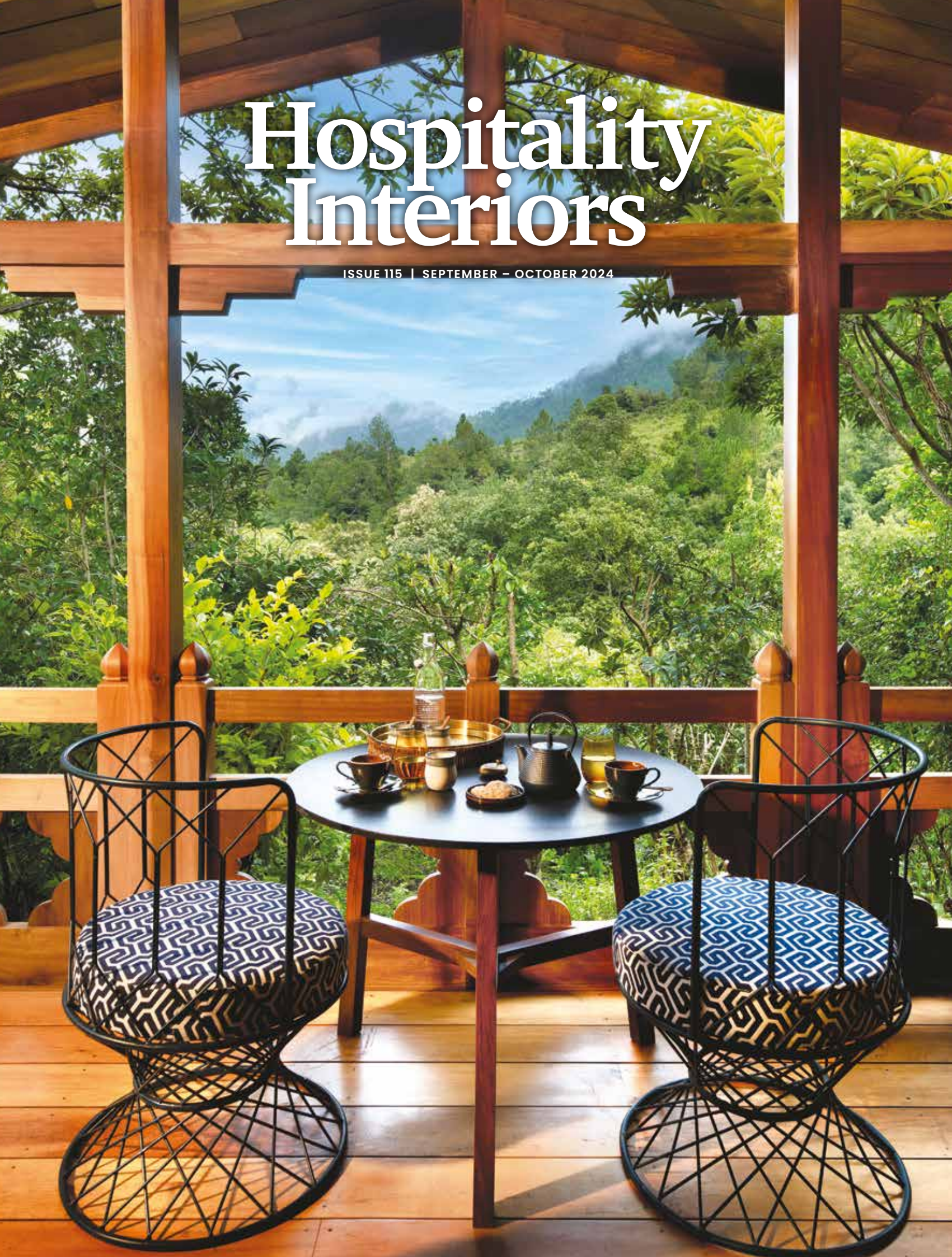
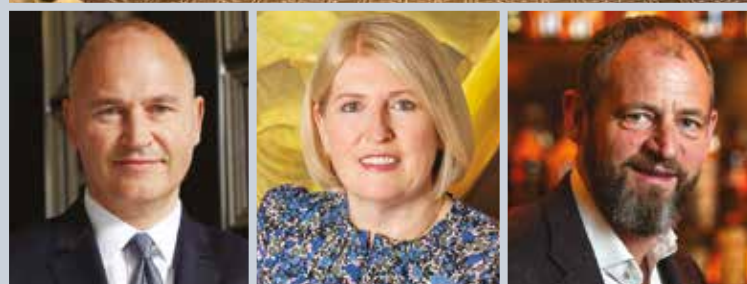


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Spotlight on Emerging Talent: NEWH UK Portfolio Review and Hotel Management Scholarship

Through scholarships, mentoring, and industry events, the nonprofit organisation NEWH plays a pivotal role in nurturing talent within the hospitality industry. We cover two events held by the UK chapter, demonstrating their continued commitment to support the next generation looking to enter our industry. **Words by** Rita Bancroft

PORTFOLIO REVIEW:

The UK chapter held its second portfolio review this summer, kindly hosted by the Kimpton Fitzroy London, a venue that mirrors the event's emphasis on creativity and innovation. The day demonstrates NEWH's unwavering commitment to fostering opportunities for the industry's future creative talent.

