



## Sydney Tower Restaurant's Spectacular Redesign

Sydney Tower Restaurant's sparkling new interiors were designed by the talented Sydney based Siren Design Group. An all-woman team of designers and interior architects headed by Mia Feasey, who grew up in a restaurateur and hotelier family.

*Of the brief she said "Lets face it, most Sydney-siders are very proud of their city and there is nothing nicer than sitting in an interesting (moving) restaurant with simple clean lines, good well priced food and a 360 degree view of the city they love. These elements have helped the rebirth of this revolving restaurant, making this kind of dining experience trendy again".*

Feasey and her team worked very closely with the restaurant's food and beverage manager from day one. *"The whole experience of a restaurant is so much more than the aesthetic. It was imperative to the restaurant's success that we integrated the right circulation paths of travel, and understood the food that would be on offer."*

When asked how Siren Design created a stunning interior in a circular restaurant when the exterior panorama was so much part of the brief, she said they used a simple pallet of colours which complemented the Tower's gold exterior, mirrors, chocolate timber panelling and black crocodile-stamped marmoleum were used on the inner core walls.

*"We were able to enhance the experience during the day by creating a definite contrast from the light view outside and the dark core; this was the best way of drawing attention to the buffet area. At night time we were able to use the lights to the buffet area to create the opposite contrast. We also chose a functional neutral dark floor covering to the pathway that circles the buffet, subtly leading patrons from the food service section to the outer dining area".*

Lighting was a major factor. Simple contemporary black wall lights with gold interiors are a feature in the foyer. Night lighting was also carefully orchestrated so that there is no distraction from the outer panorama.

Sydney Tower Restaurant's new reception was designed to create a greater anticipation on entry, ensuring visitors catch glimpses of the spectacular view as they wait to be seated. The Tower's gold exterior is artfully brought into play again. The very modern, comfortable chairs are imported from Spain and designed by Jesus Gasca.



The signature black and white mural is a major feature on the inner core walls. It is the first and last impression diners have of their Sydney Tower Restaurant experience. The mural's main artist was Siren's Interior Designer, Joyce Chen, who studied fine art in China.

*"The brief indicated a significant percentage of inbound and interstate visitors, so the mural depicts an informative, humorous look at Sydney, including the harbour and all its icons – and Sydney Tower, of course."*

Siren Design Group also worked on Sky Lounge at Level 3 of the Tower. Other projects include work for Carla Zampatti, the Dural Country Club, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, and Yahoo 7's interiors at Walsh Bay.