

In their element

SIGNATURE PUB GROUP HAS UNVEILED A NEW LOOK FOR AN AWARD-WINNING EDINBURGH BAR

Only a fortnight after Element in Edinburgh completed a refurbishment, it was named the region's best bar and restaurant in awards run by local radio station Forth 1. It highlighted how, even before the makeover, the venue in Rose Street had established itself as a popular laid-back, traditional bar offering good food and drink in a lively atmosphere.

Formerly an old man's-style pub, Element was bought by Signature Pub Group in 2006 and relaunched a year later. Eight years on, Signature has added more modern, warmer touches in a redesign by Tibbatts Abel, the hospitality design practice that it has worked with on other Edinburgh bars including The Huxley and Heads & Tales. The new look, costing about £130,000, features a warming blue and tan colour scheme with elements of muted tweeds. New light fittings include the Manor Range of cut-glass decanter-style pendants from Chantelle Lighting. "The existing venue was quite traditional so we enhanced the décor and the lighting, bringing in some very slight Art Deco references with new mosaic tiles and brushed brass detailing," explains designer Adam Tibbatts.

As well as new fixed seating for accommodating larger groups, the area at the back has been made more geared towards dining. The back wall also features a striking new black-and-white mural of



Edinburgh caricatures by local artist Lynsee Jean Henderson whose work can be seen in other venues run by Signature and its sister company The Speratus Group such as Edinburgh's Basement Bar.

Alongside its selection of spirits, wines and beers, there is a broad selection of classic and original cocktails as well as a G&T list recommending different gin and tonic pairings. Cocktails include the Edinburgh Rhubarb Rocks sour, made with Edinburgh Gin and Edinburgh Rhubarb & Ginger



Behind the scenes

Design: Tibbatts Abel
Main contractor: WFC
Furniture: Roomfood
Lighting: Chantelle Lighting
Artwork: Lynsee Jean Henderson

Liqueur plus fresh lemon, sugar syrup and orange bitters.

A new food menu focuses on "home-cooked comforts with a twist", made to order using locally sourced ingredients. A brunch menu – served until 5pm – includes pancakes, bagels and a classic full Scottish breakfast. "The food and drink on offer maintain their high standard of produce and production with a few creative twists," says Signature's operations manager, Hazel Ward. "We hope to uphold our reputation as a hidden gem on Edinburgh's Rose Street where guests can enjoy the atmosphere day and night."

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