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## **Jupiters' Garden Kitchen & Bar Shortlisted** **for International Design Award**



Jupiters Gold Coast's newest indoor/outdoor dining venue, Garden Kitchen & Bar, has gained world-class recognition, winning a coveted place on the shortlist for the prestigious International Restaurant & Bar Design Awards 2016.

Now in its eighth year, the globally recognised awards attracted entries from over 70 different countries spanning from revered Michelin-starred restaurants, to ships, airports, pasta bars and every imaginable food and beverage space in between.

Securing a nomination in the Design Awards' *International* category for *Best Australian & Pacific Restaurant*, Garden Kitchen & Bar is one of only seven restaurants on the shortlist, and one of only two restaurants from Queensland to gain recognition.

Created by award-winning multi-disciplinary design firm DBI Design, Garden Kitchen & Bar opened its doors earlier this year to reveal a quintessentially Queensland design that celebrates the beauty of the Gold Coast.

Anchored in a lush garden setting, Garden Kitchen & Bar responds beautifully to its natural surroundings, combining local expertise and a clearly articulated conceptual vision to evoke a sense of place and belonging. An abundance of foliage adorns the interior, while fresh florals accentuate the restaurant's aesthetic taking cues from the surrounding gardens to reinforce the connection between the interior space and fresh seasonal produce on offering.

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Natural light filters in through ceiling skylights running the length of the dining and bar area through to a grand outdoor pavilion. Spatially increasing in volume the venue expands, unveiling itself slowly and seamlessly from the existing building structure in its reach for the outdoors. Stepping outside guests are greeted by greenery, with a spacious outdoor deck, bar and dining area overlooking the expansive lawn.

The Star Entertainment Group Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said the accolade is yet another great accomplishment of the property's current \$345 million transformation, with all three of its new restaurants having now been nominated for the international design award since opening.

"It's extremely rewarding to see our new venues continue to be recognised for both the fantastic dining experiences they offer, and leading contemporary design," said Mr Hogg.

"Last year we saw the first of our new restaurants Kiyomi and Cucina Vivo, unveiled under stage one, shortlisted for the international award.

"Garden Kitchen & Bar's versatility and connection to nature ensures every experience is unique and allows our guests to truly embrace the local lifestyle so to now have all three venues commended for their interior design shines a spotlight on the Gold Coast as a vibrant travel destination to the world."

Susan Rossi, Director of Interior Design at DBI Design explained that the inspiration behind Garden Kitchen & Bar is very much about the green language.

"The design draws inspiration from Queensland's coastal vernacular, mixed with a contemporary translation of old-world charm, to take full advantage of the site's natural beauty and become a destination in itself," Ms Rossi said.

"The existing building has been completely re-oriented to engage the property's external assets and the Queensland dining experience could not be better embraced."

Serving as a beacon for the restaurant, DBI's standout design feature for Garden Kitchen & Bar is a bespoke eight-metre high outdoor conservatory offering a contemporary take on the garden gazebo.

Monumental in scale, the conservatory captivates the main vista through the restaurant framing the view to the garden and references local character and form. Its white-washed rustic timber battens enclose the outdoor area spatially but permit natural ventilation, while sheer curtains and tropical cushions serve to soften the space," Ms Rossi said.

Garden Kitchen & Bar, Kiyomi and Cucina Vivo are part of Jupiters' \$345 million transformation, which serves to enhance the Gold Coast's reputation as one of the world's top tourist destinations.

When complete the redevelopment will also see the refurbishment of the property's almost 600 hotel rooms, a new luxury six-star all-suite hotel tower and an array of contemporary restaurants and bars.

Now in its eighth year, the International Restaurant & Bar Design Awards is the only awards in the world dedicated to the design of food and beverage spaces. The shortlist of properties includes 217 projects, from over 70 countries, across 33 categories from the world's leading architects, interior designers, lighting designers and hospitality operators.

The winners of the 2016 Restaurant & Bar Design Awards will be announced in London on September 29, 2016.

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For more information on DBI Design's 2016 Restaurant & Bar Design Awards shortlist for Garden Kitchen & Bar, visit: <https://restaurantandbardesignawards.com/2016/entries/shortlist>

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