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Event review: The reopening of the Barbican's Garden Room & Conservatory

We love a bit of Brutalist architecture, so we were never going to pass up an invitation to the Barbican; particularly one showcasing its revamped Garden Room and Conservatory – a place that we often like to peruse on a Sunday afternoon, when it's open to the public.

Words: Heather Steele



The evening began in the Garden Room, where 250 industry professionals had gathered to admire the recently-refurbished event spaces. Over a glass of fizz, general manager Anthony Hyde gave a welcome speech, and announced that the venue had just won an AIM Gold award.

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Once the congratulating was over, the Garden Room's doors opened to reveal a new staircase, which now interconnects the Garden Room to the Terrace above. Guests were clearly enjoying wandering along the upper levels.



A tour around the Frobisher rooms and auditoria gave us a chance to check out the newly refurbished boardroom. Here, guests got the chance to experience its new digital mapping capabilities.

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Back in the Conservatory, we tucked into bowl food: roast beef with creamy mash and gravy, and sea bass with creamed leeks and potatoes. The drinks continued to flow – we really enjoyed a glass or two of the elderflower fizz.



Unfortunately, we didn't get a peek at the new Searcys-operated 88-seater Gin Joint. However, we were treated to some gin-flavoured popcorn in the goodie bags and were chuffed to find some of the Barbican stationary we'd spotted earlier in the boardroom, at the bottom of the bag.

Best bit: the views over the terrace were terrific. We also liked the macarons and free massages from Montcalm London City – the Barbican's recent hotel partner.

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