

This design-led Manchester hotel opens soon and we can already hear the cool cats purring



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There's a new design-led 42-room hotel coming to Manchester (<https://theluxereview.com/category/travel/>), and with the promise of pastries and parties, it's already high on our 2021 must visit list.

The Leven Manchester occupies a 20th century warehouse on the corner of Chorlton Street and Canal Street. Its distinctive red brick walls and Crittall windows mirror Manchester's industrial past and acknowledge the building's previous life as a cotton warehouse, and more recently a brewery and comedy club.

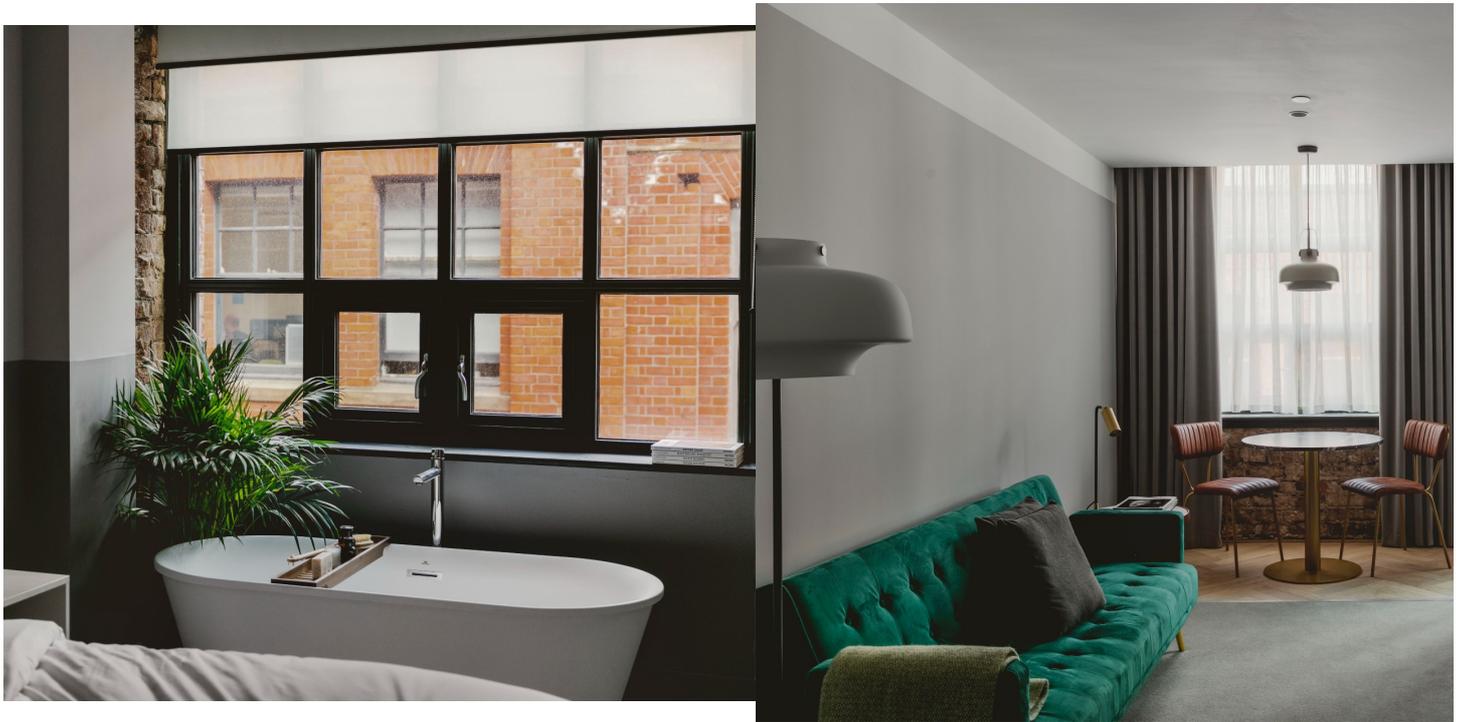
Following an extensive interior and exterior reimagining, the 33,000 sq ft property is scheduled to soft launch in October 2021. Design notes: high ceilings, exposed brickwork and timber floors.

The lobby features a brass-topped bar with emerald green scalloped tiles, blackened steel ceiling-height units and statement lighting. There's plenty of space to hang out on comfy looking sofas in green velvet, and soft leather armchairs. We can already hear the cool cats purring.

A walkway connects the lobby with a day-to-night lounge. A large canteen-style wooden table takes centre stage, geared towards co-working and socialising, and a corner sofa in turmeric velvet makes the ideal people-watching perch, sitting under three original artworks by artist Lillie Bernie.

The Lobby and Lounge serves locally made breakfast pastries, has a day-to-night snacking menu and serves up house-made cocktails. Don't be surprised if local DJs turn up for a session on the [decks](https://theluxereview.com/2021/04/21/technics-sl-100c-turtable-and-sl-1200mk7-dj-deck-preview/) (<https://theluxereview.com/2021/04/21/technics-sl-100c-turtable-and-sl-1200mk7-dj-deck-preview/>) in the evening.

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Described as a hotel with freedom at its heart for the modern traveller and [the local crowd](https://theluxereview.com/2020/10/17/the-river-restaurant-the-lowry-manchester-award/) (<https://theluxereview.com/2020/10/17/the-river-restaurant-the-lowry-manchester-award/>), the lifestyle concept is a joint venture between Manchester-born entrepreneurs, brothers Joshua and Ben Senior, and Wellbrook Hospitality.

“At Leven, you can stay for a coffee, or stay for a cocktail. Stay for a day, or a year. We want to offer a beautiful, flexible space for every need,” says Timothy Griffin, Principal, Wellbrook Hospitality.

A second phase of building work promises a 1,700sq ft cocktail bar and 4,000 sq ft restaurant.

Leven Manchester's 42 keys comprise four accommodation types: *Life Size* (standard bedroom), *Living Space* (one bedroom suite), *Living Large* (one bedroom duplex Penthouse suite), and *Living The Dream* (two bedroom duplex Penthouse suite).

Every room and suite is unique, taking the historic roots and industrial bones of the building and merging it with bespoke [interior](https://theluxereview.com/2020/11/12/how-to-create-a-japandi-bathroom-in-six-easy-steps/) (<https://theluxereview.com/2020/11/12/how-to-create-a-japandi-bathroom-in-six-easy-steps/>) touches. All have oak parquet or timber floors, bespoke furniture, 100

per cent natural mattresses by Naturalmat and Grown Alchemist bathroom amenities.

Nightly rates start from £89 in a *Life Size* room, and from £299 in a *Living The Dream Penthouse* suite.

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The remarkable LG Signature OLED R, the world’s first rollable 4k television, is now available to pre-order in the UK. A sensation when first publicly demonstrated at CES 2019, the OLED R represents a dramatic evolution of the traditional TV form factor. Taking advantage of the flexible nature of OLED, the 65-inch panel rises majestically



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Dive watch specialist Spinnaker has launched the Croft Mid-Size, a new 40mm timepiece that downsizes its popular diver. Named after Robert Croft, the renowned free-diver who became the first person to free-dive beyond 200 feet, the new Croft is 3mm smaller than Spinnaker’s current Croft, but echoes the nautical engineering and functionality of its stablemate.



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