

# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DUNDEE

May 2005 to September 2005



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## Company Developments

Name	Information	Date
<b>IDMoS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dentsply International Inc is investing \$1M in Dundee based dental technology company IDMoS. The support is part of a "collaboration and commercialisation" deal that gives Dentsply the lead on marketing, sales and promotion of a dental decay detection system that IDMoS are developing.</li> <li>• IDMoS have received a grant of £150000 from the Scottish Executive's SPUR Grants scheme to develop a 3-D tooth imaging device which it is hoped could eventually render fillings the exception.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;">31/08/05</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24/08/05</p>
<b>Axis-Shield</b>	Axis-Shield has moved into profit for the first time, with a recorded profit of £383000 for the first 6 months of 2005. A distribution deal has been struck with US firm Abbott for the company's testing kit Afinion.	02/09/05
<b>Upstate Group and CXR</b>	A collaboration between Upstate and CXR is aimed at developing tests that will dramatically reduce the number of drugs that fail during the development phase. If successful the tests developed could save the pharmaceutical world billions of dollars and years of painstaking research.	23/06/05
<b>Vision Sound and Light (VSL)</b>	Dundee company VSL Ltd announced that they have acquired Computer Technology Scotland Ltd which it hopes will help take company turnover to over £3M in the coming year.	11/08/05
<b>Quantum Filament Technologies</b>	Quantum Filament Technologies is a new spin-out company from the Universities of Dundee and Surrey and aims to develop radical new technologies in the field of flat panel displays. The company has been established in a 750000 Euro equity deal led by Braveheart Ventures in Perth, Amcet, Dundee University, Surrey University and the Scottish Co-investment Fund.	June 05
<b>Caledonian Contracts</b>	Shopfitters, Caledonian Contracts has won the contract to work for coffee company Starbucks at its outlets throughout Scotland. They will work on all new Starbuck store openings and refittings as part of a new 7-figure contract.	20/09/05

## Leisure Facilities, Restaurants & Pubs

Name	Information	Date
<b>The Glass Pavilion</b>	A new owner for the Glass Pavilion, the striking waterfront coffee shop on the esplanade in Broughty Ferry hopes to reopen the café in October. The new owner plans to run the pavilion as a café and bistro.	31/08/05
<b>Local Play Areas</b>	7 children's play areas across the City are to benefit from the latest phase in a £1.5M upgrading programme. The 6th phase will cost around £165000 with £75000 coming from the Quality of Life funding - parks are Orchar Park, Claypotts Park, Mill o Mains, Sandeman Street, St Matthew's Lane, Whitfield Green and Marlee Road.	29/07/05
<b>Willows Tearoom</b>	A new café, Willows, is to open in Whitehall Crescent..	23/09/05
<b>Dudhope Outdoor Skate Park</b>	Work has started on the £230000 outdoor skate park at Dudhope Park. The new park will have 1000 sq.m. of concrete incorporating a street section, bowls, wallows, ramps, flatbanks and quarter pipes.	09/08/05
<b>City Quay Steakhouse</b>	A new steakhouse restaurant, called Sax, will open in City Quay in October, creating 17 jobs.	30/08/05
<b>Beanscene</b>	<i>Beanscene, the coffee shop with a twist (music) is seeking to open in Dundee's Nethergate.</i>	13/09/05

## Events

Name	Information	Date
<b>Flower and Food Festival</b>	Dundee's Flower and Food Festival attracted a record 25500 people this year.	05/09/05

## Housing

Name	Information	Date
<b>Riverside Drive Flats</b>	<i>A new planning application has been received to develop flats on the former Homebase site on Riverside Drive. The plans include the development of a 6, nine-storey blocks or 202, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom flats. Development costs are in the region of £30M.</i>	01/09/05
<b>Arbroath Road</b>	<i>GL Residential Ltd have submitted a planning application to construct 39 new homes with gardens and garages on land north of East Balgillo Road and SW of Linlathen Nursing Home.</i>	09/08/05
<b>Fairmuir Road</b>	<i>Thomas Mitchell Homes Ltd of Fife has submitted a planning application to build 14 detached homes on land south of Fairmuir Road.</i>	09/08/05
<b>South Victoria Docks Road</b>	<i>FM Homes have submitted a planning application for 80 residential apartments and 16 town house with associated road and car parking south of South Victoria Road Docks.</i>	20/09/05
<b>Donald's Lane</b>	<i>Plans for 89 houses in Donald's Lane (off Buttar's Loan) have been lodged with the City Council.</i>	13/09/05
<b>Trades Lane</b>	<i>Arnold Clark Automobiles have submitted a planning application to turn their existing car depot at 14-22 Trades Lane into 32 flats. The car depot would remain operational.</i>	20/09/05

