

## Award

Hospitality Design

## Designer

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Design statement -
Arkhé is a bar and dining room that Arkhe is a bar and dining room that fire through the ephemeral nature of time and decay with an acknowledgment of the beauty in everyday life. Time-worn objects and natural materials are the key to attaining balance.

The site came with a 400 -millimetre evel change from the entry to the rea courtyard, along with an elongated, to the rear of the site. This provided an opportunity to create three distinct seating zones: the lounge, the dining room and the courtyard, all offering distinct experiences. The lounge is the darkest and moodiest space, setting the tone for the dining experience upon entry. Guests can courtyard or the time-worn banquette The dining room wraps the kitchen, with seating elements along the kitchen bar, and booths intersected by the ramp connect the entry level to the dining room. The greater dining room, with its subtle light filtration overhead and fire-laden kitchen, engages and entrances diners.

## Jury comment -

The Hospitality Design category was incredibly impressive and hard to judge as a result, but the jury unanimously agreed Arkhé is the front-runner. This project strikingly manages a complex series of spaces through an extraordinary se of materiality and light without tryin oo hard. It is truly unique and well highlights an exceptional handling of texture and a balanced composition.

The designers had one very strong concept and ran with it all the way, which is extremely rare and in no way gimmicky. Materials, in particular, have been undertood and cleverly applied, and the space are calm and well connected. The highly interior makes for a gutsy, powerful project



