WilkinsonEyre is launching its book **Battersea Power Station - The Architectural Rebirth of a Romantic Ruin** at the London Design Festival 2025. Published by ORO Editions, the book describes architectural practice WilkinsonEyre's 12-year journey to transform one of the UK's most recognisable landmarks from a twentieth century industrial relic to the sustainable heart of a thriving new London district.



Having stood empty for almost forty years since being decommissioned in 1983, Battersea Power Station reopened its doors to great fanfare in 2022. Originally designed in the 1930s by renowned architect, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, the Grade II* Listed Power Station's thirty-year neglect had created a modern ruin. It was in a critical state of disrepair when it was purchased in 2012 by an ambitious consortium of Malaysian investors who entrusted architects WilkinsonEyre with the design of its repair and regeneration.

One of the most significant developments to happen in the UK this century, the regeneration of the Power Station has set a precedent for transformation, reuse and the treatment of our industrial heritage. Delving deep into the design and construction process, the book includes rarely seen site photographs and technical documentation which underline the extent to which the existing building had decayed, and the significant and detailed work involved in bringing it back to life. The book has broad appeal for those interested in architecture, design, history and London's popular culture.

Taking place at Battersea Bookshop, in the heart of the Power Station, the launch event will feature WilkinsonEyre Board Director Sebastien Ricard sharing the remarkable story behind the architectural rebirth of Battersea Power Station. From navigating the complexities of conservation and engineering to preserving the spirit of a 20th-century icon, Sebastien will offer exclusive insights into the practice's approach to one of the UK's most significant heritage-led developments.

Tickets for the event are available through <u>Eventbrite</u>, with an option to buy the book at a discounted price.

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