



Duke of York Restaurant

Location: Sloane Square, London

Material Used: ThermoWood Ash Hardwood and Invizifix® Clip system

This restaurant was formerly known as Cadogan Café and went through a total re-design by Nex Architecture and fit out that incorporates a spiral shaped deck and seating areas on the upper terrace. The challenge on this project was that every board had to be tapered and continue up the vertical seating faces and top faces. Therefore, when viewed from above it looked like one continuous tapered board. The seating edging was created out of larger section Ash that was cut into a curve.



The restaurant's ambitiously sculptural form is defined by a ribbon-like, spiralling concrete wall. In a graceful addition to the historic area, this creates a thoughtful continuation of the adjacent Grade 2 listed wall of the Duke of York Headquarters, while giving the restaurant an unmistakably contemporary character. Set within the wall, large openings provide access to the main restaurant space, drawing upon a classically informed colonnade in their arrangement.

The dynamic curves of the large plate glass windows within the colonnade are housed within bespoke steel frames to prevent the need for horizontal mullions and continue the seamless simplicity of the design. In line with this, these glass panels are also completely retractable, opening up the ground floor space during fine weather and allowing the restaurant to spill onto the surrounding Duke of York Square.

Above the restaurant, a tranquil roof garden is open freely to the public. Featuring our ThermoWood Ash Decking and generous herbal planting embedded within the spiralling shape of the building, the garden creates a peaceful comfortable environment for people to relax, eat their lunch or simply spend time among the canopies of surrounding trees. Raised up from the bustle of the busy square and road below, this in turn offers the perfect opportunity to forge new connections with the historical surroundings.