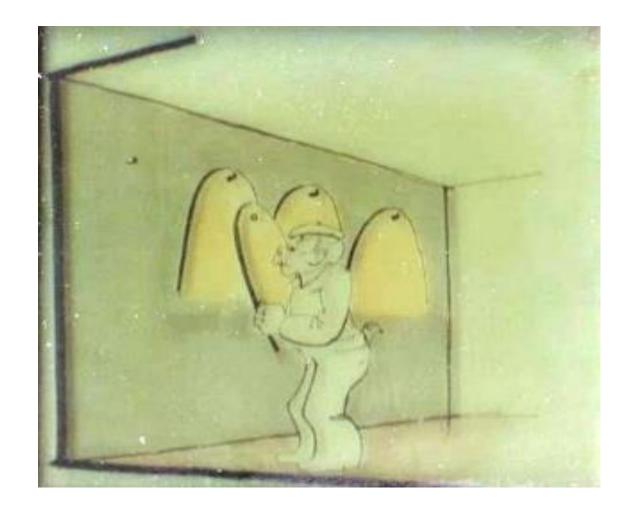
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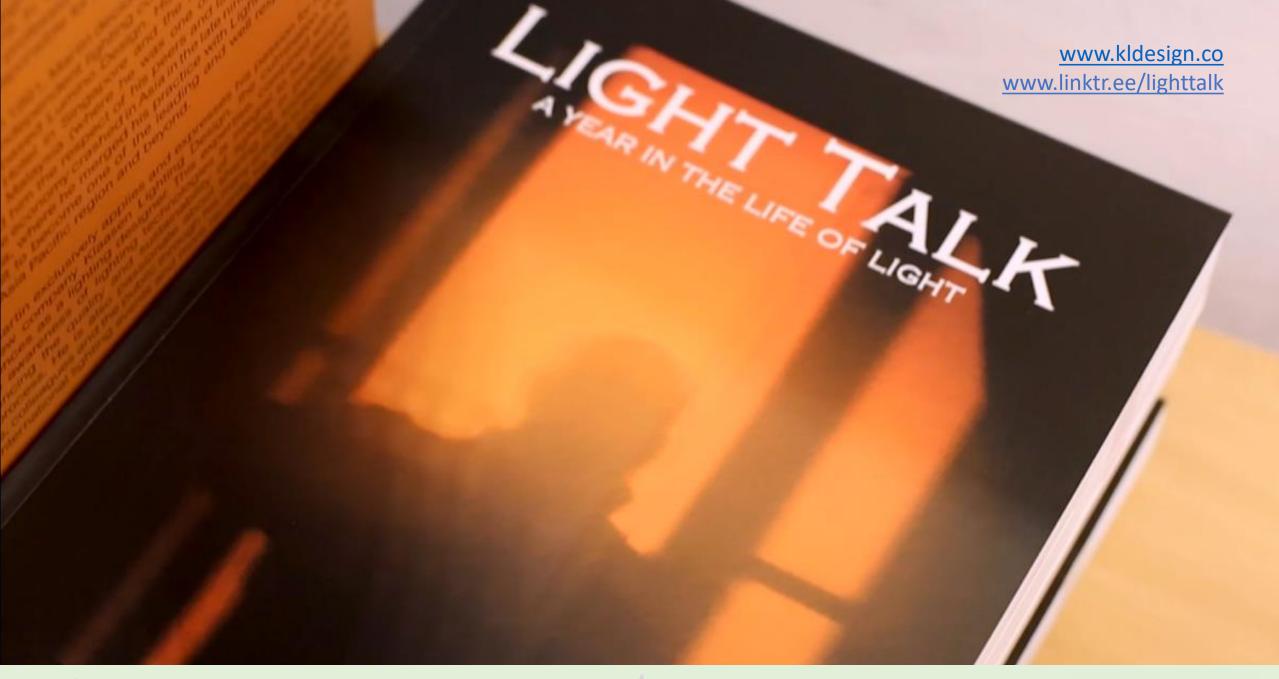
The passion and the challenges

Lighting experience modules



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Module 1: What is lighting design?

