



THE AMERICAN CLUB

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In the aftermath of World War II, when the allied forces were hot off a big win and slapping each other on the back, the state of US-Australia relations was strong. What better way to ratify the coming decades of sworn allegiance than to build a clubhouse Americans and Aussies could hang out in? And so the American Club was dreamed up and installed into a three-storey terrace house on Macquarie Street. Following some other real estate acquisitions, the club was able to trade in its street level digs for the top three levels of a new 16-storey development. After decades of success, the formula eventually dwindled to the point of the club closing in 2008. But with a mighty effort, The American Club has been restored and has fashioned itself into a members-only club catering for 'a new generation of young business leaders shaping the future of Sydney'.

It wasn't without its compromises though. The new American Club has been downsized from three levels to one. It still has its panoramic view of Sydney Harbour and the Botanical Gardens, and the high standard and array of services, but has been designed by peckvonhartel into a modern contemporary space to suit the new breed of members.

The design was inspired by 1950s cigar clubs, combining a palette of dark timber and olive green, classic furniture selections, decorative artwork, and a backlit white onyx counter. Keeping in step with the walnut panelling, all of the chairs have been stained to match. The design also makes the most of the views; peckvonhartel made sure it grabs attention right from the entrance.

Despite its luxurious feel, peckvonhartel incorporated dimmable LED lighting, split-zone air conditioning and 5-star rated tapware to enhance the environmental sustainability of the club. The American Club also has a fully serviced commercial kitchen, business centre with four meeting rooms and in-house state-of-the-art AV facilities. **venue**

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