

Property Eye

WorkSpott aims high

■ Co-working specialist trials first cannabis-infused workspace concept

London has opened its first cannabis-infused workspace and Eye can reveal it is nothing to do with former WeWork boss Adam Neumann.

Instead, the concept is the brainchild of WorkSpott, the drop-in workspace company that has co-working and office locations across central London.

Its first cannabis-infused workspace is housed in Tasting Sicily Enzo's Kitchen on 38 Panton Street. The plan is to roll out the concept across the city... eventually.

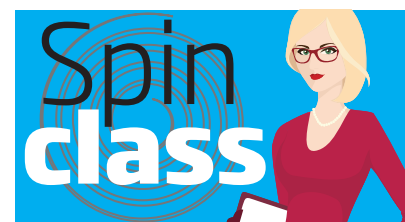


The trial workspace has several strategically placed air diffusers, which dispense a WorkSpott-created concoction that includes CBD oil. Fingers crossed there will also be an extensive

range of confectionery on hand for those who get the inevitable 'munchies'.

WorkSpott co-founder Van Sharma said he wanted to find a way to reduce stress at work. With the benefits of CBD oil including relaxation, comfort, pain relief, reduced anxiety, improved mood and sleepiness (in high doses), he may well succeed.

Whether his new workspace does anything to tackle the UK's enduring productivity crisis is another matter.



"In turbulent times, become a quaker," the advertising hoarding says.

"I'm certainly not getting my oats," I reflect. Like Emma Watson, I'm self-partnered. And the notches on my PR bedpost are equally absent. No new clients. But then there haven't been any IPOs for two years, real estate is not exactly flavour of the month with investors and the best listed companies are reporting flat NAVs.

Our handful of clients are chugging along but they are increasingly talking about social impact, so you know the deals must have dried up.

"Hen, have you seen that BrickVest, that online property investment platform we were chasing, has gone into administration?" Sophie asks.

"Sophie, how many of these proptech firms are actually trying to make a difference," I reply sardonically. "To improve people's lives, help communities, reduce inequality rather than make property investors even richer."

"We'll keep the red flag flying here," Sophie retorts.

"No, sod PR," I say. "We should set up a proptech company that is able to provide companies with a standard measure of social impact. That's what's needed, OK?"

"Don't worry, Rodney. This time next year, we'll be millionaires!"

THIS WEEK IN... 2015



ADRIAN LAMBERT

The Co-operative Group and Hermes Investment Management secured planning permission for two office buildings, which formed part of their NOMA development in Manchester. A string of

lettings have since been signed at the 20-acre development. In 2018, Amazon took 90,000 sq ft of office space. Fast forward to 2019, and Hermes Investment Management secured planning

permission for the next phase of its mixed-use NOMA scheme - the conversion of a grade II-listed warehouse building into more than 50,000 sq ft of office space in a project called Redfern.

HANOVER SQUARE

John Fardell

Electioneering Enterprise 1

Douglas, your plan to stand in this general election as an independent candidate for your self-formed "Braggxit Party" is a ridiculous vanity project! No one is going to vote for you, any more than they did in the recent European elections.



And while you're busy bringing nothing but embarrassment to our firm, you'll be continuing to neglect our actual business, which is in dire need of some undistracted attention. And you had better not be thinking of funding your campaign out of what's left of our company savings account.



Firstly, with my patriotic views and professional reputation I shall romp to victory - especially once the Conservative and Brexit party candidates recognise my superior appeal to the electorate and stand aside... And secondly, thanks to the generosity of one of our old international clients, my campaign won't cost us a penny - and will actually make us a tidy profit.



Yes indeed - our Russian businessman friend and great Anglophile, Mr Kutchyalegzov. Keen to support British democracy, yet typically modest in his wish to remain anonymous, he's suggested that if I purchase some London apartments on his behalf using some old banknotes and spare African diamonds that he happens to have, then I can keep back a substantial percentage by way of an agent's fee in order to finance my campaign. He even has contacts who can help boost my online social media presence...

