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LIGHT+BUILDING & MILAN DESIGN WEEK 2016

Top international brands present latest lighting products

Milan design week and Light + Building are quite unlike any other design fairs. It's when excitement, anticipation and inspiration reign supreme. One of the greatest highlights is the *North* lamp by Arik Levy for Vibia. Consisting of a traditional hanging shade suspended from an elongated carbon-fiber rod which can be attached to a wall, ceiling or a mobile heavy base. *North* allows for multiple arms to be combined together arranged at different angles to provide a localized luminous effect where required.

Vibia has also launched the *June* outdoor lighting collection which can be adapted to any sort of environment adding a personal touch to your room by being supported off walls, trees or any other vertical surface. *June* features either a garland of lights or a table top lamp. The LED light source is exquisitely applied to provide warmth and comfort. Christian Flindt has succeeded in developing an ambitious new initiative,

the *LP Grand* for Louis Poulsen. It is an extremely versatile fixture series with countless combination options. It is ideal for locations that require a comfortable and energy efficient lighting purpose, while also calling for an appealing design.

Butler is the first design by Arik Levy for Delta Light, which reinterprets the lampshade archetype for both interiors and exteriors. During the day the natural light enhances its form and creates shadow all around the shade. At night, the light emitted, casts a cosy and intimate light wherever *Butler* is installed.

Men Sole by Mario Nanni for Viabizzuno light shelves racking system is as much convenience as it is a bourse of luminous charm that will flatter your home space with eye-catching grandeur. Light fittings within the racks make it glow so that it becomes a source of light in as much as it is an ornate display on which to place your belongings.

AL-SULTAN BRAHIM BY HIGHLIGHTS

An unmatched culinary experience

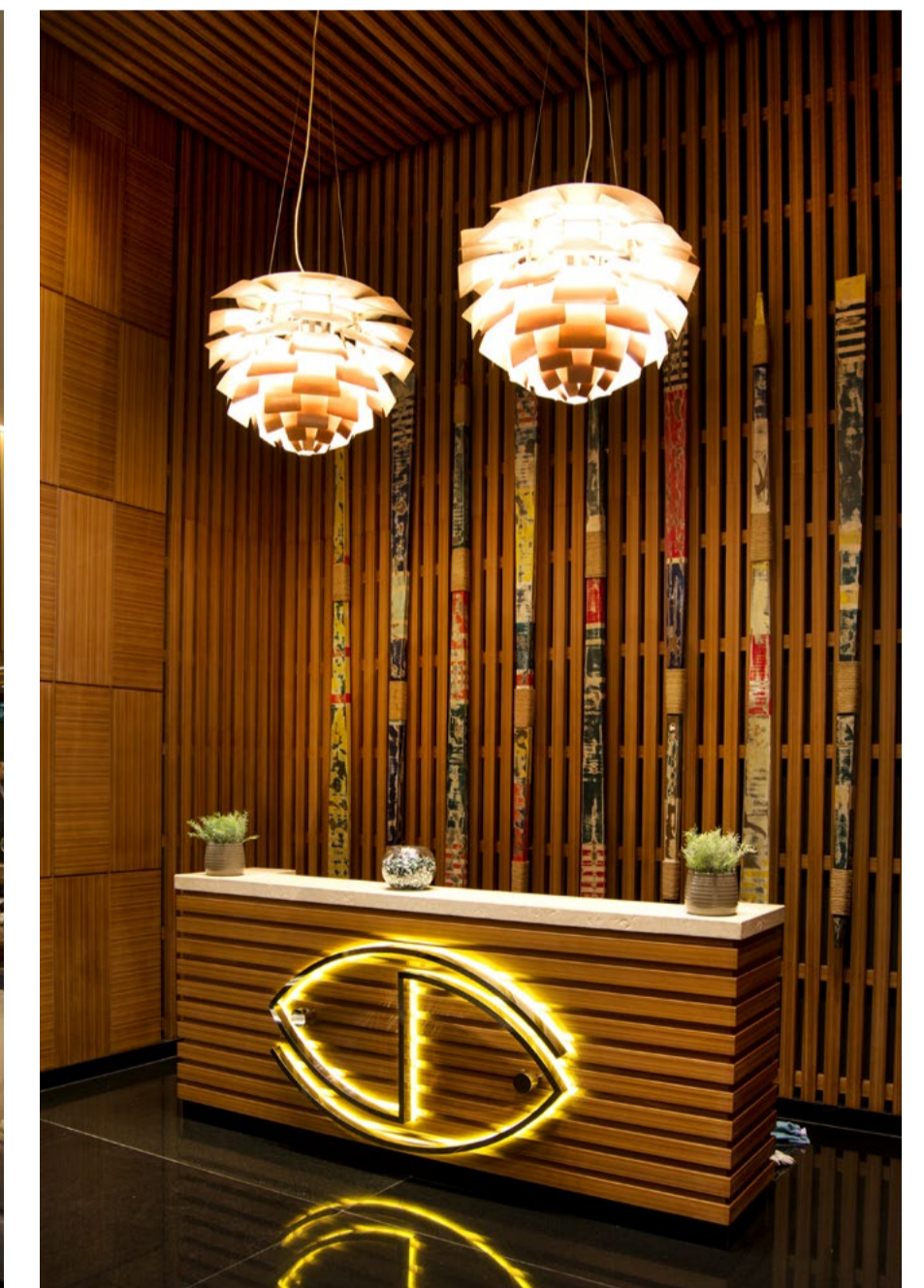
Al-Sultan Brahim is an upscale Lebanese fish restaurant, which announced its newest branch opening in Beirut central district, Lebanon. It has been operating for over 40 years. The place stretches across a space of 1,800 square meters of contemporary, ecological designs and state of the art kitchens. *Al-Sultan Brahim* promises you an unmatched culinary experience, designed by *Claude Missir*.

