



Canterbury's New
Hotel Chocolat

Historic commercial building restored

Lee Evans Partnership's recently completed renovation of one of the oldest commercial buildings in Canterbury demonstrates the successful restoration of an important historic building dating back to 1390.

The building occupies a prominent position on Canterbury's High Street and it was important to achieve a sympathetic renovation of the exterior combined with interesting and modern interiors.

Lee Evans Partnership worked closely with the conservation office throughout the project. The works involved the stripping out of three layers of former shop fit-outs to expose and refurbish original features and structures, re-establishing the original character of the building and creating a series of small, intimate retail units including Hotel Chocolat.

The project also included the conservation of an 18th century panelled room with a beautifully detailed fire-place.

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