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Fellert brings back a chapter in Norwegian architectural history

Swedish Fellert, with its attractive and innovative acoustical solutions for ceilings and walls, has participated in one of Oslo's most notable construction projects during 2013 – the restoration of an 80-year-old restaurant in the Functionalism style – Restaurang Ingierstrand Bad. The restaurant, situated in a recreational area of stunning natural beauty, opened back in 1934. It was a well-known and well-visited destination for the people of Oslo throughout a greater part of the 1900s, but had since fallen into disrepair. The restaurant – commonly referred to as The White Elephant – is again open for business, meticulously restored with period details and about 50 different original colors.

“The results were excellent; it doesn't look like we've done anything at all,” says architect Mette Værnes from Oslobyrå Arkitektskap AS. “This was also our main focus, to turn back the clock and interpret Functionalism from before and not as we see Functionalism today.”

Work was begun with extensive preliminary studies and review of a multitude of documents, all to ensure that everything – from textiles and the different kinds of wood to the characteristic saw-tooth ceiling with its various shades of color – would be true to the original. But the biggest challenge was in the poor condition of the restaurant.

“We were faced with an environment showing considerable wear and neglect – it was difficult to imagine that this was once a place where people gathered to socialize and enjoy themselves. It was high time to do something,” says Lars Edvard Bergdal, project manager from Høyer Finseth AS and structural engineering advisor during the project.



Fellert's role was to provide a pleasing and functional acoustical environment – something that was lacking in the posh restaurant on the banks of the Oslo Fjord as it was originally constructed – and to harmonize the environment and enable the many shades of color to agree with the highly set architectonic visions.

“It was an exciting project and an exciting building, with a multitude of challenges. But we preserved the feel, got the colors right and the acoustics are much, much better than the original,” says Lars Edvard Bergdal.

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