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## TE KĀHUI WHAIHANGA AUCKLAND ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

The Hotel Britomart has picked up three prizes in the Auckland architecture awards. The Te Kāhui Whaihanga New Zealand Institute of Architects Auckland Branch Awards were announced at a ceremony at the ASB Waterfront Theatre on Wednesday evening.

The hotel, designed by Cheshire Architects and opened in October, was recognised with awards in three categories: Commercial Architecture; Hospitality; and Interior Architecture. It also won a Resene Colour Award for its interior. The five-person jury described the hotel as “a generous gift to Aucklanders”.

The awards are an annual celebration of Auckland and Northland architecture, a peer-reviewed selection of projects recognised by a jury from the Auckland branch of Te Kāhui Whaihanga New Zealand Institute of Architects.

The five-person jury visited projects in person to choose the winners. “When approaching this building’s deeply thoughtful façade, architecture as a process of crafting – from concept, to thousands of drawings, to the relationships between architect, contractors and clients, to people as occupants – feels magical,” the jury noted in its award citation.

“This complex upgrade of the historic Buckland Masonic building includes two new rooftop pavilion hotel suites, offices from level 1 to 3, and laneways at ground level to connect with the lively Britomart precinct, but despite all this activity, the bespoke nature of the build makes every piece and part feel meaningful. From its custom door handles to the sight of that façade against the blue Tāmaki Makaurau sky, The Hotel Britomart is a generous gift for Aucklanders.”

The Hotel Britomart was developed and is owned by Cooper and Company, the company responsible for the ongoing regeneration of the Britomart precinct. The project included the construction of a new, brick-clad 10-storey tower as well as the refurbishment of the adjacent heritage Buckland and Masonic Buildings and the creation of a new laneway through them that connects Galway Street and Customs Street East.

“We’re incredibly proud of the hotel and the response from our guests shows how deeply they appreciate Cheshire Architects’ attention to detail and the efforts of our development team and Bracewell Construction,” says The Hotel Britomart’s general manager, Clinton Farley. “It was designed to be a hotel that feels like a special addition to its neighbourhood and its city, and we’re honoured that the Te Kāhui Whaihanga jury feels we have achieved that.”

The hotel, which contains 99 rooms and five highly crafted Landing Suites, is New Zealand’s first 5 Green Star hotel, certified by the New Zealand Green Building Council.

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Video of the hotel is at this link: [Link](#)  
Web resolution images saved here: [Link](#)  
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**What’s in a name:** The Hotel Britomart (name cannot be shortened)

**Website:** <https://thehotelbritomart.com/>

**Images:** <https://we.tl/t-5X1Mchk99d>

**The Libraries:** <https://thehotelbritomart.com/thelibraries/>

**Background:** <https://britomart.org/were-building-the-hotel-britomart/>

**Sustainability:** <https://britomart.org/about/#sustainability>

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**About The Hotel Britomart:**

Located in downtown waterfront Auckland’s Britomart precinct. The Hotel Britomart has 99 guest rooms and five luxurious Landing Suites that offer an oasis of calm in the centre of the city. Designed by Cheshire Architects, it is New Zealand’s first 5 Green Star hotel, certified by the NZ Green Building Council. Find out more at [thehotelbritomart.com](https://thehotelbritomart.com).

**About Collection by TFE Hotels**

The Hotel Britomart is part of Collection by TFE Hotels and will be managed by TFE Hotels on behalf of Cooper and Company. Cooper and Company is the asset and development manager for the Britomart Group, which holds a contract for the long-term ownership and development of the Britomart Precinct.

The Collection represents beautiful hotels hallmarked by authenticity and provenance, each designed with individual character and charm. With a collection of properties that encompass striking design and attention to the individual such as The Calile Hotel Brisbane, Melbourne’s The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins and Hotel Kurrajong Canberra. The Hotel Britomart embodies these concepts while remaining proudly a product of its unique location.