

North Urn Lights



As we don't have another issue until January, we thought we'd give you a glimpse of just a few of the big winners at our recent Mixology North awards, which were handed out in Manchester as these very pages were still drying.

Of course, the full review will be in that next issue - including all of the night's big winners, highlights of our headline act Hed Kandi, and, no doubt, a few very tired and emotional industry stalwarts.



ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD

Winner: InterfaceFLOR

In 2011 InterfaceFLOR has introduced two new technological breakthroughs to the European carpet industry: Biosfera is a new product made with 100% recycled yarn, whilst Re-Entry is a high-yielding process that effectively separates the yarn and several backing types of used carpet tiles. InterfaceFLOR continues to go beyond product production, considering every aspect of the product life cycle.



PRODUCT OF THE YEAR – FURNITURE

Winner: Herman Miller / Sayl

Sayl is a family of work and side chairs that deliver all the design, innovation, quality and performance we have come to expect from Herman Miller – and all for under £200. Designed by Yves Behar, Sayl features advanced ergonomic performance with environmental responsibility. This complete seating line includes work chairs with three variations of back style and side chairs with cantilever or 4-leg base options.



COMMERCIAL INTERIORS PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Winner: TTSP / Jaguar Land Rover

Jaguar Land Rover's brief was to embody the premium luxury aspect of the brand and to raise the level of design aspiration amongst staff, suppliers and customers. The project comprised the fit-out of the ground and first floors of an existing developers spec building in Coventry. The completed interior features a level of creativity and care in the selection of premium materials, components and products that, in turn, reflect the design, quality and luxury aspects of the client's brand.



INTERIOR PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

Winner: iDEA / Me + My workplace

Me + My workplace is a suite of modular, interactive tools designed to help varied organisations understand more about their people and places. The on-line questionnaire assists organisations in gaining a more complete understanding of what employees do, and where and how they do it. Me + My workplace is intuitive and interactive, and its output will help in accommodating various work styles and will support future planning.



EDUCATION INTERIORS PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Winner: FaulknerBrowns / Newcastle University Students Union

When it opened in 1925 Newcastle University Students Union provided for student needs: hot baths, indoor toilets and hot food. The brief to FaulknerBrowns to refurbish the facility had evolved somewhat: somewhere to Facebook, canoe, start a band, publish a newspaper, make a radio programme. What FaulknerBrowns took on was a complex and ambitious brief, in a sensitive building. The result is fabulous - and even features Newcastle's longest bar at 26 metres.



COMPANY OF THE YEAR

Winner: Southern Office Interiors

Independent furniture specialist Southern celebrated 30 years in business at the tail end of 2010. By the end of September this year, the firm had already achieved 18% growth on the previous 12 months - with a full quarter still to run. This has been achieved through the continuing delivery of marquee projects, including Kensington & Chelsea College, Bournville College and the aforementioned University of Salford, MediaCity. Furthermore, all this has been achieved despite a serious warehouse fire back in August!