



## **Ryan Soames Engineering delivers MEP services for Hutong Restaurant rehab**

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Manhattan, NY According to Ryan Soames Engineering, they have completed renovations for the Hutong Restaurant. Ryan Soames delivered comprehensive MEP engineering services on the 16,000 s/f space inside the Bloomberg Building at 731 Lexington Ave. The engineering work for this new culinary space was led by Ryan Soames principals Paul Soames and Bryan Cotton, along with project members Ed Kavanaugh, Paul Longhurst and Kelly Robinson, associates and engineers at the firm.

Hutong chose Ryan Soames for the MEP engineering in part because of the MEP firm's knowledge of both U.S. and U.K. engineering requirements. Hutong's flagship restaurant is in London and Ryan Soames' expertise allow the engineers to understand Hutong's rigorous, U.K.-based design approaches, as well as how to apply them to the U.S. and New York markets.

“Creating a dynamic Hutong space in New York City was a major goal for our restaurant,” said David Yeo, founder of Aqua Restaurant Group, owner of Hutong Restaurants. “Ryan Soames provided engineering that seamlessly integrated our unique design elements to help us deliver a singular dining experience.”

The Ryan Soames team has extensive experience with restaurants, particularly in New York City, but the restaurant’s location within the Bloomberg Building necessitated a delicate approach that did not disturb the existing architecture and minimized interruptions to the rest of the building and tenants’ operations. The team was careful to ensure that all engineering services were coordinated properly with all stakeholders. The scope of work included providing full mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering, as well as energy engineering and consulting services.

“We congratulate Aqua Restaurant Group on the completion of this landmark restaurant,” said Bryan Cotton, Principal, Ryan Soames. “We were honored to have the opportunity to help bring the high standards and unique Hutong brand to fruition in Manhattan.”

With successful locations in Hong Kong and London, including Hutong’s flagship restaurant in the Shard Building in London’s South Bank, this northern Chinese restaurant is anticipated in the U.S.

Previously occupied by Le Cirque, the space underwent a complete renovation to create a dining experience that combines the world-renowned Hutong brand with a NYC feel.

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