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Battersea Power Station

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Cocktail Bar

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The 4,500 sq. ft venue, operated by Inception Group, opened on 14th October when the Grade II* listed redeveloped Battersea Power Station, complete with over 100 shops, restaurants, cafes, and events venues, opened its doors to the public.

The 1950's inspired interior design takes its cue from the power station's architecture and history.

At its peak, Battersea Power Station produced a fifth of London's electricity, supplying power to some of London's most recognisable landmarks, such as the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace.

Working in tandem with Control Room A, Control Room B managed the distribution of power generated by the power station's turbines.

Control Room B was completed in 1955 as a counterpart to the original Control

Room A, built in the 1930's. Control Room B was built in the austere Modernist style of the post-war period and the space is defined by the dramatic arc of the original stainless steel control desk, set against a backdrop of full height anthracite-coloured switchgear racks.

The walls and octagonal columns feature original faience tiles in a delicate pale blue, contrasting against the beautifully brutalist machine aesthetic of the control panels.

The original control room fittings, desks and switchgear complex are defining features of the new bar space and have been fully restored as part of the wider regeneration of Battersea Power Station.

The space has been arranged in a circular configuration, inspired by both the arched form of the existing historic stainless steel control desks and by the radial forms of the original power station turbine blades. »



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At Control Room B we took concept drawings from our designer and fully developed them from drawings to handover in just 56 days. The team worked day and night to deliver a unique bar at the site on time ready for the grand opening.

Control Room B was a really exciting project to be involved with and we feel privileged to have been asked to work with Inception Group again.

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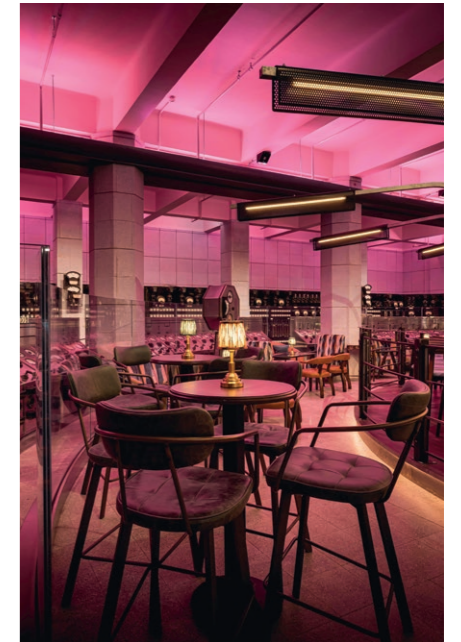
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The design for the bar involved the creation of a spectacular turbine-inspired, metallic sculptural centrepiece, paying tribute to the character and form of Battersea Power Station's electric, industrial history. An illuminated canopy adorned with delicately perforated metal fins encircles an existing central column, lending a sense of energy, movement and permeability.

Alan Ellis MD of Ellis Design Studio added: "The design of the bar, with its radial canopy, seeks to capture the forms and momentum of the original power station turbines. The semi-circular sweep of arced feature lights is designed to suggest the capturing of a moment in time between rotational movements, thereby creating a sense of tension, anticipation, and dynamism."

The bar is fabricated almost entirely of metal in a variety of forms and finishes. Amber hued, domed textured lights to the

bar front are suggestive of the viewing portholes into the original coal furnaces, which powered the turbines.

Bespoke lighting to the bar top and canopy was inspired by a brutalist aesthetic and was fabricated from fluted glass, antique brass and patinated aluminium. The outer edge of the bar is surrounded by a dramatic wing-like arc of metallic lights, signifying the rebirth of the power station.

Furniture and upholstery selections were informed by mid-century patterns and pastel-hued palettes, providing a softer juxtaposition to the coolness of the original metals and tiles within the space.

Staff donning utilitarian boiler suits in a nod to the Power Station's employees back in the 1950s, are ready to shake up and serve a selection of innovative cocktails. Each drink is influenced by the power station and the 1950s control room through vessels and ingredients used. With a setting

so unique this really is the ultimate drinking destination for any occasion.

Charlie Gilkes, co-founder at Inception Group, said: "We couldn't have been more excited to open a bar within the most iconic part of one of London's most important landmarks. Having lived in Battersea my whole life, it's amazing to have played a part in the most exciting redevelopment project for many years and to bring this space back to life."

The power station is also home to a 24,000 sq. ft Arcade Food Hall from JKS Restaurants, office space and a unique events and leisure offering, including the chimney lift experience. In addition, there are 254 apartments with residents moving in from last spring, and a new six-acre riverfront park which is already open to the public. ■