



Studio Indigo Wins Big at the Restaurant & Bar Design Awards

Studio Indigo is proud to announce that The Clockspire Restaurant has won two RBDA Awards, including the Overall UK Restaurant Winner.

Now in its 12th year, the Restaurant and Bar Design Awards internationally recognise incredible design in the food and beverage industry. Over 100 entries from across the world were considered covering every imaginable hospitality space from Michelin-starred establishments to dynamic pop ups. The RBDA winners were announced via a virtual ceremony on the 15th October 2020.

The judges included 35 of the leading industry figures and influencers working across design, architecture, hospitality and lifestyle media including David Moralego, Editor-in-Chief Conde Nast Traveller Spain; Sarah Douglas, Editor-in-Chief Wallpaper*; Guy Heywood, COO of Six Senses Hotel Resort Spas and many more.

Calling it a *'truly majestic and attention-grabbing project'*, the Clockspire Restaurant won within the UK Heritage Building category and was awarded the coveted Overall UK Restaurant Award. Judge, Vanessa Craft, Editor-in-Chief, Elle Magazine (Canada) described it as *"dramatic and airy – a wonderful mix of history and modernity"*.

London-based Architects and Designers, Studio Indigo, are thrilled to have their first hospitality project recognised by such prestigious awards. On winning, Founder and Creative Director, Mike Fisher says: *"We are thrilled that all of the hard work and dedication of our team at Studio Indigo has*

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been recognised by this award, but it's even better to know that the team at the Clockspire have built upon the success of the design and made it into a restaurant that is the talk of the town."

Massimiliano Mannella, General Manager of The Clockspire says " *Being part of this project has been so amazing, from the first day we walked in when it was derelict in early 2019 to the completion in October 2019; it honestly was a breath-taking view to admire, something that gave all of us goosebumps... Myself, Luke and Thomas are extremely proud to match great food and service with outstanding design"*

The Clockspire, which opened its doors in late 2019, is set within a former 19th century school which had lain dilapidated for some time. The architecture and design were largely influenced by its beautiful rural surroundings, with the Studio ensuring the heritage and history of this building were not forgotten.

The experienced restaurateurs Alessandro Fasoli and John Campbell, owners of Michelin star restaurant The Woodspeen, collaborated with Studio Indigo to bring the vision to life by delivering fresh and simple, locally-sourced food with a playful twist, within a thoughtfully designed space.

The *pièce de resistance* is the intricate oak beam ceiling which had been hidden behind unsympathetic alterations and was rediscovered and restored to convey the pure and understated environment that it serves. Humble and earthy materials are expressed in the interior design, carefully blending old and new against a natural palette, with splashes of red and teal.

The reconfigured layout allows for 70 covers in the Main and East Halls, whilst the West Hall now houses the chef's kitchen with the addition of a new mezzanine bar. As you ascend the contemporary staircase, you can truly appreciate the impressive ceiling and watch the diners below from the warm and intimate bar above.

The building holds fond memories within the community, thus the design team took great care in consulting the residents to ensure the sensitive restoring of the external façade, as well as its stunning clocktower, which now stands as a beacon within the village.

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About Studio Indigo:

Studio Indigo was founded in 2005 by Creative Director Mike Fisher, with the aim to provide a studio that understands the holistic relationship between architecture and interior design. Since its inception, the company has gone from strength to strength, progressing to their current national and international profile, encompassing 40 talented Architects, Technicians and Interior Designers from around the world.

Studio Indigo's expertise within London's prime residential properties has led to breaking of sale records in various Kensington and Chelsea streets. Their multi-cultural workforce has allowed the practice to expand into a range of other industries such as yachting, offices, hotels and restaurants. Working alongside the highest quality craftsmen and artisans, tradesmen and professionals, they have been able to attain a consistent level of quality upon which their reputation is formed.

Studio Indigo combines quality of design and attention to detail with vast experience to create truly outstanding spaces, while lovingly retaining heritage features and developing their potential to maximise space and light.

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