# Is Lighting Design Art or Science?





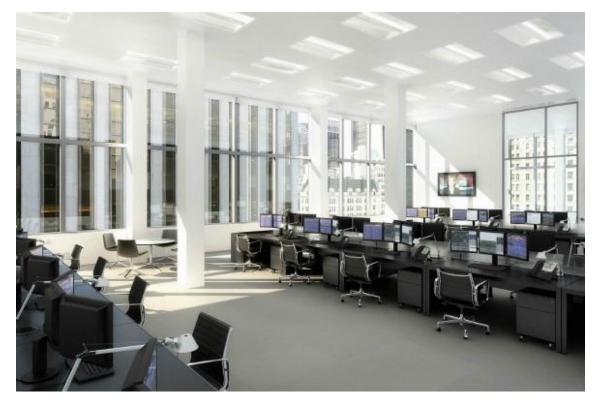
#### Is Lighting Design influenced by culture or geographical background?

Developing countries

Local vs International lighting standards

**Developed countries** 





50 lux ------> 1000 lu

**Lighting Levels** 

# Is Lighting Design influenced by culture or geographical background?

Northern/ Southern Hemisphere
Tropical countries
Cultural expectations



Cool white -----> Warm white

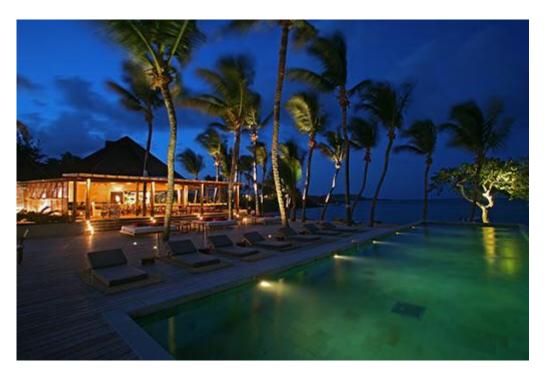
Colour temperature

# Is Lighting Design influenced by culture or geographical background?

Cold/ Hot/ Humid climates







Durability / Lighting "endurance" -----> IP Rating

Climate / Quality

# Is a Lighting Designer influenced by educational background?



# Is a Lighting Designer influenced by educational background?

#### **CREATIVE BACKGROUNDS**

Have more affinity to the **conceptual** and visual part of the design process and will be more likely to be able to develop and communicate ideas to fellow project team members and clients

#### **ENGINEERING BACKGROUNDS**

Will generally be better in **technical** detailing and production management with more affinity to understanding technology and processes.

#### **MANAGEMENT BACKGROUNDS**

Have more affinity to **business** management, economic forces with generally better social and communication skills

# ...a balanced composition of backgrounds makes a great team!

#### My Story



#### WE ALL START SOMEWHERE...



The lighting 'magicians' of Petronas Towers

By Karamjit Singh

Maybe it was "magic" that enabled a virtual start-up company in 1992 to upstage some of the biggest industry players in the world to design the interior lighting for the Petronas Towers. After all, to one of its founders, "lighting is magic".

It must be noted that while Lumino Design (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd was a lightweight player at the time of its bidding, its principals were definitely not. Each had carved a strong reputation as prominent lighting consultants with over 30 years of experience between them.

The fact that Martin Klaasen, founder and managing director of Lumino Design International Pte Ltd, and Lee Hing, principal of its Malaysian branch, Lumino Design (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, even had the audacity to think they could compete with the big boys speaks volumes of their business savvy and confidence.

According to Klaasen (for whom lighting is magic) their reputation may have helped them to get a foot in the door but after that it was "may the best design win". And win they did, with a very basic concept but which kept in mind the most important component of the Petronas Towers — its occupants.

