

focal point

VIVI RESTAURANT

CENTRE POINT, LONDON, UK

The over-arching vision for this project - overseen by Gordon Young of Gordon Young Architects - was to ensure that the building's 1960s heritage was captured in the interiors. It was crucial that the essence of that iconic decade would run through everything, while also creating a modern, bright and atmospheric space that would work as an all-day destination. It was clear from the early stages of planning that lighting would play a crucial part in achieving this balance.

The focal point in the main restaurant is, undoubtedly, the statement chandelier. Designed and handmade by Vibeke Fønnesberg Schmidt specifically for the space, the chandelier mimics the popular 1960's children's construction toy, 'PlayPlax'. Made of layers of custom coloured plexiglass with brass fittings, the chandelier's colour palette includes pale pink and teal blue, two of the key accent colourways of the space as a whole, which brings an element of playful quirkiness and nostalgia to the classic and elegant interiors.

A number of integrated joinery and architectural lighting elements were also coordinated between Nulty and Gordon Young Architects to breathe life into the striking materials and varied textures used throughout the restaurant. These create many layers of light, which together with Vibeke's chandelier work to inform the overall ambience of the restaurant, helping it to transition from light and airy during the day to intimate and sophisticated for evening service.

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