## Community Regeneration

Name	Information	Date
<b>Stobswell</b>	<i>Plans for a further £3.5M step in the regeneration of Stobswell have been lodged with the Council. This will include residential townhouses, new and rehabilitated apartments and maisonettes, offices, shops and a nursery school. The site is enclosed by Mollison Street, Mains Loan, Dura Street and Eliza Street.</i>	07/06/05
<b>Whitfield</b>	<i>The City Council is considering a widescale revitalisation of the Whitfield housing estate by building almost 900 new homes in the area. Development will take place in consultation with the local community and could take up to 15 years.</i>	17/06/05
<b>Broughty Ferry - DUNCAN</b>	The anti-crime project DUNCAN which links shops and businesses in the night time economy to each other and the police is to be extended to Broughty Ferry.	14/09/05

## Retail/city Centre

Name	Information	Date
<b>Overgate Centre</b>	<i>Plans have been announced to develop an extension to the current Overgate Shopping Centre. The £50M proposal would create a further 40 retail outlets and could create between 500 and 600 permanent jobs. The extension will total 24200 sq.ft. and extend the centre northwards. The creation of a food court is also included in the plans.</i>	08/09/05
<b>Ottakers</b>	The first new store to open in the former Arnotts building, which has been subject to a £20M refurbishment, will open on the 17th of September. Ottakers are relocating from the corner of City Square and the new store will also host a Costa Coffee.	16/09/05
<b>Slaters Menswear</b>	Slaters are opening a new store in Dundee in October, in the former Arnotts Department Store. This is the first time the company has had an outlet in Dundee.	16/09/05
<b>Monsoon/ Accessorize</b>	Monsoon and its sister company Accessorize are expanding their presence in the City. Monsoon recently relocated to 2-storey premises in the former Wallis store and Accessorize will open in the old Monsoon store in late October.	16/09/05
<b>TJ Hughes</b>	Discount outlet TJ Hughes has opened in the former TK Maxx store in the Wellgate Centre. The 33000 sq ft store has created 43 full and part time jobs.	03/08/05
<b>Lidl</b>	Plans have been approved by Dundee City Council for the development of a new Lidl store in the former Parrot Pine shop in Lochee. Plans are to demolish the existing building and construct a 12000 sq.m. purpose built store, with associated car parking for 117 cars.	30/08/05
<b>City Quay</b>	3 new outlets have opened recently at City Quay - one a Sony-based TV shop and the others selling tiles and bathroom fittings. A total of 21 units in City Quay are now occupied compared to 11 last year.	30/08/05
<b>JJB Sports</b>	The new JJB sports shop and fitness club has opened at the Gallagher Retail Park on East Dock Street.. This is the company's first combined store/fitness club and employs almost 50 people in it's 27000 sq.ft. 2 storey outlet.	August 05

## Infrastructure and Property

Name	Information	Date
<b>Waterfront Redevelopment</b>	Work is underway on the realignment of the existing Marketgait dual carriageway next to the railway station as the first phase in the £58M redevelopment of the city's waterfront. The realignment will see the creation of 330m of carriageway at a cost of £2.9M and will release 3 new development sites of approximately 0.5ha in the city centre.	16/09/05
<b>Discovery Quay Developments</b>	2 new office blocks are being constructed on the site of the former car park next to the railway station by Discovery Quay Developments. A further office block is being constructed on Riverside Drive. The 3 new buildings will house 6 organisations - Scottish Enterprise Tayside, Communities Scotland, HMI of Education, the Care Commission, the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator and the Scottish Social Services Council. This is a multi-million pound development.	16/09/05
<b>MediPark</b>	2 Dundee based companies, Cypex and Alchemy have announced plans to relocate to the City's MediPark next to Ninewells Hospital. The move will see Cypex expand their premises from 1600 sq.ft. to 5000 sq.ft.	16/09/05

## Tourism

Name	Information	Date
<b>Gardyne's Land Youth Hostel</b>	Work has begun on the £3.8M redevelopment of Gardyne's Land in the High Street to create a 90-bed backpacker's youth hostel for the city. It is expected to be completed by 2007. Funding from the East of Scotland Objective 2 Programme (ERDF), the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland, Dundee City Council and SET have made this possible.	09/07/05
<b>Travelodge</b>	<i>Budget Hotel company Travelodge are planning to redevelop the Tay Works building in West Marketgait (which previously housed the University of Abertay's students union). The company is set to operate a 48-bedroom hotel in the building which is also earmarked for offices theme restaurants and bars. The development could represent an investment of £8-10M and create 20 new jobs.</i>	15/03/05

## Funding

Name	Information	Date
<b>The Brae Partnership</b>	The Brae Partnership has been awarded £180000 from the Big Lottery Fund to help them construct Dundee first riding centre for the disabled.	19/07/05
<b>Factory Skatepark</b>	The Factory Skatepark has been awarded £176520 from the Big Lottery Fund to help fund a teenage education programme. The grant will enable the project to recruit a new full-time services manager and a part-time administrator to provide more than 500 disadvantaged youngsters with advice on health, education and life skills.	19/07/05
<b>Charleston Neighbourhood Centre</b>	The Neighbourhood Centre and Library in Charleston has received a grant of £250000 from the Big Lottery Fund to enable them to expand the range of activities on offer.	
<b>Working for Families</b>	The City Council's Working for Families has secured a further £2M (£1M p.a. 2006/07 and 2007/08) to deliver services to help parents return to the workplace.	24/08/05