Lumino is responsible for the interior lighting of the twin towers while the



Klaasen and Lee explaining the concept behind their design for the interior lighting of the Petronas Towers

exterior lighting is designed by Howard Branston and Partners, a large US-based lighting consultant.

Klaasen tells City & Country about Lumino's winning concept: "It is based on the premise of creating a conducive environment for people to live and work in. We settled on using warm colours which

are very popular in Europe and the US."

Psychologically, people prefer warm colours as they evoke a sense of welcome and comfort. The challenge is for the designers to strike a balance between comfort and productivity. Too comfortable and not much work is going to get done. An even bigger challenge is to keep costs within budget as the temptation to overdo in such a high profile project is great.

But overcoming that temptation has become one of their biggest achievements. "Sure there were some compromises and we simplified some light fittings, but in the end we succeeded," says Klaasen, who declines to reveal the value of the job.

Offers the quiet Lee, "We came up with a design that is relatively simple and reflects the latest technology and corporate image that Petronas wanted."

Above that, the design is such that maintenance will be easy and upkeep smooth. To achieve this, Lumino's Klaasen and Lee cracked their heads to simplify the number of fixtures and type of lamps used. Considering that there are over 100,000 light points in Tower 1, the partners concede that this was no easy task.

The unique shape of the towers posed its own problems to the designers. For instance, the spacing-to-height ratio of the floor required a specific square fitting be made for the lights, Klaasen points out.

On the outer corridors facing the windows, the lighting has been designed to accentuate the columns, bringing out the visual interest and to serve as focal points for the paintings that will adom the walls.

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# Does the educational background of your "client" make a difference?

- → CLIENT FAMILIAR WITH THE DESIGN PROCESS
- → CLIENT NEW TO THE DESIGN PROCESS



A BLESSING OR A CURSE?

The ones you want as client are those that understand the process and respect your expertise as designer!



#### Does the educational background of your "client" make a difference?



Our job: Managing Expectations!

# What is good lighting design?



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# The catch word is GOOD

...the definition of good may mean different things for different people



# What is good lighting design?

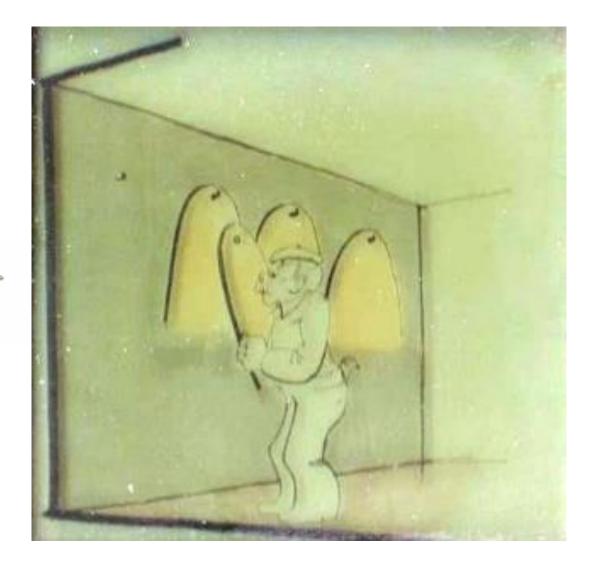
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# The role of a Lighting Designer

