

The Oriental Spa, The Mandarin Oriental Hotel Singapore



"We used Lutron's lighting control system because of its ability to create different ambiances for the spa at the touch of a button"

Bo Steiber of Bo Steiber Lighting Design

Background:

Overlooking Marina Bay in the heart of Singapore's central business district is the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Within the hotel is an urban spa. As the name suggests, the Oriental Spa is a Thai-inspired spa decorated with tropical woods and exotic furnishings. With its oriental-inspired setting and clientele, the spa offers visitors a thoroughly indulgent luxury experience.

The challenge:

When the Mandarin Oriental Hotel created the Oriental Spa, luxury was the byword for every item specified. Not only did the lighting solution need to add warmth and drama to the treatment rooms, but the control system had to be able to cope with the complexities of ambiances required throughout the four massage rooms, treatment suite, shiatsu room, VIP space and changing areas.

Lutron's GRAFIK Eye® lighting control systems include:



Ultimate lighting control for small applications



Multi-scene preset lighting controls at the touch of a button



Control from a wall panel or remote keypad

The solution:

Lighting designer Bo Steiber of Bo Steiber Lighting Design selected Lutron's GRAFIK Eye 3500 Series for the installation. Steiber's overall design philosophy was primarily to match the theme of the interior design, and in this particular case, its oriental and heavily wooded theme, creating a low level scheme which projects a calming and tranquil mood.

One GRAFIK Eye with four circuits was installed in each treatment room. Another two GRAFIK Eye units with six circuits each were installed in the public spaces and another one with six circuits was placed in the VIP room. The controlling circuits allow the users to select from various light sources and adjust levels in any part of a room to create preset scenes for different atmosphere, drama and sophistication.

The results:

By using mirrored panels throughout the rooms, overlaid with sheer curtain combined with warmly subdued lights, Steiber was able to fine-tune lighting levels thanks to the Lutron system's unprecedented accuracy, for a softer, more relaxing mood. In addition, the system's ease of operation enabled the spa's therapists to adjust the intensity of light according to their individual requirements.

Steiber says: "We are pleased with the expertise Lutron offered and the spa's owners have been very happy with the system's smooth operation. We couldn't have made a better choice."

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