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**SHELLEY SANDZER ON A ROLL WITH LEASING OF DEBUT  
LONDON SITE FOR JAPANESE RESTAURANT**

Leading specialist UK leisure property agency Shelley Sandzer has announced the leasing of a debut London site for Takumi, the authentic Japanese restaurant brand based in Birmingham. Shelley Sandzer leased the site at 4-6 Old Compton Street on behalf of the landlord.

Takumi has taken the two-floor, 1,817 sq ft unit in Soho, which includes seven apartments and is set within a Grade II listed building that dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Located close to the junction of Old Compton Street and Charing Cross Road, the new restaurant will be part of one of Central London's most vibrant dining, night time, and entertainment scenes.

The brand has garnered a strong following from their existing outpost in Birmingham's Chinatown, serving a diverse array of authentic Japanese favourite food and drinks. Menu items at the Soho restaurant will include familiar sushi such as tuna, salmon, and eel sashimi and nigiri, maki rolls, and donburi, alongside unique takes on seafood and meat carpaccio, plus grilled and skewered meats and vegetables. The drinks menu is just as extensive and authentic, featuring Japanese beers, teas, a variety of sakes, and specially crafted cocktails.

With up to 50 covers across the ground floor, the restaurant is set to launch in September, and was designed by the owner to deliver a tranquil, intimate, and exciting dining space that showcases the best of Japanese cooking.

**Alex Xu, Co-owner of Takumi** commented: "This is an historic site in the midst of one of London's most exciting areas, and we are delighted to be bringing the Takumi dining experience to the capital for the first time. Japan has such a rich and diverse culinary heritage, and alongside the well-known sushi and grill dishes, we will be introducing some unfamiliar but authentic tastes and delicacies to London, which we know will work brilliantly in the city's dining culture."

**Tony Levine, Leisure Agent at Shelley Sandzer,** added: "Over the years Shelley Sandzer have played a pivotal role in bringing restaurants and concepts to London for the first time, and Takumi will be joining illustrious company. Old Compton Street provides a great opportunity for a restaurant, and we are certain that in time Takumi will not just attract visitors to the area, but also generate footfall of its own."

Shelley Sandzer acted for the landlord, CDG Leisure acted for Takumi.

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