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## Firefighters are still tackling the big blaze in London London's fashionable Soho district catches fire



London's fashionable Soho district goes on fire

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A huge fire broke out at lunchtime in an office building in London's fashionable Soho district with sixty firefighters attempting to put out the ongoing blaze, a fire brigade spokesman said Friday.

"Seventy-five percent of the building has been destroyed," the spokesman from the London Fire Brigade said. "It's still an active fire." The building had a basement, ground floor and four upper storeys and the 10 percent of it is believed to be alight.

The building is located on Dean St., a street lined with restaurants and bars. Diners were evacuated and a huge pall of black smoke hung over the area.

No casualties or reports of anyone trapped in the building have come out.

"We've all been evacuated in the last hour. The fire started in an air conditioning duct," a man who was evacuated from the site told BBC news.

Friday's blaze was the second to hit Soho in the same week. On Thursday fire crews were called to a commercial building in Newport Place.