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Project:

The Grove, Chandler's Cross

Client:

Ralph Trustees Limited

Architect:

Purcell



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The Grove Glasshouse Restaurant, part of the Grade II Listed Grove Mansion, required an additional extension to accommodate increased demand and provide the ultimate dining experience to guests.

Following a creative and original design, the optimal use of glass creates a flowing transition of dining spaces and seamless integration between indoor and outdoor. The Glasshouse extension is in keeping with the setting of the Grade II Mansion, using bronzed metalwork, and large solar thermal glazing increases the sustainability of the building.

Judges' Comments:

“This scheme is small in scale but with a significant impact for the setting as a whole. The lightweight form of the building using contrasting materials works well, especially given it's an extension to an extension, to a new wing of a period building. The approach taken to use offsite manufacture enabled minimal impact on the operation of the hotel and restaurant which was significant.”

“This was a highly sensitive and constrained site and it's clear that the design responds well to the brief and needs of the restaurant, including the theatrical cooking spaces for different cuisines and chefs. The internal detailing including art installations help provide uniqueness and character.”