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3rd Annual  
RESTAURANT DESIGN AWARDS  
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**The Restaurant Design Awards Competition honors excellence in three main categories:  
Restaurant, Café/Bar and Lounge/Nightclub.**

**Fourteen projects were selected as finalists in this year's competition.  
Of the finalists, the Jury selected their Award Winners and then let the public weigh in on  
which of the finalists should be recognized for a People's Choice Award.**

**Both the Jury Award and People's Choice Award Winners were announced  
at the Restaurant Design Awards Ceremony on October 25th, 2007 at Poliform Los Angeles.**

**This 2007 edition of the RDA Digest recognizes all entries into this year's competition.**



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# CAFÉ/BAR CATEGORY



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## **Bottle Rock Wine Bar**

interiors by Roth Interiors Inc.

3847 Main Street  
Culver City, CA 90232  
310.836.9463

[www.bottlerock.net](http://www.bottlerock.net)



photo by MASS Architecture & Design

## **Breadbar**

designed by MASS Architecture & Design

8718 W. 3rd Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
310.205.0124

[www.breadbar.net](http://www.breadbar.net)



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## **Chipotle/South Lake**

designed by Valerio Architects

246 South Lake Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91101  
626.229.9173

[www.chipotle.com](http://www.chipotle.com)

# CAFÉ/BAR CATEGORY



photo by Gregory G. Guerrero, RA

## **Dr. Java Coffee Co.**

designed by David Pickard Jr., AIA

15590 Whittwood Lane  
Whittier, CA 90603  
562.902.5282

[www.drjavacoffee.com](http://www.drjavacoffee.com)



photo by Carey Haskell

## **dr. tea's Tea Garden**

landscape design by  
Mayita Dinos Garden Design

8612 Melrose Avenue  
West Hollywood, CA 90069  
310.657.9300

[www.teagarden.com](http://www.teagarden.com)



photo by Dominique Vorillon

## **I Dream of Cake FINALIST JURY AWARD**

designed by Montalba Architects, Inc.  
interiors by Kelly Schandel

1351 Grant Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94133  
415.989.2253

[www.idreamofcake.com](http://www.idreamofcake.com)

# CAFÉ/BAR CATEGORY



photo by Catherine Kim

**Intelligentsia**  
**FINALIST**  
**JURY AWARD**

designed by Bestor Architecture

3922 West Sunset Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
323.663.6173

[www.intelligentsiacoffee.com](http://www.intelligentsiacoffee.com)



photo by Mitch Tobias

**Kara's Cupcakes (Scott Street)**  
**FINALIST**

designed by Montalba Architects, Inc.  
interiors by Kelly Schandel

3249 Scott Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415.563.2253

[www.karascupcakes.com](http://www.karascupcakes.com)



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**Kara's Cupcakes (Ghirardelli)**

designed by Montalba Architects, Inc.  
interiors by Kelly Schandel

900 North Point Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
415.563.2253

[www.karascupcakes.com](http://www.karascupcakes.com)

# CAFÉ/BAR CATEGORY



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## **Peach House FINALIST PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

designed by Make Architecture  
interiors by Make Architecture

531 W. Valley Blvd.  
San Gabriel, CA 91776  
626.576.2400



photo by Nick Vaccaro

## **Pinkberry Koreatown FINALIST**

designed by Young Lee Design  
interiors by Young Lee Design

3300 Sixth Street, #4  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
213.382.8482

[www.pinkberry.com](http://www.pinkberry.com)



photo by Valerio Architects

## **San Francisco Soup Co.**

designed by Valerio Architects

Various City Locations  
San Francisco, CA  
415.869.1585

[www.sfsoupco.com](http://www.sfsoupco.com)

## CAFÉ/BAR CATEGORY



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### **Leda's**

designed by Valerio Architects

13722 Ventura Blvd.  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423  
818.386.9644

[www.ledabakeshop.com](http://www.ledabakeshop.com)



photo by Joshua White

### **Lou Wine Bar FINALIST**

designed by Bestor Architecture

724 N. Vine Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90038  
323.962.6369

[www.louonvine.com](http://www.louonvine.com)



photo by Alexis Readinger

### **Madame Chocolat**

designed by Preen Inc.

212 N. Canon Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
310.247.9990

[www.madame-chocolat.com](http://www.madame-chocolat.com)

# LOUNGE/NIGHTCLUB CATEGORY

## **Ahmanson Founders Room**

designed by Belzberg Architects  
interiors by Belzberg Architects

135 N. Grand Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
213.972.7323

[www.centertheatregroup.org/  
theatres/ahmanson](http://www.centertheatregroup.org/theatres/ahmanson)



photo by Benny Chan

## **The Edison FINALIST**

### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

designed by Kelly Architects

108 W. 2nd Street, Suite 101 Los An-  
geles, CA 90012  
213.613.0000  
[www.edisondowntown.com](http://www.edisondowntown.com)



photo by Jack Coyier

## **Elevate Lounge**

designed by Tag Front Architects  
interiors by Tag Front Architects

811 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2100  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
213.236.9600

[www.takamisushi.com](http://www.takamisushi.com)



photo by Jessica Boone

## LOUNGE/NIGHTCLUB CATEGORY



photo by Grey Crawford

### **Green Door**

interiors by Johnny Zander

1429 N. Ivar Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
323.463.0008



photo by Stephanie Fessler

### **Les Deux**

designed by David Maman  
interiors by BDM Design

1638 N. Las Palmas Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
323.462.7674

[www.dolcegroup.com/lesdeux](http://www.dolcegroup.com/lesdeux)



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### **Omega (no longer open) FINALIST JURY AWARD**

interiors by Preen Inc.

