

# Magnificent Mantis

## a sight to behold!

Audrey Gaffney's 'be design' applauded for the design creation of the new Mantis Nightclub, Main Street Omagh:



When asked to design a new Nightclub as part of The Main Street Omagh complex 'be design' were delighted with the opportunity to work on this prestigious project. The brief from the client, Michael McElroy, a well-known successful businessman, was to design a unique new nightclub with a sexy and homely feel to it! Not two words that you would usually put together but Audrey Gaffney, Interior Architect and the 'be design' team successfully worked the brief into a magnificent nightclub venue that is Mantis on Main Street.

Asked about the finished design of Mantis, Audrey Gaffney owner of 'be design' said: "From the outset we were impressed with the overall feel to Main Street, Omagh and we felt that it

was important to continue this into the nightclub. When you enter the Mantis and continue up the stairs, you are immediately absorbed into a different world, one of sultry glamour and seduction. Dark textured wallcoverings are mixed with glitzy golds and silvers. Soft velvet swagged curtains frame the entrance where a dazzling crystal shaded pendant adorns the silver plated ceiling".

### MOULIN ROUGE TO MANTIS ON MAIN STREET

Taking up the story Orla McAdam, lead designer & project manager with 'be design' said: "We used seductive images throughout the club, playing on a theme from the Moulin Rouge but with a modern twist. Bespoke metal railings and screens were treated to have an aged appearance and to soften the look of the metal we incorporated curves as we are led past the VIP Room. A dark red metal ceiling

has been used with halo lighting and directional pin spots for a dramatic effect to the corridor, framed at the end with more elegant swagged red velvet curtains".

Mantis Nightclub on Main Street Omagh is stunning and needs to be seen to be believed. As the nightclub begins to reveal itself you are greeted by the main bar, crowned with five large basket crystal chandeliers which proudly reflect in the polished black granite bar countertop. The bar is draped with gold embossed velvet curtains, the back wall is adorned with large ornate gold mirrors & the whole wall has been treated to a gold shimmering, hardwearing foil; a unique new product to the market. The complete bar is crowned with a dropped ceiling that is wrapped with a 3D gold reflective finish.

### THE VIP ROOM

The Mantis nightclub boasts a VIP

Room that will impress any VIP.

Located beside the main bar it offers its celebrity partiers table service for the night in opulent surroundings! Ornate gold framed sofas have been dressed with flock printed leathers; bespoke gold embossed chairs are not only given decorative studding but also have a unique "knocker" detail. The back wall showcases an elegant array of ornate gilt mirrors and moody wall lights. If that wasn't enough for any VIP, the room has been topped with an elliptical crystal chandelier centred in a gold ornate tiled ceiling.

An eight metre long LED screen dominates the far wall like a wall of flame, opposite this as you look across the dance floor is a most spectacular light fitting! Just short of four metre diameter, the crystal chandelier was specially designed by the 'be design' team for Mantis on Main Street. Orla McAdam explained: "We can't tell you exactly how it works – it has to



The attention to detail is second to none



Audrey and her team certainly achieved the design brief of sexy and comfy



The fabulous and stylish lighting



The opulent interior of Mantis

be seen to be believed. It is made up of thousands of crystals which are needed to give it its amazing sparkle when all the lights are operating. Also incorporated in its centre is a large revolving disco ball".

Audrey Gaffney, Interior Architect takes up the story. "We are getting a lot of interest from other nightclub owners in relation to our design concepts for Mantis nightclub and in particular the magnificent central light fitting, however, in 'be design' we never reuse our designs a second time. Each venue is different and our team create a design for each of our projects that will suit the building / venue and its purpose as what works in one project won't necessary work in another

### TWO FABULOUS BARS IN MANTIS

In Mantis nightclub there is a second bar located at the opposite end of the club which is just as impressive. Upholstered in a shiny silk-like fabric, with silver studded deep buttons and a purple shimmering hardwearing foil; this bar takes on a life of its own. The countertop of this bar has been treated with a gold glittering material that 'be design' sourced specially for this venue. Colour changing lights are encased within; this works really effectively, drawing your eye across the long expanse of this gold glittering surface.

Seating areas have been created in rich reds and deep purples, with a

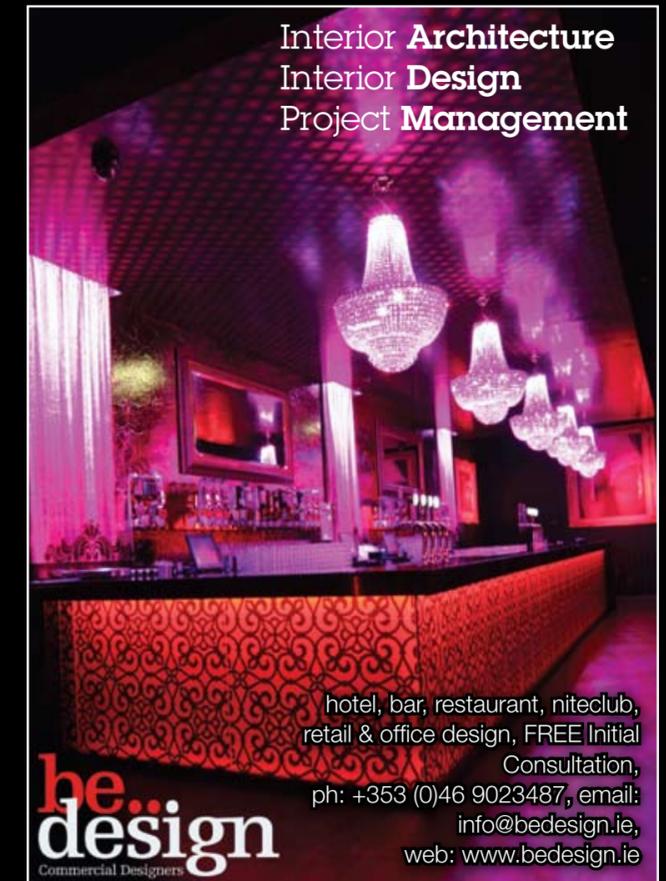
large area overlooking the dance floor being treated to a different finish. Elegant and stylish, this teal seating area weaves its way along the wall, breaking the areas up into little party booths. The seating has been covered in a material which is relatively new to the market; although very soft to touch it is also completely wipe-able and stain resistant. Custom designed curtains grace the wall above the seating, highlighted with pin spot lighting. Unique images printed onto the rich red curtain fabric create a very dramatic backdrop when lit with the directional lighting.

Another member of the 'be design' team, Amy O'Sullivan, Senior Designer, added: "All of the finishes, materials & fittings used in Mantis on Main Street were carefully selected. Joinery and metal work are also bespoke to this project. It takes time and effort to get this detail right but it takes team work to get it delivered."

A beaming Audrey Gaffney concluded by saying: "We couldn't be happier with the finished project; it is every adult's Disney World. We wanted reveller's to have a memorable experience and leave Mantis anticipating their next visit.

This is certainly a project that the 'be design' team can be proud of; it shows their level of commitment, service and skill. Watch this space; we think there's more amazing projects on the cards for the 'be design' team in 2012.

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