Before relocating back to Los Angeles, Barbara Bischoff, Director of Scholarship for NEWH UK, was joined by a distinguished panel of mentors, which included Annette Culhane (former NEWH UK Scholarship Director and Designer at Millimetre Design), Sarah Williams (Associate at Goddard Littlefair), Arun Rana (Design Director ENA for Accor Hotels), Matteo Pace (Senior Associate at HBA London), and Joey Goei-Jones (Senior Design Manager for IHG Hotels Europe). These industry experts shared their invaluable insights and advice with eager students, each aiming to refine their portfolios and sharpen their presentation skills as they prepare to step into the design industry after graduation.

The 12 participating students had the opportunity to rotate among the mentor tables, engaging in focused discussions and

receiving tailored feedback. Following the review, they were treated to a guided tour of the hotel's stunning public areas, culminating in light refreshments and networking with the NEWH team, making for an inspiring and enriching experience.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP:

This year marks the first Hotel Management Scholarship to be awarded by NEWH UK, at its Annual Fundraiser in October. This prestigious award is designed to recognise and support emerging talent in the hospitality industry.

An esteemed panel of industry experts assessed the final three candidates and selected the most deserving recipient. The panel included Andrew Henning, Area Managing Director for Highgate London and General Manager at Grosvenor House Suites in Mayfair. With a career spanning continents and a wealth of experience in hotel management, Andrew brought a deep understanding of the industry's demands and opportunities to the judging process.

Joining Andrew was Anne Golden, Vice President of Operations

Above left: Scholarship judges Andrew Henning, Anne Golden, and Garreth Walsh



NEWH mentors (from left): Barbara Bischoff, Arun Rana, Annette Culhane, Joey Goei-Jones, Sarah Williams, and Matteo Pace

for UK & North America and General Manager at Pan Pacific London. Anne has been instrumental in launching and positioning Pan Pacific Hotels Group's first UK property as a beacon of luxury and hospitality in the heart of London. Her experience in overseeing iconic hotels like the Mondrian London at Sea Containers properties, and her commitment to corporate social responsibility has made her a respected leader in the industry. Anne's passion for fostering new talent and her extensive operational knowledge made her insights invaluable during the selection process.

Rounding off the panel was Garreth Walsh, General Manager of Kimpton Fitzroy London, who has over 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry. Garreth is recognised for his exceptional leadership and ability to elevate hotel brands to new heights of commercial success and guest satisfaction. His work at Kimpton Fitzroy London has garnered numerous accolades, positioning the hotel as a standout in London's competitive market. Garreth's dedication to upholding the highest standards in hospitality and his active involvement in industry associations made him an ideal judge for this prestigious scholarship.

Together, the judges brought their collective expertise, passion, and commitment to the task of selecting a scholarship recipient. Their participation in this inaugural scholarship event underscores

the importance of supporting the next generation of hospitality professionals as they embark on their careers.

Henning said "Being a judge for the NEWH's Student Scholarship Event was a great experience. I got to see and reward some incredible student talent, ensuring the scholarship went to the most deserving candidate. NEWH is a leading organisation in the hospitality industry, focused on networking, education, and leadership. Their dedication to recognising excellence and supporting future leaders made this experience particularly inspiring and fulfilling.

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offering numerous benefits to students, institutions and society at large. Education becomes affordable by covering most of the educational cost, which reduces the reliance on student loans and the following student debt burden. Many scholarships reward students for their academic achievements and talents, and often targets underrepresented, underprivileged and minority groups to provide access to educational opportunities. This provides equal opportunities for all and is the key to building a skilled, diverse and equitable workforce.

Hotel management training, in particular, is a great way to dive deep into specific departments and develop leadership skills. It involves understanding how different parts of the business work together, from the awareness of operational functions, business development strategies and meeting budgets to branding and consumer behaviours. Furthermore, it can develop to strategic hospitality leadership, locally, nationally and even globally."

Golden added: "It was an absolute pleasure to see the passion for our great profession from these three young people."

This scholarship marks a significant milestone for NEWH UK, reflecting the organisation's dedication to nurturing the next generation of leaders who will shape the future of hospitality. The winners of the 2024 NEWH UK Scholarship awards for Design,



and Hospitality Management will be announced at the annual fundraiser and scholarship presentation evening, which will take place on 24 October at Sea Containers hotel, London. The event sponsors include Dornbract, Lutron, Cruise ship interiors (CSI) and Hypnos beds.

The evening event is preceded by a Round Table event sponsored by Dornbract. Commencing at 3pm, the round table discussions offer an opportunity for business networking with some of the industry's leading designers and hotel operators.

Tickets are available now on the NEWH website or through the UK social media links.



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