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Nando's (Loughton, UK)
STAC Architecture & BuckleyGrayYeoman

BuckleyGrayYeoman, in partnership with STAC Architecture, has completed the latest in a long line of restaurants for Nando's. The eatery in Loughton, Essex, is the ninth the practice has completed for the popular high street restaurant chain.

Nando's Loughton occupies a 1920's former car dealership on the junction of Loughton's High Street and Station Road. Subtly preserving the building's historic and cultural value, the design responds to the unique Art Deco architecture, and the circular layout of the restaurant is taken from the curved shop-front that gives the restaurant real presence on the corner.

A rammed-earth clay wall uses traditional African techniques and locally sourced clay, curving in response to the shopfront, and forming a backdrop to the restaurant. Working with the building's former identity as a car dealership, parts of the design utilise recycled car panels. A cobblestone path starts at the street and flows through the entire restaurant.

Paul Thrush and the team at STAC Architecture were thrilled with their award, saying: "We are such a new practice so it is fantastic to be recognised amongst our peers for our design lead approach."

"Our client believes in pushing boundaries, allowing us the freedom to develop the concept and realise this project that we are all immensely proud of."

"We look forward to entering some innovative projects for next year's awards...#watchthisspace."

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Shortlisted entries:

Comptoir Libanais (Kingston, UK) / Studio 48 London
Get Baked (Leeds, UK) / Tokyo Industries
Nando's (Hereford, UK) / Harrison
Thaikhun (Manchester, UK) / Jonathon Morgan Design Associates
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