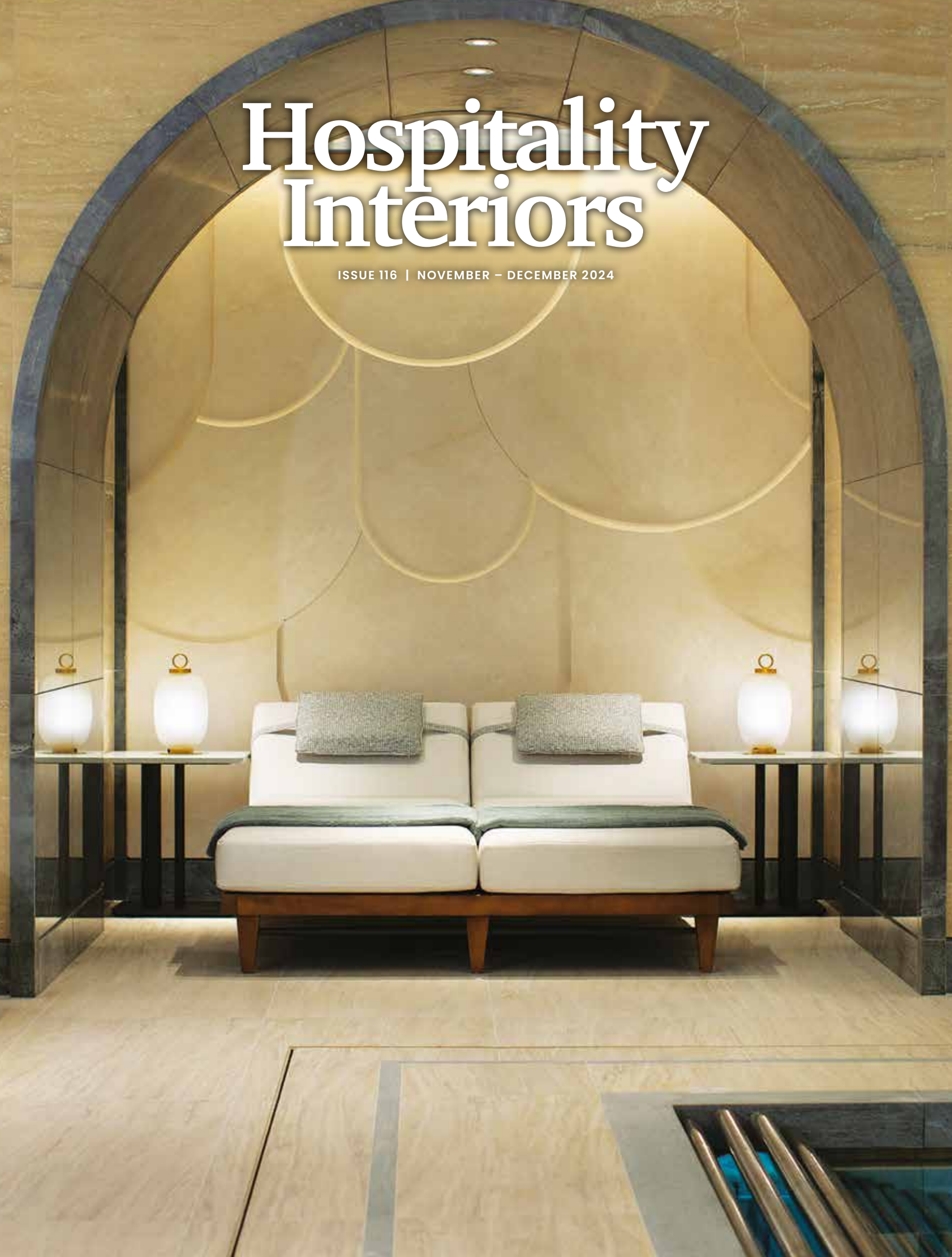


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# NEWH autumn fundraising

**The NEWH UK Chapter kicked off their amazing autumn calendar of fundraising and networking with their Annual Art Event. Another perfect opportunity to connect with industry peers, buy original artwork, and generate scholarship funds for the next generation in the process.**

This year's NEWH UK Annual Art Event was hosted by Parkside Architectural Tiles's Clerkenwell showroom on 24 September and was an opportunity to celebrate the artistic talents of our industry and the chance to enjoy original artworks for years to come.

