

Event: SDKA 10 Year Anniversary Gala

Client: SDKA

Spokesperson: Kunal Mehta, Managing Director, SDKA

Dates: 28th March 2026

Spaces: The Hangar

Attendees: 250

SDKA, a specialist in bridging finance, celebrated their 10 year anniversary with a gala dinner in The Hangar.

The event brought together key partners, clients and industry professionals for an evening of networking, reflection and celebration.

The evening started with a drinks reception set up underneath the nose of the Concorde and guests were able to experience the Concorde through guided tours. Dinner was then served under the wings of the plane. Opting for a catering buy-out, the organisers brought in specialist caterers to provide the hospitality for guests, working within the venues kitchens.

With a stage set up to the side of the room there were a number of speeches throughout the night, recognising key achievements and relationships, and a variety of entertainment taking place, which included a band, a Dhol musician, magician and a DJ.

The venue was chosen for its distinctive character, with Concorde creating a unique atmosphere and “wow factor”, that elevated the event. Adding to the venues atmosphere, Sterling Events delivered audio visual (AV) support, including projecting sponsor logos directly onto the Concorde.

“The venue team were outstanding from start to finish – professional, proactive and incredibly accommodating. They worked seamlessly with us and our suppliers to ensure everything ran smoothly on the night. Hayley is a star!”

“The Concorde setting itself was a real talking point, and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees, commenting on the unique venue and atmosphere, noting it was one of the most memorable industry events they had attended.”

SDKA also wanted to use the event to help support the Seashell Trust. This local charity aims to transform the lives of young people with complex disabilities, delivering holistic educational and residential services from their campus in Cheadle Hulme, Stockport. Molly, a recent Seashell student, was also invited to give a speech, sharing her story and helping to raise awareness for the charity and £9,000 was raised through guest donations.

The Avro and Alpha Charlie suites were also utilised by the organisers, acting as Green Rooms for their suppliers.