

## **The Lowry Hotel - Press Release**

### **Five-star Lowry Hotel's suites refurbishment completes £5.25m makeover**

#### **Six unique interiors are inspired by the paintings of artist Alan Rankle**

THE Lowry Hotel's standing as the art hotel of the North of England has been boosted further by the refurbishment of six riverside suites inspired by artworks of the internationally acclaimed, Oldham-born artist Alan Rankle.

Rankle has enjoyed recent high profile solo exhibitions in Copenhagen, Berlin, Milan and London which have confirmed his status as one of the most innovative painters working today.

The project has been delivered by boutique global architecture and interior design practice Arney Fender Katsalidis (AFK), in collaboration with the renowned artist.

AFK has designed six bespoke suites ranging in size from 82 to 92 sq m, each of which correspond to unique abstract artworks by Rankle. The six abstract artworks are reflected within the space through the selected colour schemes of the textiles and furnishings.

Each suite contains an extraordinary over-scaled headboard, curved slightly around the bed, depicting an image of the original artwork. The art has been printed onto the 4m x 2.5m upholstered headboard, which is reflected into two mirrored doors opposite, allowing guests to view the piece from multiple vantage points in the room.

With their refined designs, AFK has created an intimate but glamorous experience for the Lowry Hotel's guests. Veronica Givone, Associate Director at Arney Fender Katsalidis, said: "What makes these suites so special is the way the paintings, materials and colour schemes of the room intertwine, allowing guests to really feel embraced by the art piece."

A comprehensive makeover of the 165-room hotel has taken place since September 2014. Guests now enjoy an enhanced resident experience through the introduction of new SMART TVs and Wi-Fi, alongside new finishes, fabrics and colour schemes throughout the bedrooms and public areas. New facilities include a new QMS Medicosmetic spa and refurbished conference and banqueting floors.

Says General Manager Adrian Ellis: "In the hotel's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, our investment in art reflects our distinctive customer experience. A visit to the Lowry Hotel is a stimulating and rewarding experience as well as a high-quality one.

"We are the only hotel in the city centre named after an artist, and we are proud to celebrate not only LS Lowry, renowned for his depictions of Salford, but also work with and display contemporary artists and photographers including iconic images from Kevin Cummins and commissioned Manchester statements from Alan Grainger.

"The investment is a vote of confidence in Manchester as a leading business and visitor destination. Our own investment is matched by the phenomenal pace of development around us in the city."

The Lowry Hotel has won more than 60 awards since it opened in 2001. On its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday in April 2016, the Manchester Evening News wrote: "The hotel has remained in the premier league - a refuge for superstar football teams like Barcelona, rock and pop legends, film and TV actors, and a legion of loyal customers."

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**Editor's notes**

The five-star Lowry Hotel is an independent luxury hotel located on the Salford-Manchester boundary, and is the only hotel in the region to be part of the prestigious Leading Hotels of The World.

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**Arney Fender Katsalidis (AFK)**

Arney Fender Katsalidis enables people to live, work and play better. They do this by creating beautiful buildings and inspirational interiors. They are a boutique global design firm with an integrated approach to architecture, interiors and art, based in London operating across six regions. They have a specific focus on residential, hotel, workplace and cultural sectors to ensure they are specialist in what they do.

Globally, Arney Fender Katsalidis' 150 design professionals work from three studios – London, Melbourne and Sydney. The firm has projects across the United Kingdom and in the USA, Canada, Middle East, Asia and Australia. For more information, please contact ING Media: Margaret Ravenscroft, Account Director – [margaret@ing-media.com](mailto:margaret@ing-media.com)/ +44 (0) 20 7247 8334.

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