

Aspirational Opulent Entertainment Spaces

Holm Oak, Buckinghamshire, UK by Oakeve Interiors









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Oakeve Interiors is an award winning interior and architectural design consultancy based in Buckinghamshire, offering a comprehensive project management and turn-key service. They believe in creating sumptuous, relaxing interiors for modern living that leaves the ordinary behind.

Iona Newton started her development career nearly a decade ago as Director of the construction company ‘Oakeve Limited’, which also garnered awards for it’s work. She now runs Oakeve Interiors to conceive aesthetically stunning and intensely glamorous designs.

Iona and her skilled team of designers and specialists are ideally placed to provide all aspects of interior and architectural design: spatial planning, lighting design, home automation and multi-media design solutions including smart home technologies, as well as fabrics, furnishings and accessories are all part of Oakeve’s offering. Their team of architectural designers focus on the technical features of the property, improving functionality and utilising innovative technologies alongside artistic creativity to provide an aesthetically stunning environment that can be thoroughly enjoyed.

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A continuation of the same interior decor and colour palette throughout the property creates a relaxing atmosphere and a sense of ‘home’. The subtle taupes interjected with striking coral masterfully play against each other between interjecting unique and bespoke items of furniture. Oakeve took great care and attention during the spatial planning phase to optimise space and maintain a light, airy atmosphere; important, considering the oversized statement kitchen island.

The ‘ying and yang’ design on this island, a favourite of the designers’, ensures a ‘wow factor’ and focal point for the scheme. Oakeve Interiors design and install their own brand of bespoke kitchen cabinetry and indeed no expense was spared here. A high

gloss, lacquered Sabbia finish was specified, providing an effective light reflecting surface, further enhanced by the recessed uplighting, creating a bright, contemporary, luxurious atmosphere. These are just some of the details that make this project unique. The team even managed to procure an Ebano display cabinet and dresser with a Macassar veneer and black mock croc detailing, providing texture and that touch of glamour, alongside black mock croc base units for ample storage. The large amount of textured silestone and walnut work surface provides an indulgent marriage of materials, complemented by luscious velvet breakfast bar stools.

Practicality is key within the kitchen and under the island countertop, 900mm deep pan drawers are specified for ease of use. This island, by all means a box of wonders, also includes an integrated pop up TV and pop up S-box (housing USB and plug points) within the composite worktop, to ensure there is no change of material and clean, elegant lines are retained when not in use. Throughout the kitchen, electrical appliances are installed to a high specification and quality finish.

To achieve a fresh, bright and welcoming scheme, bi-fold doors track along the full length of the entire room with two roof lanterns maximising natural light. Mood lighting and a state of the art multi-room audio system are used to promote wellbeing and a feeling of homely happiness for the clients.

The design is seamless between the kitchen and open plan entertaining areas; colours and soft furnishings blend perfectly together. Bespoke elements such as the silk flower arrangements created by Oakeve Interiors specifically for this space, lift the design from the special to the unparalleled.

Ms Newton said: “My most rewarding and favourite aspect of the entire project was when the client entered the Kitchen Area for the first time, as we had purposefully asked them not to visit site for two weeks whilst we installed, dressed and accessorised this main area.” Upon unveiling the finished project to the client, their immediate and powerful reaction was one of overwhelming delight: “We are simply over the moon, Oakeve have created the most luxurious kitchen and entertainment space, better than we could ever have imagined and it will indeed be the heart of our home. It has the ‘wow factor’ we’ve always dreamt of.”

The integration of sensible, user-friendly technologies, combined with a beautiful interior design, including statement pieces and iconic design components has created a kitchen that will be a true delight to live and entertain in.



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