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**Project**

The Waterguard

**Location**

Cardiff Bay

**Accommodation**

6,500 sq ft public house

**Value**

£2.5m

**Client**

Sam Smiths

Cardiff Bay's nineteenth century stone-built Custom House underwent extensive redevelopment to provide one of the area's most fashionable public houses. Located at a prime waters' edge site, the external appearance of this traditional square building remained the same, but a dramatically designed extension was added.

The juxtaposition of old and new has been sensitively handled, and the design has a distinctly maritime influence, redolent of the 1930s lido architecture. Horizontal and vertical slot windows, the liberal use of pale wooden decking and pastel-coloured external elevations contrast with the geometric lines of the existing building which has a distinctive castellated parapet.

