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BUNS & BUNS

SO MUCH MORE THAN YOUR AVERAGE BREAD BASKET, **BUNS & BUNS** IS THE COOL CASUAL DINING CONCEPT IN THE HEART OF COVENT GARDEN, DESIGNED BY MICHAELIS BOYD



Michaelis Boyd, the international architecture studio with offices in London and New York, has completed work on the design of Buns & Buns, the new restaurant in Covent Garden, London

The open theatre kitchen in the centre of the space is flanked by a low-level bar clad in marble and provides additional space for dining. The kitchen echoes the restaurant's position within the former flower market and the wider context of the theatricality of Covent Garden, acting as a focal point for diners and passers-by who can watch the busy chefs preparing a variety of dishes. Diners can also sit at the curved open-plan cocktail bar, which is clad in green leather with a sleek, white marble top. Michaelis Boyd has used a vibrant colour palette for the restaurant, which sets the space apart from

the monotone stone buildings of the surrounding market. The exuberant colour palette is married with bold stained-glass paneling, copper accents and a range of contemporary lighting, including warm filament bulbs, which are strung above the restaurant. The space also features bold geometric flooring in warm earthy tones, leather seating and an abundance of greenery. Michaelis Boyd's intention was to create another world within the restaurant in which the diner feels as if they are stepping from the market into something unique. The colours used in the design are also a nod to the restaurant's own heritage, drawing on the art-deco influences of Miami, where Buns & Buns' first restaurant was opened. Founded in 1995 by Alex Michaelis and Tim Boyd, Michaelis Boyd has earned a reputation for its award-winning architecture and interior design

and sophisticated, design-led approach with an emphasis on sustainable and environmentally conscious materials and building techniques. Most recently, Michaelis Boyd has designed five new residences at the prestigious Sugar Beach Resort in St Lucia; Elgin Crescent, a private family home in London; Hotel Indigo's latest London opening located at 1 Leicester Square; Clubhouse by ZO - a co-working, wellness and lifestyle concept located in the Rockefeller Center, New York; and the RYSE Hotel in Hongdae, Seoul.

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Chapman Ventilation
Kitchen Contractor
Rees Food Services
Signage **Northampton Signs**

SUPPLIER TEAM

Terracotta floor tiles **Domus**
Underlay **Ditramat**
Grouting **Mapei**
Kitchen floor tiles
Solus Ceramics
Full height glazing (where no panelling is proposed)
Preedy Glass
Metal Framed Glazed Wall with Buns & Buns Clock
Mirror **Preedy Glass**
Wood Panelling
bespoke made
Steel frame powder
bespoke fabricated
Signage **bespoke fabricated**
Reeded Glass, Contora Glass, Texture Glass **Pilkington**
Ceiling system
membrane **Sika**
Feston Lighting & Downlights
Lighting Direct
Pendant Lights
Mullan Lighting
Heat Lamps **Carlton Technologies**
Furniture **All from Conran**
Ypsilon Table Base **Pedrali**
Table Tops **Formica**
Terrazzo Table Tops
Solus Ceramics
Banquette backs
Future Leather
Heritage Brass Hampstead
Mortice Knob **Builder Depot**
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Heritage Brass Rectangular pull handle, Antique Brass
The Door Handle Company
Heritage Brass 'GIO'
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