The restaurant's warm interior and lighting have been proudly designed by *Hilights* and supplied by *Lumiere Group*. The space is decked with wooden walls and ceilings designed with an open floor, providing service areas which create a centred dining experience. Overhead, wooden beams stretch out every couple of meters, framing recurrent tent-like PVC ceilings.

All service bars with stone clad backdrops were grazed downwards with linear light. Moving in towards the centre, a combination of three methods was applied – direct/indirect linear lighting, and accent lighting, all by the Italian lighting manufacturer *Viabizzuno*.

The beams that extended horizontally across the ceiling included lit grooves with *C2* profile along with hidden projectors. This allowed directional task lighting over the tables. The outer edges of these beams provided linear light found at 45° upwards, grazing the white tented design.

Walking through the corridor, a series of equidistant wooden planks were embedded with linear *C2* profiles in a random pattern.



In the reception area, two *PH Artichoke* by *Poul Henningsen* for the danish brand *Louis Poulsen* hung elegantly above the reception desk. The copper fixture provides 100% glare-free light. Its leaves illuminate the fixture as well as emitting diffused light with a unique pattern to either greet you with a hello or bid you farewell.

LUMIERE STUDIO BEIRUT

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Lumiere Studio is a multidisciplinary art and design firm founded by Lumiere Group in 2014. Offering comprehensive lighting services from start to finish. Lumiere Studio works with clients from initial consultations to final lighting set-up.

When necessary Lumiere Studio also does custom-made luminaires. The studio stands out for its flexibility and ability to design and realize important projects on a tight deadline. It handles not only indoor design, but outdoor landscapes and architectural projects as well.

The latest addition to Lumiere Studio portfolio is the *Aishti Foundation* by Lebanese fashion mogul and art collector *Toni Salameh* and designed by London based office *Adjaye Associates*. It is where design concepts are translated into reality, with their flexibility, continuity and limitless possibilities. Moreover, *The Chocolate Saloon* in Dubai is a pure chocolate and lighting indulgence.

The Diplomatic Quarter Hotel by *Perkins+Will* cannot go unstated. It is a five-star hotel in the diplomatic quarter of Riyadh for *Saudi Hotel and Resorts Company*. It's a low-rise four-story building inspired by the country's taupe desert landscape. The recessed lighting fixtures serve a double function of illuminating the terrace while following the natural shapes of the architecture.

Another prime example of how the studio's lighting design can work to enhance a given architectural concept is *Azour Villa*, an architectural marvel conceived by *Nabil Gholam* in Kfar Yassine, Lebanon. For this project, the studio worked to compliment the interior design of *Lorenzo Bellini* by using recessed lighting that is concealed and used only where necessary.

For *Joz Restaurant*, a casual dining experience conceived by the dining chain *Casino Mhanna*, raw materials such as pipes and metal are used to give the space a slightly industrial edge.

As for the internationally acclaimed Japanese restaurant chain *Yabani*, which recently relocated to Beirut central district, Lumiere Studio worked in collaboration with *Hilights* to enrich the tempered modernism of the interior design and emphasize its organic ambiance by employing top of the line lighting products.

To see its projects through, the studio employs international designers well versed in various disciplines including architecture, interior design, lighting, engineering and graphic design.

Based in Beirut, the studio handles a wide array of projects in the Middle East and elsewhere.



Azour Villa



Yabani



Joz Restaurant