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Local Law Firm helps noodle chain bring first restaurant to Belfast



International restaurant chain, Wagamama has opened its first Northern Ireland outlet at Victoria Square in Belfast with the help of local solicitors firm, O'Reilly Stewart which completed a range of legal work for the hugely popular global chain.

Legal work for the restaurant began in July 2010 and involved managing property contracts, employment law for forty-five new staff and licensing agreements. Licensing was granted in early November ahead of the opening on 12th November.

Linus Murray, Commercial Partner at O'Reilly Stewart, said: "We completed a number of essential legal processes to complete property leasing and to ensure Wagamama was fully licensed and compliant with all local legislation. This is another example of how we have used our expertise to help licensed businesses open in Northern Ireland having recently completed licensing requirements for Andras House Ltd (IBIS and Holiday Express Hotels in Belfast) and Kilmore Quay Resort, Fermanagh."

Christine Chung, Operations Director for Wagamama, added: "We're delighted to bring the Wagamama brand to Belfast. We have had a fantastic response from customers in the short time we have been open for business. The local expertise provided by O'Reilly Stewart was invaluable in ensuring our opening ran smoothly and even ahead of schedule."

O'Reilly Stewart provides expert advice in all areas of legal practice across a broad business, institutional and private client base.

The firm has particular expertise in licensing issues, business acquisition, insolvency and debt recovery, collaborative law, property and employment law and also specialises in high profile civil litigation cases including judicial review, construction disputes and medical negligence. Wagamama opened its first restaurant in London in 1992 combining fresh and nutritious food with helpful, friendly service and value for money. It now has 107 restaurants internationally including the Irish franchise, which has four restaurants, two in Dublin, one in Cork and the new Belfast restaurant.

