



The Ozu Japanese Restaurant was relocated in County Hall, Riverside Building in 2006, in the semi-circular first floor wing overlooking Big Ben and the River Thames. The restaurant seats 120 people and has a separate 18 seat sushi bar, and a 24 seat teppanyaki bar, with a 10 seat VIP table, and cocktail bar.

County Hall is a grade 11* listed building, and famous for its timber panelled rooms, which were central to the new design for the restaurant. Every effort was made to preserve the existing architectural quality and material condition of the rooms. New timber floors have been laid over the existing parquet floors, to protect them from the harsh cooking environment of the sushi and teppanyaki bars. The complex ductwork and services are shrouded in sinuous plastered forms, with a geometrically strong relationship to the existing ornamental plastered ceilings, while the panelling was cleaned and lightened, and treated with fire resisting finish.

The lighting is subtle, and contained within floating shelves suspended below the ceiling beams in the main restaurant, and in the sushi and teppanyaki bars, the lighting illuminates the curving bar furniture, which again follows the geometry of the ceiling above, and the rotunda form of the room.

The entire installation was carried out in such a way that the original building fabric would not be damaged by the new works, and could be returned to the original form, if required at a later time.



Left: Interior view of sushi & teppanyaki bar

Cover: Ozu restaurant

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