Part 1: The visible



#### What to light and what not, the yin and yang of lighting





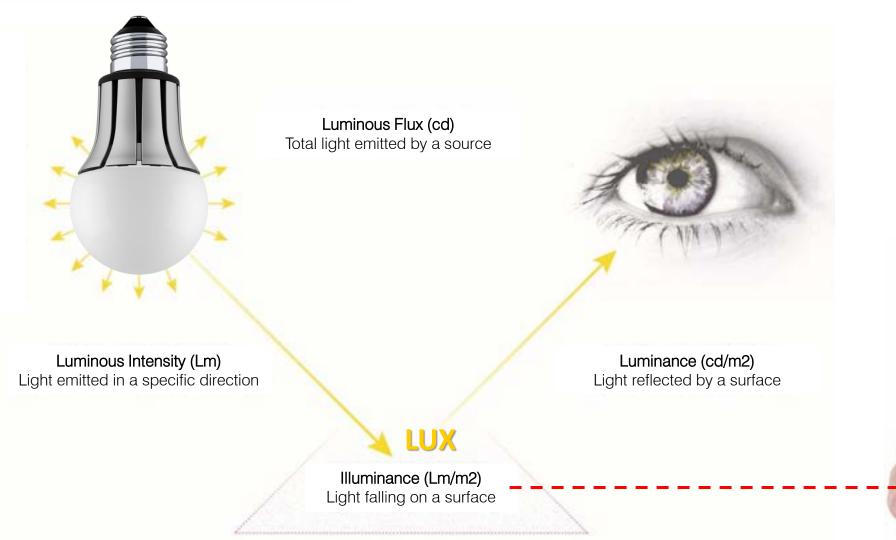
Too many lights





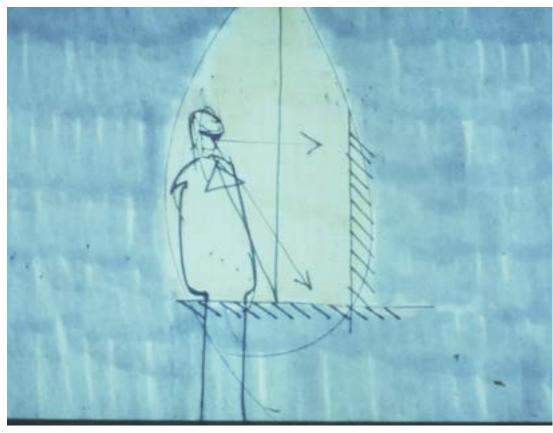
Poor lighting -space definition

#### Lighting design is for people, not for lux meters!

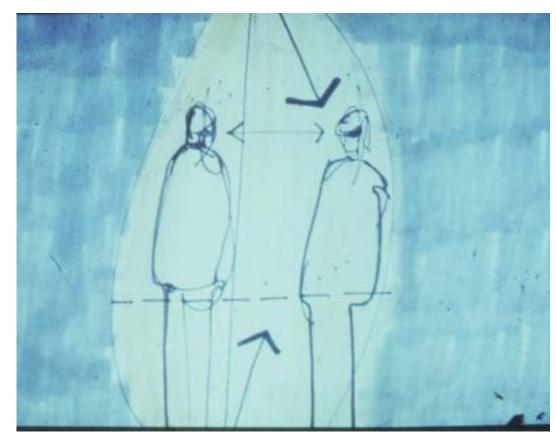




#### Lighting design is for people, not for lux meters!



Space (Horizontal – Vertical)



People (Emotional expressions)





Lighting can make or break a space!