7015 Melrose Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90038  
323.932.9768

## RESTAURANT CATEGORY



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### **Abode**

designed by Franklin Studios, Inc.  
interiors by Franklin Studios, Inc.

1541 Ocean Avenue, Suite 150  
Santa Monica, CA 90401  
310.394.3463

[www.aboderestaurant.com](http://www.aboderestaurant.com)



photo by Elon Schoenholz

### **BLD**

designed by Robert Weimer Design  
interiors by Robert Weimer Design

7450 Bevely Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90036  
323.930.9744

[www.bldrestaurant.com](http://www.bldrestaurant.com)



photo by Eric Axene

### **Blue Velvet FINALIST**

designed by TAG Front Architects  
interiors by TAG Front Architects

750 S. Garland Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
213.239.0061

[www.bluevelvetrestaurant.com](http://www.bluevelvetrestaurant.com)

## RESTAURANT CATEGORY



photo by John Juniper

### **Boa Santa Monica FINALIST**

designed by TAG Front Architects  
interiors by TAG Front Architects

101 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica,  
CA 90401  
310.899.4466

[www.boasteak.com](http://www.boasteak.com)



photo by Lars Frazer

### **Bobo's**

designed by Kovac Architects, Inc.  
interiors by Facilities Design

7300 Pacific Blvd.  
Huntington Park, CA 90255  
323.586.2020



photo by Mark Darley

### **Craft FINALIST**

designed by Bentel & Bentel Architects  
interiors by Bentel & Bentel Architects

10100 Constellation Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90067  
310.279.4180

[www.craftrestaurant.com](http://www.craftrestaurant.com)

# RESTAURANT CATEGORY



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## **Exotic Thai Bistro**

designed by RM Designs  
interiors by Preen Inc.

1555 Simi Town Center Way, #770  
Simi Valley, CA 93065  
805.306.1255



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## **The Foundry on Melrose**

designed by Sandy Davidson Design

7465 Melrose Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90046  
323.651.0915

[www.thefoundryonmelrose.com](http://www.thefoundryonmelrose.com)



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## **Fraiche Restaurant**

interiors by Roth Interiors Inc.

9411 Culver Blvd.  
Culver City, CA 90232  
310.839.6800

[www.fraicherestaurantla.com](http://www.fraicherestaurantla.com)

# RESTAURANT CATEGORY

## **The Hungry Cat**

designed by Johnston Marklee & Associates

1535 N. Vine Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
323.462.2155

1134 Chapala Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
805.884.4701

[www.thehungrycat.com](http://www.thehungrycat.com)



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## **Jack in the Box**

designed by Lyons Warren  
interiors by Jack in the Box

68-020 Vista Chino  
Cathedral City, CA 92234  
760.327.0580

[www.jackinthebox.com](http://www.jackinthebox.com)



photo by Michael Balderas

## **Ketchup**

designed by Preen Inc.  
interiors by TSDM Design

8590 Sunset Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90069  
310.289.8590

[www.dolcegroup.com/ketchup](http://www.dolcegroup.com/ketchup)



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## RESTAURANT CATEGORY



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### **Limon Latin Grill**

interiors by Sasha Witte

1555 Simi Town Center Way, #695  
Simi Valley, CA 93065  
805.955.9277

[www.limongrill.com](http://www.limongrill.com)



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### **The Penthouse**

designed by RTK Architects  
interiors by Thomas Schoos Design

111 Second Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90403  
310.393.8080

[www.thehuntleyhotel.com](http://www.thehuntleyhotel.com)



photo by Michael Berman

### **Obar Restaurant**

interiors by Thomas Schoos Design

8279 Santa Monica Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90046  
323.822.3300

[www.obarrestaurant.com](http://www.obarrestaurant.com)

## RESTAURANT CATEGORY



photo by Philip Greenberg

### **Red Seven by Wolfgang Puck FINALIST JURY AWARD**

designed by Martin Vahtra  
interiors by Project Designs NYC

700 N. San Vicente Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90069  
310.289.1587

[www.wolfgangpuck.com](http://www.wolfgangpuck.com)



photo by Dana Rossini

### **Rustic Canyon Wine Bar + Seasonal Kitchen FINALIST**

interiors by The Cinnamon Nest

1119 Wilshire Blvd.  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
310.393.7050

[www.rusticcanyonwinebar.com](http://www.rusticcanyonwinebar.com)



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### **Takami Restaurant**

designed by Tag Front Architects  
interiors by Tag Front Architects

811 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2100  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
213.236.9600

[www.takamisushi.com](http://www.takamisushi.com)

# RESTAURANT CATEGORY



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**Tanzore**  
**FINALIST**  
**JURY AWARD**  
**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

designed by AkarStudios  
interiors by AkarStudios

50 N. La Cienega Blvd.  
Beverly Hills, CA 90211  
310.652.3894

[www.tanzore.com](http://www.tanzore.com)



photo by Keith Kaplan

**Tengu Santa Monica**

designed by Franklin Studios, Inc.  
interiors by Franklin Studios, Inc.

1541 Ocean Avenue, Suite 120  
Santa Monica, CA 90401  
310.587.2222

[www.tengu.com](http://www.tengu.com)



photo by Diego Pirona

**Tep Thai Restaurant**

designed by Pirona Design Group  
interiors by Pirona Design Group

209 W. Wilson Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91203  
818.246.0380

[www.tepthai.com](http://www.tepthai.com)

## RESTAURANT CATEGORY



photo by Masashi Hirota

### **Tokyo Table La Cienega**

designed by Wakako Yamaguchi  
interiors by Toshinori Kamiya

50 N. La Cienega Blvd.  
Beverly Hills, CA 90211  
310.657.9500

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