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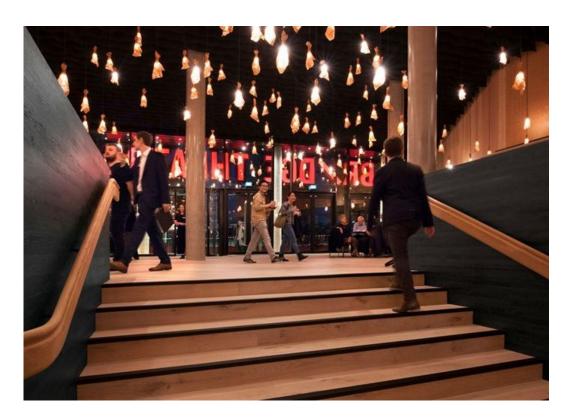
Haworth Tompkins for London Theatre Company Contract value: Confidential

GIA: 3,673m²

The Bridge Theatre is London's first new commercial theatre of scale for 80 years. Using innovative prefabrication techniques, the 900-1,000 seat flexible auditorium has been slotted into a shell and core space that was designed without a final use beneath a housing complex. Built off site in Norfolk, the theatre was designed, trial erected for client review and delivered to site fully integrated with ventilation, sound, lighting and AV infrastructure and architectural finishes.

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The auditorium materials palette is simple but warm with dark brown/black painted steel for the main structure, natural oak slats for the tier fronts, black recycled rubber flooring and rich burnt orange wool and tan leather upholstery. The design allows for multiple configurations of stage and seating. With no fly-tower the theatre has a moveable floor system which was invented and developed for the project.