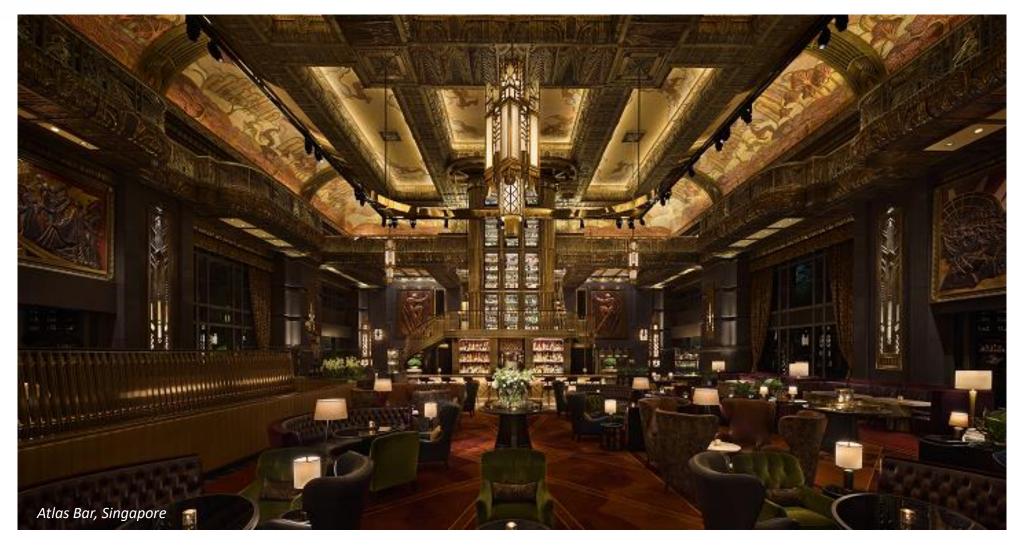


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The harmonious integration of lighting



