

Indigo Hotel and Hat & Feathers



Indigo Hotel and Hat & Feathers project puts a feather in Daikin's cap

Daikin and Direct Cooling Services (London) keep a 4-star hotel and Grade II Listed pub cool through one of the UK's hottest summers

The historic Hat & Feathers public house has proudly stood on the corner of Goswell Road and Clerkenwell Road, London, since c.1860. Now Grade II listed, its four storeys have recently been refurbished and complemented with two new build 'wings' which make up the Indigo Hotel.

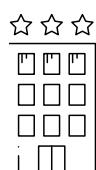
The Hat & Feathers closed its doors as a public house in 2011. Now, thanks to Keith Davies and Omenport Developments Ltd, it has been carefully restored and reopened as part of Hotel Indigo, which welcomed its first guests under IHG in April 2025. The 151 room hotel pays tribute to Clerkenwell's rich creative history with interior design inspired by its heritage of clockmaking, goldsmithing and architecture.

Design and build approach

Direct Cooling Services (London) stepped in to revalidate and repair, and install condensers and fan coils after the original contractor ceased operations partway through the project.

"We went in blind and picked up the pieces for the full install on the pub, hotel reception and guest rooms, with the basement and lower basement phases to follow," said Nick Weymouth of Direct Cooling Services (London).

"As a historic and listed site, we tackled it as a design and build project, adapting as we went, as there are always a lot of unknowns with a building of this age and character," he continued.





The appointed mechanical consultants, Design and Management Services Ltd had already specified Daikin products for the Clerkenwell project. **Design and Management Services Ltd Director, Mick Matthews** said, "We have worked extensively and very successfully with Daikin and their VRV IV system on numerous hotel and leisure projects, and were pleased to put them forward again for this one."





Plan for the future to preserve the past

Direct Cooling Services provided complete Daikin VRV IV+ 3 pipe-heat recovery (8HP and 10P) and ventilation systems for the public house, with multi branch selector (BS) boxes connecting indoor units serving the hotel's public areas, reception, restaurant, gym and back of house.

Now, a combination of concealed ceiling and discreet wall and floor-mounted models deliver high seasonal efficiency, low-carbon heat recovery, individual room control and uninterrupted heating and cooling across both the luxury 4-star hotel and restored public house.

"Daikin products were specified at the outset and, as a D1+ Partner, we were able to offer a 7-year warranty. We always install with a view to aftercare and maintenance, ensuring key components are accessible for engineers and preventing problems further down the line. This has been a fantastic project to be involved in, and we're proud of the part we played in helping it over the line after the family behind Omenport Developments was let down by the previous contractor. It's been a labour of love for them, and for us," Nick concluded.





Daikin is the market leader, their products are consistent, and with our D1+ Partner status, our loyalty is rewarded with benefits we're able to pass on to our customers."

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Direct Cooling Services (London)

A positive result

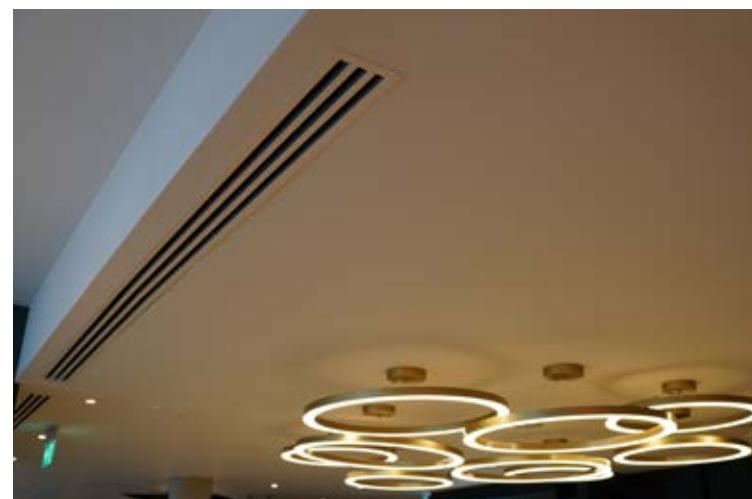
Having opened ahead of a very hot and dry summer, with London regularly hitting temperatures above 30°C*, the air conditioning system has certainly been put to the test and has performed extremely well under such pressure, with good feedback received from the hotel.

Kit List

Model	Description	No of units
REYQ10U	VRV10HP Heat Recovery VRV	1
REYQ8U	VRV8HP Heat Recovery	1
FXDQ25A	Slim Concealed Ceiling Unit	8
FXDQ40A	Slim Concealed Ceiling Unit	1
FXDQ50A	Slim Concealed Ceiling Unit	14
FXNQ32A	Concealed Floor Standing Unit	5
FXDQ32A	Slim Concealed Ceiling Unit	1
FXAQ15A	Wall Mounted Unit	4
FXAQ25A	Wall Mounted Unit	5
BRC1H52W	Madoka Controller - White	24
BR C1H52K	Madoka Controller - Black	8

For further details visit our website:

http://www.daikin.co.uk/en_GB/about/case-studies/indigo-hotel.html



*Met Office records show there have been 11 days in 2025 where temperatures have reached 30°C or higher. Based on station observations from 1931, this has only happened twice before up to this point in the summer - in 1976 and 2018. (as at July 2025)