

the chine hotel

The Chine Hotel was the first hotel acquired by the late Frederick Butterworth, the founder of FJB Hotels, in the 1950s. The hotel was purchased to provide accommodation for the stars that appeared at the Boscombe Ballrooms, formerly the Opera House and now the o2 Academy, Bournemouth.

Being a Victorian building the hotel offers many original features. However as all hotels in the UK, The Chine had to comply with the Fire safety Order 2005. This involves upgrading the hotel to provide 30min compartment between floors and installing a fully addressable fire alarm system.

After consultation between o@tes and The FJB Managing director, John Butterworth, It was decided that a complete "budget refurbishment" would be carried out within the Fire Brigades required time frame to comply with the Fire Safety Order 2005. The refurbishment would address all the statutory requirements and give the hotel the much needed face lift that has now made The Chine one of the top rated 3 Star Hotels in Bournemouth.

o@tes, working with the interior designer, completed all the design drawings and work commenced on the public area refurbishment and the complete refurbishment of all the bedroom accommodation in September 2008. The public areas were completed by Christmas 2008 and the eighty bedrooms will be completed in October 2010. The Chine has remained open throughout the refurbishment with minimal disruption to hotel guest which is paramount in o@tes business ethos.



The complete refurbishment cost for the entire hotel was £1.1 million. o@tes can offer a budget refurbishment still maintaining the quality required to give the expectation of today's increasingly demanding hotel guest.