The harmonious integration of lighting

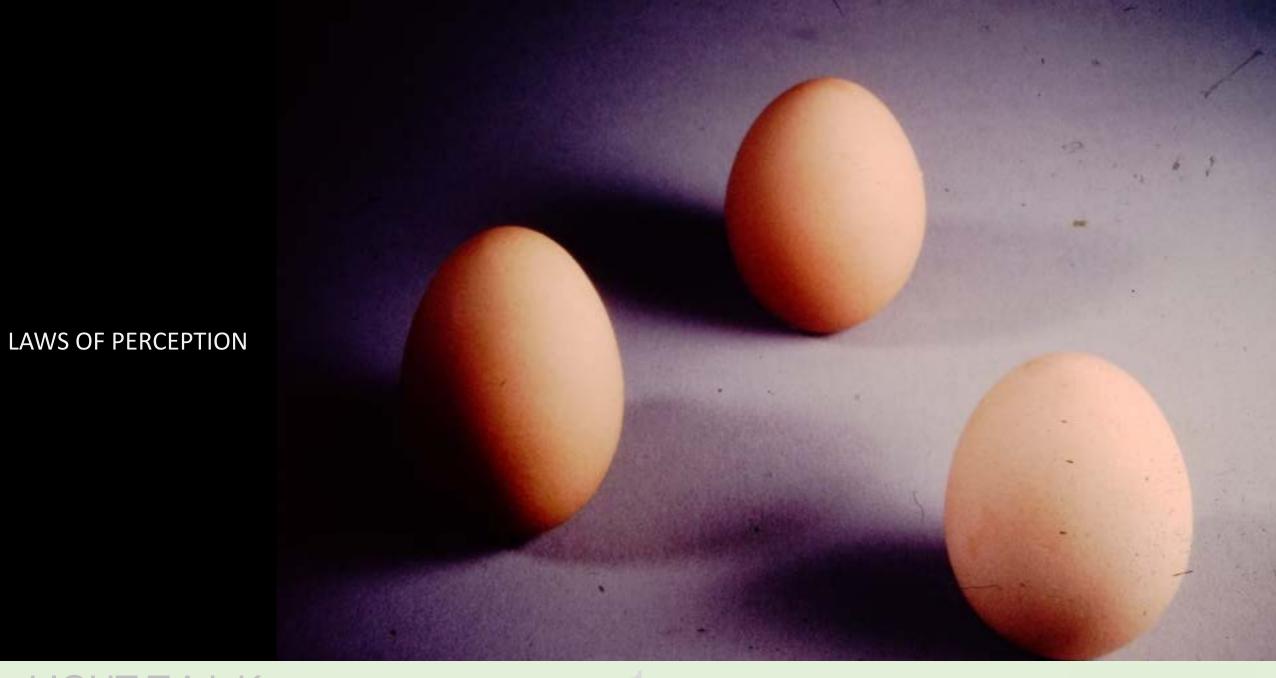


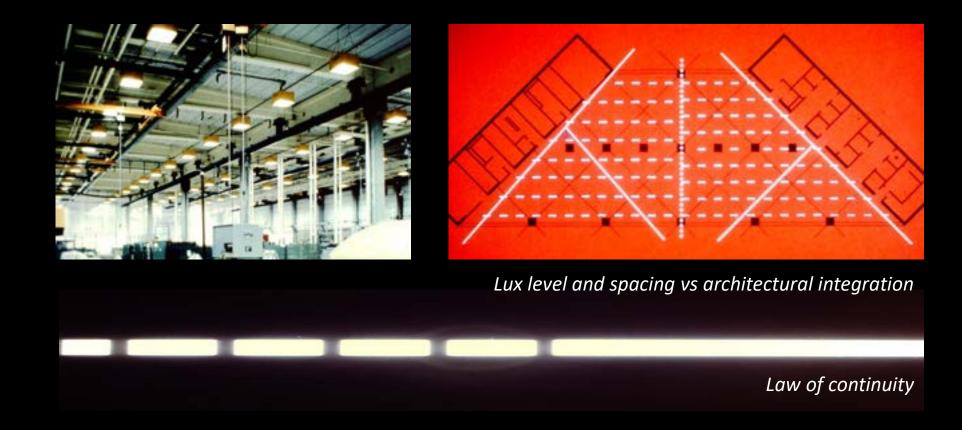
The harmonious integration of lighting

Light does not exist by itself, it needs the space to become meaningful and hence the task of a lighting designer is to coordinate the lighting design with all other disciplines that make up the space and needs to be harmoniously integrated in that space

**Lighting should not be an after-thought, not looking like a last minute add-on**, it should be carefully planned as an integrated overall strategy with all the key components that make up the space.

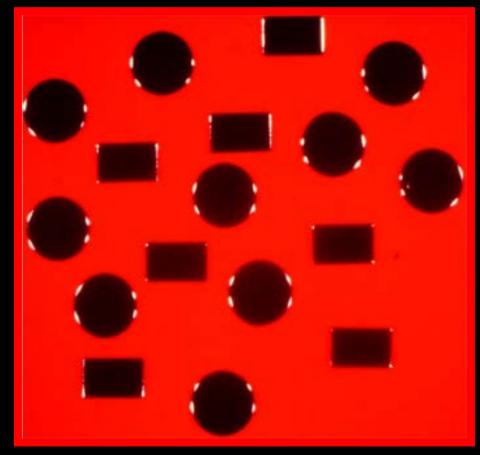
Lighting design is managing the physical appearance of light