## Further & Higher Education & Research Activity

Name	Information	Date
<b>Dundee University</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancer Research UK has awarded Dundee University a grant of £11M to undertake research into the causes of cancer over the next 3 to 5 years. It will support the work of 7 principal investigators and their teams.</li> </ul>	09/09/05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dundee University will share in an £1.2M grant from the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council with Edinburgh, Glasgow and Stirling universities to develop new technology to enable elderly and disabled people to live independently.</li> </ul>	02/08/05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The University will also receive funding from SHEFC, jointly with Glasgow and St Andrews universities to develop the Scottish Facility for Compound Screening and Library Synthesis which will be based in the new £20M Centre for Interdisciplinary Research at the University.</li> </ul>	02/08/05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The £5.75M Queen Mother Building which will host the University's Department of Applied Computing and look at developing technologies for older people is nearing completion.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The University Library will receive a £5M extension with work due to begin in early 2006 and a completion date of Spring 2007.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Division of Civil Engineering secured its largest ever research grant in June. The 4 year grant totalling almost £1.3M will look at the issue of measuring sustainability within urban development.</li> </ul>	08/05/05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dundee life scientists are to share in a £12M Proteomics Technology Grant with scientists from Edinburgh and Glasgow Universities. Dundee will receive £1.55M from the Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration in Proteomic Technology grant, £109000 from an award to strengthen research infrastructure and £0.9M for the establishment of a Doctoral Training Centre to train PHD students.</li> </ul>	12/05/05

## Further & Higher Education & Research Activity - Cont.

Name	Information	Date
<b>Abertay University</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abertay University's new School of Social and Health Sciences opened in August. Abertay invested £540000 in redeveloping the former students' union building into a state of the art teaching facility with staff accommodation for the Schools of Social and Health Sciences.</li> </ul>	18/08/05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientists at Abertay University are to share in a £1M grant from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in a bid to understand how organic carbon (manure/compost) can affect how soil behaves.</li> </ul>	09/09/05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Environment Minister formally opened the new Abertay Centre for the Environment. The project received £2.13M of funding from the East of Scotland Objective 2 programme (ERDF), with Abertay investing a further £2.5M. The centre will provide SMEs with the business skills required to produce new, more environmentally friendly products.</li> </ul>	05/07/05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abertay University, the SCRI and Kiel University in Germany have won a grant of £206000 from the European Union to enable them to work with organisations in China and Nepal. The grant will enable a 3 year programme of exchange visits to take place allowing specialists to share their knowledge of soil biophysics with their opposite numbers in Kathmandu, the Institute of Soil Science and the Nanjing Agricultural College.</li> </ul>	01/06/05
<b>Dundee College</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new £70000 lab for biomedical science students has been opened at Dundee College. A further £30000 is being spent to equip the lab with state-of-the-art equipment to enable the college to train local people to work in the burgeoning life sciences sector.</li> </ul>	05/08/05

## Healthcare

Name	Information	Date
<b>Clinical Research Centre</b>	Planning permission has been granted by Dundee City Council for the £12.1M development at Ninewells Hospital of a Clinical Research Centre. The centre will provide access for patients to new treatments and will further develop research and treatment in key areas. It is expected that the centre will be operational by 2007.	28/06/05
<b>Tayside Institute of Cardiovascular Research</b>	Phase 3 of the Tayside Institute of Cardiovascular Research was opened on 7th September. The third phase which costs £250000 (largely funded by the Sir John Fisher Foundation) creating new laboratories to host major research projects funded by the Medical Research Council, British Heart Foundation and the Scottish Executive.	07/09/05

## Environmental Improvements

Name	Information	Date
<b>Broughty Ferry Beach</b>	Broughty Ferry Beach achieved EU Blue Flag Status this summer. Blue Flags are awarded to the cleanest and safest beaches in Europe and Dundee City Council have been working towards blue flag status for the beach for a number of years.	02/06/05
<b>Morgan Academy</b>	Morgan Academy is to be fitted with photovoltaic cells which will convert sunlight into electricity. The school already uses geothermic pumps which use the constant temperature of the soil to help heat buildings were installed when the school was rebuilt to help reduce energy costs.	19/09/05
<b>Urban Woodlands</b>	Dundee City Council has been awarded £50100 from Woods In and Around Towns (WIAT) Challenge Fund to improve paths and signs and provide woodland furniture at 20 wooded areas around the City, including Balgay Hill, Camperdown Country Park and the Law.	29/07/05
<b>Michelin Plc - Wind Turbines</b>	Michelin are set to begin the installation of wind power turbines at their site at Baldovie. Two large turbines will be installed onsite which will meet almost a third of the plants energy requirements. It is anticipated that they could be operational by next February.	27/09/05