 100 different flavours
- Renovated and refreshed areas of the cinema including a new foyer, toilets and 7 new ticket machines upon entering to the cinema
- The very latest and best films shown all year round, with a great selection offering something for everyone

Some of the other highly anticipated films to be shown in the brand-new screens include:

- Only The Brave (November 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Battle of the Sexes (November 24<sup>th</sup>)
- The Disaster Artist (December 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Wonder (December 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Ferdinand (December 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Pitch Perfect 3 (December 20<sup>th</sup>)

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### **Notes to editors**

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## **About ODEON**



With more than 120 cinemas, over 960 screens and 87 years of cinema experience, ODEON is the leading cinema exhibitor across the UK & Ireland.

ODEON prides itself in being the destination of choice for film lovers, with an ongoing commitment to investing in cutting edge technology and comfort which create the ultimate cinema experience – from luxury seats, to immersive IMAX and iSense screens with premium sight and sound, impeccable guest service and unique opportunities to watch screenings of 70mm prints at select sites.

With more than 5,700 colleagues employed across the UK & Ireland, ODEON has been placed number 25 in the Sunday Times 30 Best Big Companies to Work For 2017 and in the top 20 of Ireland's Great Places to Work 2017.

ODEON is part of ODEON Cinemas Group, Europe's largest cinema operator, which hosts over 115m guests each year in more than 360 cinemas across 14 European countries. In 2016, ODEON Cinemas Group was acquired by AMC Theatres, creating the largest movie exhibition company in the world with over 1,000 theatres and 11,000 screens globally.

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