



BRISTOL LOAF

Bristol bakery arrives at the Beacon

Bakery and café operator Bristol Loaf has expanded once more with the opening of a third venue in the city, within Bristol's leading music hub; Bristol Beacon.

The space has been designed by award-winning Bristol-based designers Phoenix Wharf, who previously worked with business founder, Gary Derham, on the summer 2020 opening of Bristol Loaf, Bedminster Parade, a scheme which won the Gold Award for Interior Design - Hospitality at the London Design Awards 2020.

Bristol Loaf comprises 269 sq m of indoor and outdoor seating, linked by fully opening doors



set within the glazed frontage. The indoor seating area has loose and inset furniture arrangements using locally manufactured, bespoke timber tables featuring a notably thin profile and black metal legs, allowing for easy stacking and storage of the outdoor tables at night. The Cult Living Hipster Chair, made from a powder-coated black metal frame and oak with a walnut veneer to the back and seat, has been chosen for the indoor space, whilst Nordic-style, fan-backed Sklum Ivor Garden Chairs in Celadon Green are used for the exterior space. A 6m-long banquette seat, upholstered in green faux-leather to match the indoor planting, runs along the left side of the indoor space and offers 12 additional covers.

The main servery takes the form of a monolithic, 9m-long counter with a pale concrete top. Coffees are also made here, from machines integrated underneath the counter allowing baristas to address customers directly without any machines obscuring their view. A pay-station is located two-thirds of the way along the counter, whilst a chiller unit takes up the remainder of the space. A timber-clad bread display unit is also located to the rear.

'When it came to the building fabric' Phoenix Wharf Associate Creative Director Emma Carter commented, 'both the existing floor and ceiling are in concrete, which was a gift for us because it



allies perfectly with Bristol Loaf's established design language. The brand's tactile, rustic, 'anti-slick' design treatment continues with white tiling, used for the servery and bar fronts, plus the extensive use of solid ash timber throughout. Generous planting also features once again, from the overhead timber troughs that house hanging plants and smaller planters, punctuating key areas internally."

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