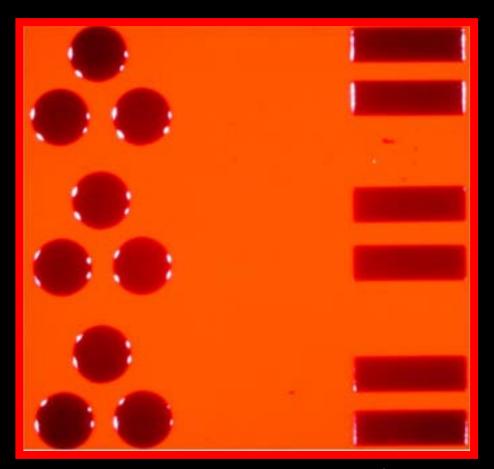




Law of equality





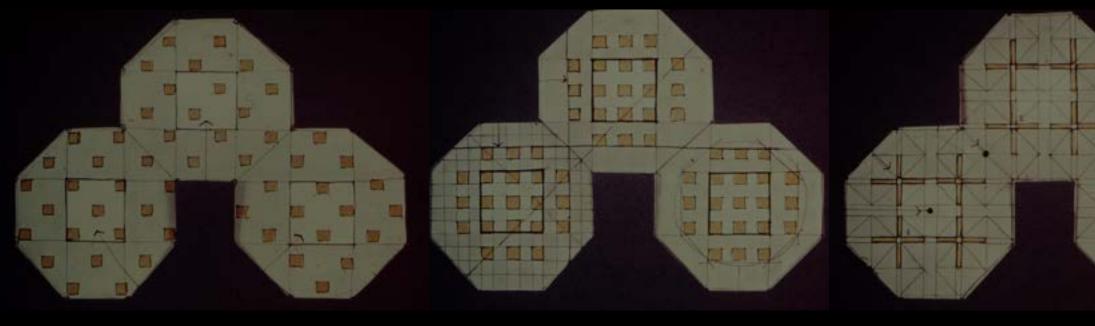


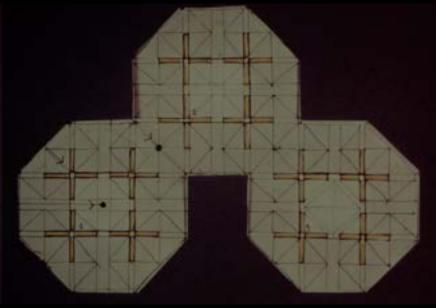
Law of proximity

Continuity/ equality

Continuity/ equality/ proximity

Continuity/ equality/ proximity/ dominant shape

