

Levy Restaurants UK receives accolades for design of The Coach House Restaurant at Hatfield House

Levy Restaurants, the sports, leisure and hospitality division of Compass Group UK & Ireland, has achieved accolades in two international design awards for The Coach House Restaurant at Hatfield House.

The design project has been nominated in the Modern Decoration International Media Awards, taking place in December in Shenzhen, near Hong Kong, and awarded 'Best Leisure Interior East of England' at the International Property Awards. Both award ceremonies recognise design projects which have received international accreditation and honour the best in interior design.

The Levy Restaurants team in partnership with the design agency SHH transformed it into a two-storey Restaurant complete with a fresh and stylish design, synonymous with the historic ambience of the house. The restaurant's design, which also won 'Best Café or Fast Food' at the prestigious 2012 Restaurant and Bar Design Awards, used bold lighting and modern materials to add a sense of current style, while local materials and craftsmanship were incorporated to preserve its authentic charm and British heritage.

Elements of the design concept have been implemented to complement the food offering at The Coach House Restaurant. The chef's table allows visitors to watch their food being prepared and creates an interactive experience, while hand-crafted and bespoke shelving displays the bakery and deli foods.

Roy Westwood, Levy's creative director commented: "We are extremely delighted to receive another award for The Coach House Café and to be nominated at the Modern Decoration International Media Awards; it is a testament to the great venue, Hatfield House, and the long-term relationship we have with our design partners. It was essential to us that we designed and created a space that visitors of the venue can go to eat and relax whilst taking in the beautiful environment of Hatfield House."

Nick Moorhouse, business director of Hatfield House, said: "Hatfield House is delighted with the redesign of The Coach House Restaurant undertaken by Compass and its partners. The design cleverly marries a modern appearance with a 200 year old property and has been broadly acclaimed. The contemporary design of the interior of the restaurant mirrors sympathetically the new external features, which has resulted in a significant increase in capacity and therefore greater income."