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OPENINGS

▶ **NOT CONTENT** with the recent success of its first franchise in Ireland, Italian chain Carluccio's has now set its sights on the Middle East.

The expansion into the region will either take the form of a franchise or joint venture. The group is said to be currently investigating the market ahead of entering it.

Carluccio's, now with 38 stores, continues to expand, with plans for new stores in various UK cities.

▶ **WAVERLEYTBS** now has access to supply Enterprise

Inns' entire portfolio of pubs.

The company previously had access to 5,500 of Enterprise's pubs, and has now signed a three-year deal for the remaining 2,300 – the conclusion of an open tender for those pubs previously supplied by Scottish & Newcastle.

▶ **INTERNATIONAL** chain Vapiano has announced plans to expand to the UK, with a new opening as early as this month. The group has acquired a site on Great Portland Street, where it will sell pizza, pasta and salads.