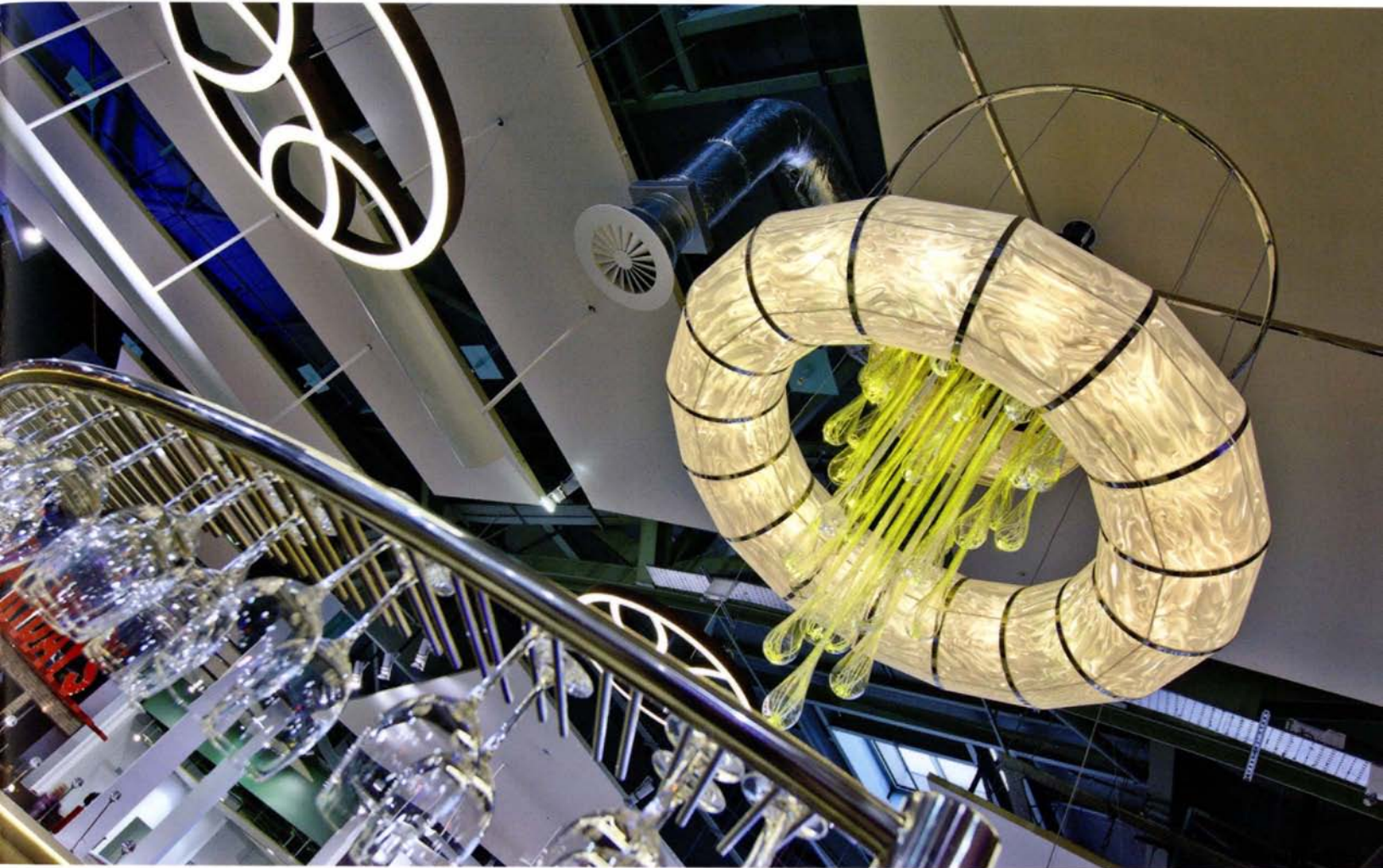


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# Working With...

## Stiff + Trevillion Light the Way for Jamie's Italian with Northern Lights

Stiff + Trevillion have worked alongside Northern Lights for some three years with the Jamie's Italian chain forming a large portion of this work.

Stiff + Trevillion selected Northern Lights as a partner on these projects because of their ability to fabricate chandeliers from initial design drawings and sketches, interpreting thoughts and turning them into reality in a short period of time and to a budget.

Two key Stiff + Trevillion projects have been with the Jamie's' Italian chain, in their Bristol and Cheltenham restaurants. The team at Jamie's were keen to maintain the integrity of the buildings and to reflect their past heritage, an ethos Stiff + Trevillion endorsed. Stiff + Trevillion, in conjunction with Northern Lights, strove to ensure this vision was followed through in each project and in the very different building spaces chosen.

In Jamie's Bristol there are four principal spaces interconnected over four floors. The design makes the most of the complexity of the interior and creates very different moods in each of the spaces. Stiff + Trevillion sought to reflect the unique history of the space by commissioning a highly unusual chandelier made of test tubes. This chandelier, situated above the main staircase, is a nod to the work of the physician William Budd who used the building during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century for his work on infectious diseases.

Jamie's' Italian in Cheltenham is a former magistrates court. Keen to maintain some of the beautiful fixtures such as the fully intact court boxes, jury and press gallery, Stiff + Trevillion worked to blend their ideas with the existing courtroom. Many of the original fittings have been incorporated into the restaurant design. Again, working closely

with Northern Lights, a bespoke Scales of Justice light fitting was designed along with smaller lights reflecting the building's judicial past.

Another restaurant in the Jamie's chain, this time in Portsmouth, presented Stiff + Trevillion with a different set of challenges, as it was a large retail shell unit with little character. The unit is part of the city's recent Gunwharf Quays Development. Stiff + Trevillion instead took inspiration from the historic docks in which Gunwharf Quays is built. Corrugated steel sheeting with super graphics to echo the shipping containers, steel stanchions mimic the gantries, architecture and character of Portsmouth's naval heritage. Paint schemes take inspiration from the razzle-dazzle camouflage of the First World War battleships. Fixtures and fittings were sourced from naval reclamation yards including battleship bulkhead lights and steel sheeting for the kitchen counter.

The purpose made floor and banquettes draw reference from Italy's design past. From the Sieneese flag with its distinctive wave pattern to the highly lacquered and ornate timber veneer of the Riva motor launches.

In collaboration with Northern Lights we jointly designed the light fittings with glass shades on a large steel frame that fits in with the naval influences of the overall fit out.

This approach, of working in harmony with existing buildings, meant that many of the fittings for the restaurant interiors had to be designed from scratch. Northern Lights worked closely with Stiff + Trevillion and were able to realise their design concepts to create the perfect lighting solution for each restaurant.

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- Jamie's Italian, Portsmouth



- Jamie's Italian, Cheltenham - including the 'scales of justice' light fitting



- Jamie's Italian, Bristol - including 'test tube' light fittings



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Restaurant & Bar Design Awards: Cafe or Fast Food Category - Winners for Costa Coffee Designs

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