A call for artists across social media platforms encouraged many talented individuals from the hospitality design industry to submit an original piece of artwork for the auction. As before, there is no theme, and artists can allow their creative juices to flow and create something that brings them joy.

Chrissie Granger, NEWH UK events and programming director and associate at Indigo Art, said: "We are so grateful to our talented industry friends who have donated artwork for another year. Thanks to their generosity, we have enjoyed a fantastic art event to put on at Parkside Tiles Showroom, and another competitive online auction."

There was some fierce online bidding to secure a beautiful artwork, framed by Indigo Art, who continue to support this unique event. All funds raised have gone towards this year's student

scholarship fund.

Education is always at the heart of what NEWH do, and the UK Chapter were excited to hold their Annual Fundraiser & Round Table Event and announce this year's Scholarship Winners at the Sea Containers Hotel London on 24 October.

The day kicked off with this year's Round Table Event which was sponsored by Dornbracht and led by eight industry experts. Chris Turner, Founder of Chris Turner Procurement; Massimo Barbera, Head of Design at Lupoi Design; Arun Rana, Design Director at Accor Hotels; Carolynne Shenton, Director at Studio Mica; Stefano Squecco, General Manager at St. James's Hotel & Club; Medhat Nehad Seada, Founder of Visionary Designer Archiform London; Sam Hall, Design Director IHG Europe; Holly Hallam, Managing Director at DesignLSM. The event encouraged innovative conversations on industry issues and solutions and participants had the opportunity to ask questions and take part in thought provoking discussions. Following on a successful Round Table session, everyone was looking forward to catching up with

Above: There was some fierce bidding, online ahead of the NEWH UK Annual Art Event



Joanna Savage (University of Gloucestershire) received the first HM scholarship.

At the event, three ID scholarship winners were announced: Sofia Calestru (Middlesex University), Song Kee Lee (Northumbria University), and Pamela Sanchez Rodriguez (Kingston School of Art)

old friends and making new connections at the long-awaited Annual Fundraiser.

After keeping this year's recipients under wraps, NEWH UK were thrilled to fund four student scholarships. This year's interior design scholarships were presented to Sofia Calestru (Middlesex University), Song Kee Lee (Northumbria University) and Pamela Sanchez Rodriguez (Kingston School of Art). And for the first time, the NEWH UK Chapter were delighted to introduce a new Hospitality Management scholarship which was awarded to Joanna Savage (University of Gloucestershire).

To date the NEWH Inc has awarded over \$9million in scholarships, with over £70,000 in the UK alone. None of this would be possible without our generous sponsors. Our thanks go to Dornbracht, Cruise Ship Interiors (CSI), Lutron and Hypnos Beds for enabling a fantastic platform to network and educational event.

Craig Johnstone, Sales and Marketing Director at Dornbracht, said: "Supporting NEWH is a proud moment for us. As a business we thrive on innovation and looking forward in terms of function and design. We draw great inspiration from future generations in our sector and are delighted to be part of this international community which nurtures young designers. Through the scholarships and education offered by NEWH we can stay connected to the industry's next bright stars and not only provide

the support they need to progress but be enriched by their view of the world they are growing up in."

The Team at CSI added: "At Cruise Ship Interiors, we are committed to fostering the growth of the hospitality design community by actively supporting the education and development of new and emerging designers. For this reason, we are very proud to be a long-standing contributor to NEWH's scholarship programme."

Xavier Boudin, Head of Commercial Sales for Lutron in the UK,

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said: "Lutron epitomises the art of light and shade for Hospitality. We are proud to be, this year again, a member of the NEWH UK Chapter, and a sponsor of the NEWH UK Fundraiser & Scholarship Presentation. By partnering with NEWH for the advancement of diversity through their scholarship and education programme, Lutron is committed to supporting the next generation of interior design talents."

Hypnos Group MD David Baldry added: "Hypnos are really proud to be supporting NEWH to inspire the future leadership in the hospitality industry."

Sponsorship is essential in allowing the NEWH to continue its commitment to provide scholarships and education to the future of hospitality design. If you are interested in sponsoring an NEWH event in the future, please email [newhuk@gmail.com](mailto:newhuk@gmail.com).

Above: Parkside Architectural Tiles hosted the Annual Art Event in Clerkenwell

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