



Bars in Leeds and Kent reach global design awards final

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Mexican restaurant Cielo Blanco (pictured) in Leeds and The Velo House in Kent have made it through to the shortlist for this year's SBID International Design Awards.

Opened in the Trinity Leeds development in March last year, Cielo Blanco specialises in Mexican food, tequila, mezcal and cocktails, run by leading multiple operator Leelex. It was the work of design practice Normal TM, based in Mirfield, West Yorkshire.

The Velo House in Tunbridge Wells was created by SGS Design for owner Oily Stevens who launched the café-bar for cyclists in April.

They are the only UK projects to be shortlisted in the category for best restaurant and bar design in the annual awards organised by the Society of British and International Design (SBID).

They face competition from Bushman's Australian Bar & Grill in Dubai, Cafe Deco Shanghai, Estado Puro at Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza, Forum Restaurant in Hong Kong, Qantas Hong Kong Lounge, Sisterfields Seminyak in Bali, Stratus Bar & Restaurant in Toronto, and Travelle in Chicago.

In the category for best contract product, Forrest & Jones is a finalist for its wallcovering at Hoxley & Porter bar and restaurant in Islington, London, which was designed by Kai Design with Arm & Eye.

In the category of best hotel design, Flemings Hotel in Mayfair is shortlisted for its bedrooms designed by Suna Interior Design. Other finalists are Andaz Maui at Wailea in Maui, Crown Metropol Perth's Infinity Suite, JW Marriott New Delhi, Refinery Hotel in New York City, Rotana Khalifa Park in Abu Dhabi, the Royal Plaza Hotel in Hong Kong, The Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver, and the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Toronto.

With a 15% increase in entries from over 30 countries across the globe, SBID has announced finalists across 15 categories in all which also include retail, residential and intelligent design.

[Click here for a full list and to vote for your favourite project.](#) Public voting is open until September 5 and counts towards 40% of the final scores alongside a panel of internationally renowned judges.

SBID president Vanessa Brady said: "Quality projects from around the world at every scale and price-point continue to represent our ethos that design is a discipline that requires training, trading standards, a shared financial conduct and unity."

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