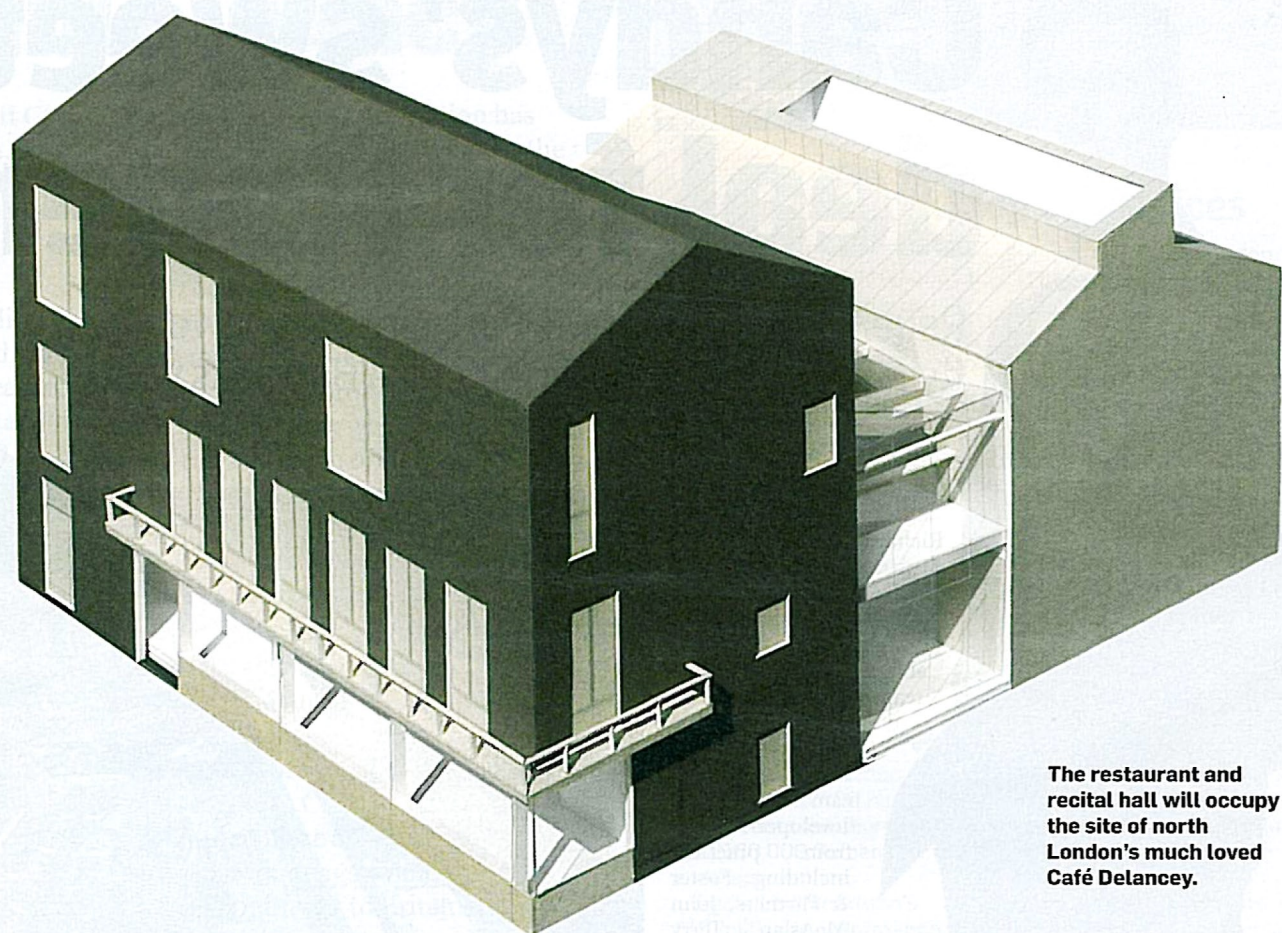


FIRST LOOK



The restaurant and recital hall will occupy the site of north London's much loved Café Delancey.

Camden café site rises again as arts and restaurant complex

The Forge Arts Recital Studio by Burd Haward Architects has just gone on site in Camden Town, north London.

The £2.8 million, mixed-use project for client Calyx Property, engineered by Arup and Max Fordham, includes a music recital hall, café, restaurant, and three one-bedroom apartments on the site of the former Café Delancey.

The 700sq m development comprises two blocks containing the recital hall and eating areas respectively, linked by a glazed courtyard. Each will be managed by different members of the family-run firm.

According to lead architect Val Tse, the aesthetic reflects the Georgian vernacular of the local area. "We chose a very dark, urbane brick for the

restaurant area at the front of the building that was in keeping with the sooty, grimy look of the surrounding properties," she said.

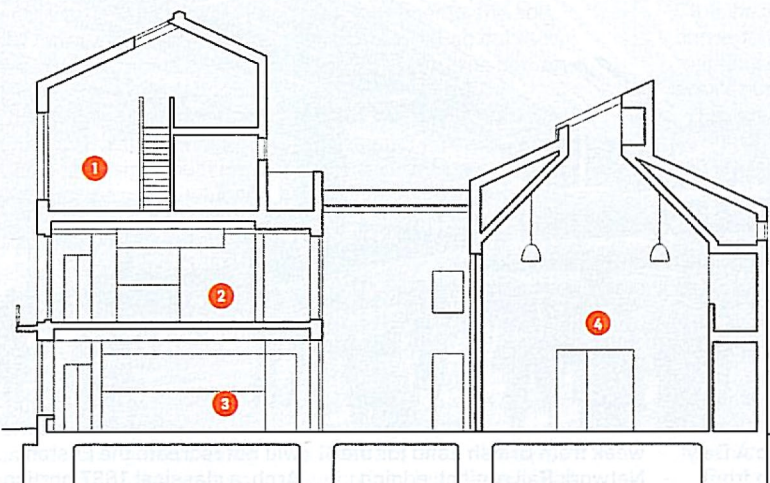
"But we also wanted this to be a modern building, so we chose a brighter brick for the recital hall, and glazing for the central courtyard. The contrasting colours of the brick also help to distinguish between the two businesses."

The courtyard will mediate between the two spaces, acting as an overflow area for the café during the day and as a foyer for the music hall in the evening.

The design includes large windows to maximise natural light, as well as solar thermal roof panels that will provide hot water for the restaurant kitchen. The building is due to open in June next year.

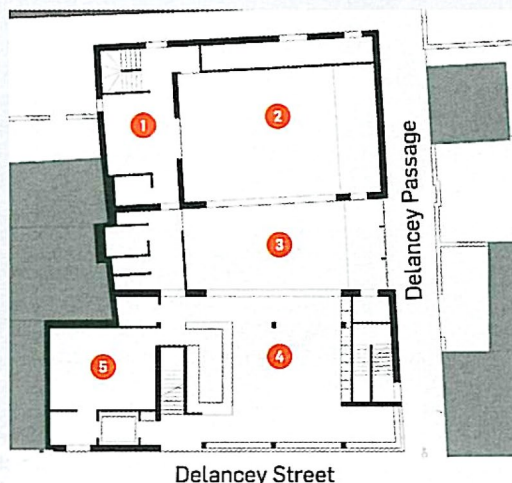


The dark brick front of the restaurant onto Delancey Street.



SECTION

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| 1 Apartment | 3 Café |
| 2 Restaurant | 4 Recital hall |



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

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| 1 Green room | 4 Café |
| 2 Recital hall | 5 Kitchen |
| 3 Courtyard | |