

The Discovery pub in Cardiff under new ownership

Pub chain Croeso Pubs has further expanded with the acquisition of the Discovery in the Lakeside area of Cardiff. The pub was formerly run by Knife and Fork Food which put its six pubs up for sale last year.

The value of the deal has not been disclosed. The Discovery will undergo a £400,000 major refurbishment this month. Cardiff-based Croeso Pubs already runs six venues in the capital with the Philharmonic, Brewhouse, Retro, Blue Bell, Daffodil, and the Dock in Cardiff Bay.

Croeso Pubs has a strong track history in breathing new life into venues. It took over the lease of the Philharmonic in the centre of Cardiff and reopened it in 2017 after a £1m refurbishment. Croeso also took over former Brains pub 33 Windsor Place in December 2022 and reopened it as Daffodil, a food-led venue.

Last January it also added former Marston's Brains pub the Dock in Cardiff Bay to its portfolio and in March it celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of its Brewhouse venue close to Cardiff city centre.

Croeso director Simon Little said: "We are enjoying huge success at our establishments in central Cardiff and Cardiff Bay. The Discovery has huge potential to be a bustling community pub and it's fantastic to add it to the Croeso pubs family."

Fellow director Craig Davies said: "When we heard the lease was up for sale in June we didn't hesitate. It's always been a popular gastro pub for the locals and we look forward to welcoming visitors to sample some of the best locally-sourced food and drink."