



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### *The American Institute of Architects/Los Angeles (AIA/LA) Holds Restaurant Design Awards Ceremony at MOBIUS LA, Announcing the Jury Award Winners and People's Choice Award Winners*



Blue Velvet by Tag Front (Photo: Eric Axene)



Kitchen 24 by Spacecraft/Torres Architects (Photo: Angel Payne)

Los Angeles, CA (October 16, 2008) - Today, the AIA/Los Angeles announced the jury award winners and People's Choice Award winners for the 2008 Restaurant Design Awards. AIA/LA received a record-breaking number of votes for the People's Choice Awards from the public. AIA/LA also recognized chef and restaurateur extraordinaire **Joachim Splichal** for his outstanding contributions to this city, bestowing upon him the first-ever **Tastemaker's Award**. This marks the fourth year of the AIA/LA's much-anticipated awards program that recognizes the very best in restaurant, café, and lounge design. The winners were:

#### JURY AWARD WINNERS

##### Restaurant Category

Blue Velvet - Tag Front

Katsuya Glendale - Starck Network/DesignARC

Mozza Osteria - Kelly Architects, Inc.

##### Café/Bar Category

FOOD - Fleetwood Fernandez Architecture

LAMILL COFFEE - Formation Association/Rubbish Interiors

##### Lounge/Nightclub Category

Elevate Lounge - Tag Front

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

### Restaurant Category

Mozza Osteria - Kelly Architects, Inc.

### Café/Bar Category

Kitchen 24 - Spacecraft/Torres Architects

### Lounge/Nightclub

oneworld Lounge at LAX - Gensler

“We were thrilled with the outcome and look forward to growing the competition even more next year,” adds Carlo Caccavale, AIA/LA Associate Director. “With the new Tastemakers Award which allows us to recognize the best and brightest in the industry, coupled with the success of the People’s Choice Award, the RDAs continue to shine a much-deserved spotlight on this city’s great designers and their projects.”

### **About AIA/LA and the RDAs**

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the voice of the architecture profession, dedicated to serving and empowering its members through advocacy, educational and outreach programs as well as educating the public on the value and importance of architecture. AIA/Los Angeles is a not-for-profit professional membership association. The Restaurant Design Awards (RDAs) honor excellence in restaurant design. The competition is open to all individuals and practices (both restaurant owners and architects/designers) for projects located in the greater Los Angeles area or projects outside of LA done by LA-based architects/designers. Submissions are accepted in three main categories: restaurants and café/bar and lounge/nightclub.

*For high-res images of the rest of the winning restaurants, cafes and bars, please contact Secret Agent PR ([haily@secretagentpr.com](mailto:haily@secretagentpr.com) or 323.712.0298)*

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