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The Hotel Britomart adds to its trophy case with latest design accolade

AUCKLAND: The Hotel Britomart has been named as the winner of the Hospitality Award in the 2021 New Zealand Interior Awards.

The Interior Awards is the only awards programme of its kind in New Zealand with the sole focus of celebrating New Zealand-designed projects that push the limits of interior and spatial design as well as the talented designers and teams that conceptualise and develop these ideas.

Across New Zealand, eight projects and one up-and-coming designer were honoured in this year's Interior Awards.

"This exceptional project, which celebrates Cheshire Architects' 10-year-long relationship with its client in the Britomart Precinct, is a sensorial feast." said the 2021 Interior Awards jury.

"Demonstrating a level of craftsmanship and collaboration with local artisans that goes far beyond what is typically seen in commercial projects of this scale, the architects have created an interior spatial experience that is layered with history and an emotional connection to our land."

With 99 guest rooms and five luxurious Landing Suites, The Hotel Britomart opened in October 2020 at the heart of downtown waterfront Auckland's Britomart precinct.

The Hotel Britomart is New Zealand designed, developed and owned. It was designed by Auckland's Cheshire Architects and developed by Cooper and Company, the team behind the rejuvenation of the Britomart neighbourhood

since 2003. The Hotel Britomart project also involved the refurbishment of three adjacent heritage buildings, and the creation of a new plant-filled, pedestrian-friendly laneway connecting Galway and Customs Streets.

The jury concludes, “In response to a bar set high by their client, the architects have fulfilled the brief while setting a new way of working, drawing extensively on local resource and essentially hand-building every element of the final result. Nothing has been left behind in this fully immersive, yet seemingly effortless, hotel experience.”

The Hotel Britomart does detail like no other; shown through its natural timber accents and hand-made brick exterior, the works of local ceramic artists, built-in sofas and a mini-library of New Zealand centric books in every room and suites.

“We’re honoured that The Hotel Britomart’s design has been recognised by the judges of the Interior Awards,” says Clinton Farley, General Manager of The Hotel Britomart. “Our work with Cheshire Architects was always about creating a special place for our guests to stay, and it’s a pleasure to see that vision resonating with people.”

In a New Zealand first, the hotel was designed and built to 5 Green Star standards established by the NZ Green Building Council. This required focus on the sustainable credentials of everything from paint finishes to taps and light fixtures. 80% of construction waste was recycled, and the hotel’s annual carbon emissions are expected to be 50% lower than a building designed to the minimum standards of the New Zealand building code.

2021 marks a decade of the Interior Awards and it was its biggest celebration yet with a ‘super jury’ made up of all past and current Interior Awards jurors and Supreme Award winners.

Jurors included Rufus Knight of Knights Associates, Amanda Harkness of Architecture NZ, Sarah Bryant of Peddlethorp Architects, Craig Moller of Moller Architects and Raukura Turei of Monk Mackenzie.

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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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