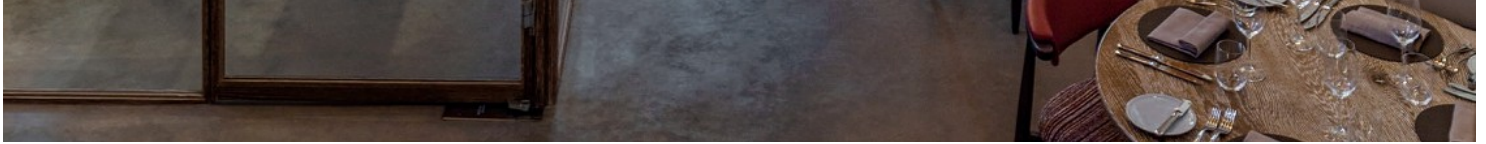


Restaurant & Bar Design Awards





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STUDIO INDIGO IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CLOCKSPIRE RESTAURANT HAS WON TWO RESTAURANT & BAR DESIGN AWARDS, INCLUDING THE OVERALL UK RESTAURANT WINNER.



Now in its 12th year, the Restaurant & Bar Design Awards (RBDA) internationally recognise the 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 25 of the leading industry figures and influencers working across design, architecture, hospitality and lifestyle media including David Moralego, Editor-in-Chief Condé Nast Traveller Spain; Sarah Douglas, Editor-in-Chief Wallpaper*; Guy Heywood, COO of Six Sense 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."*

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Massimiliano Mannella, General Manager of The Clockspire said: “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.

Mike Fisher from Studio Indigo told PREMIER HOSPITALITY: “The original grade II building was constructed in the 1860s in a Tudor Gothic style as the village school. The school was closed in the 1980s and converted into offices and eventually lay empty and decaying. Our objective was to restore the listed building and create a new



contemporary restaurant and bar within the confines of a historical landmark. We wanted to bring back focus to the community as the building held many memories for the residents.”

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 résistance 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. »



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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 clock tower, which now stands as a beacon within the village.

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Basemode Ltd are proud to have worked with Studio Indigo on the Clockspire Restaurant.

Our team produced the Entrance Lobby, Staircase, Tables, Bar and the Freestanding Furniture.

We wish the Clockspire and all who have the pleasure of visiting the very best.

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