

REFINED FLOORING FOR CITY RESTAURANT



Located in the prestigious Blue Fin building in Southwark, south-east London, the cutting-edge interior of The Refinery restaurant features a concrete-effect pale grey resin floor installed by Ryebrook Resins Ltd. Quick to clean, a resin system is seamless, with no joints in which bacteria can be harboured, helping ensure strict hygiene levels can be maintained in both the bar and dining areas of this busy restaurant. Sealed with a clear matt finish that offers good anti-slip properties, the floor is unlikely to be come stained and offers impressive abrasion resistance, ensuring it will remain smart for many years.

Architects on The Refinery development, Fusion Design and Architecture, successfully deliver a new concept in dining, offering classic restaurant seating with secluded booths, high tables and spacious floor space encouraging a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. Reflecting its location just two minutes from the Tate Modern, the restaurant has been designed for visual impact with the concrete-effect, Ryebrook resin floor creating a contemporary backdrop to the stylish furnishings. Traditionally seen in industrial settings, resin flooring is being specified more frequently for commercial and even residential developments as interior designers and architects have started to appreciate the versatility of this hard-wearing flooring system that combines potentially stunning aesthetics with intense practicality. Laid to the restaurant and bar area, Ryebrook was also specified for the stairs where the durability of this resin screed will really be fully appreciated.

Working with Chiltern Project Management and the main contractor, Fileturn, Ryebrook Resins scheduled a four day installation programme that minimised down-time for other trades. The area was first prepared using hand-held diamond grinders with vacuum extraction to minimise dust. The polymer resin grano-screen, Ryetop, was next laid onto a primer to a nominal thickness of 12mm. The Ryetop was then sealed with a clear matt resin coating for a long lasting finish and ease of cleaning.