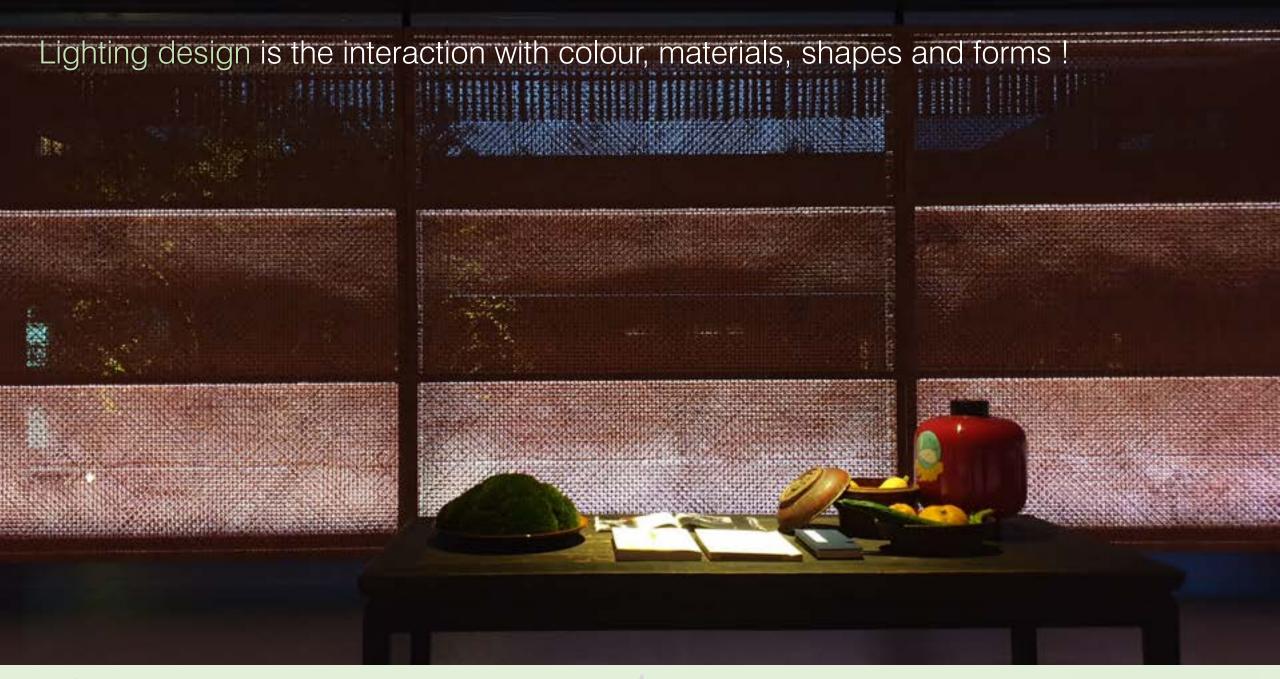


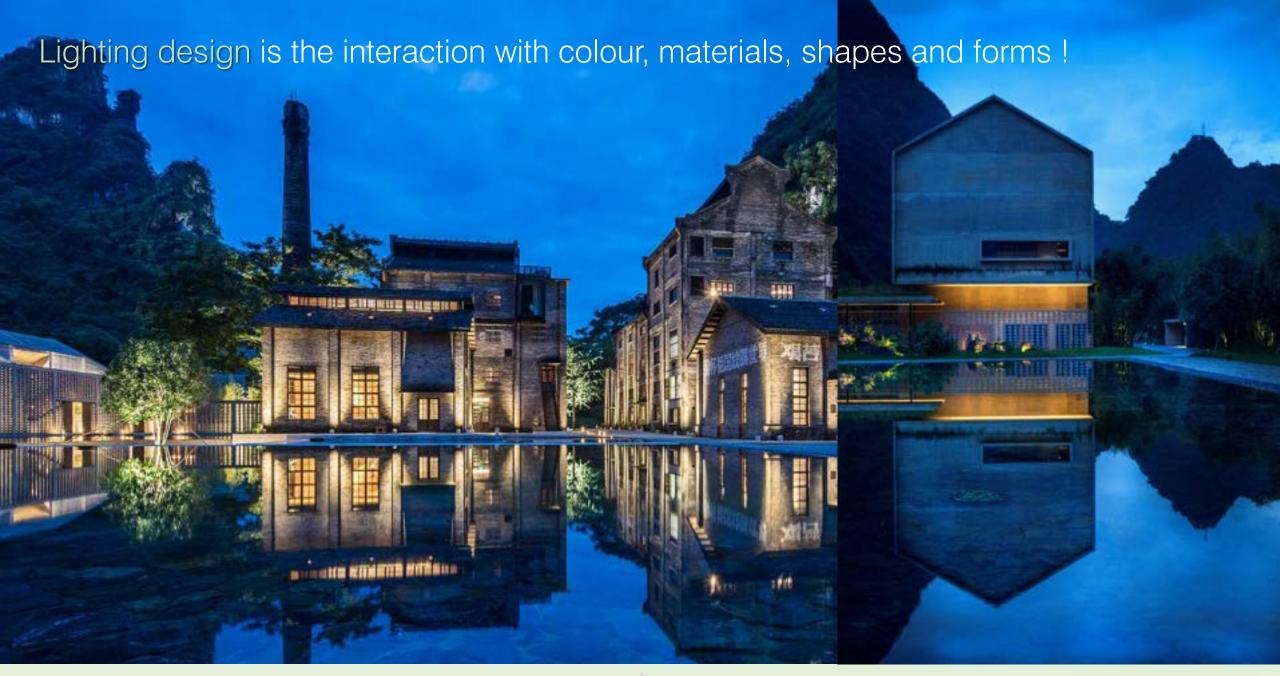


Applying the laws

Lighting design is the interaction with colour, materials, shapes and forms!

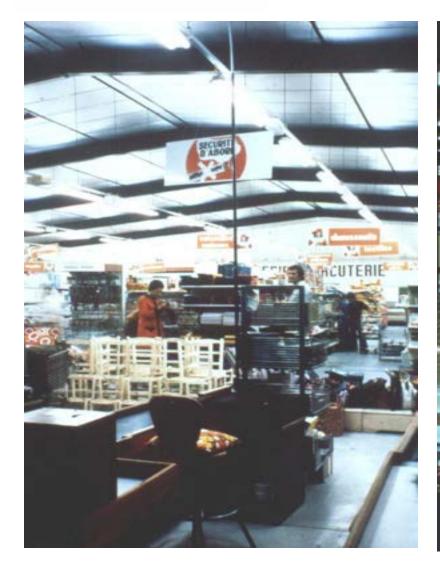






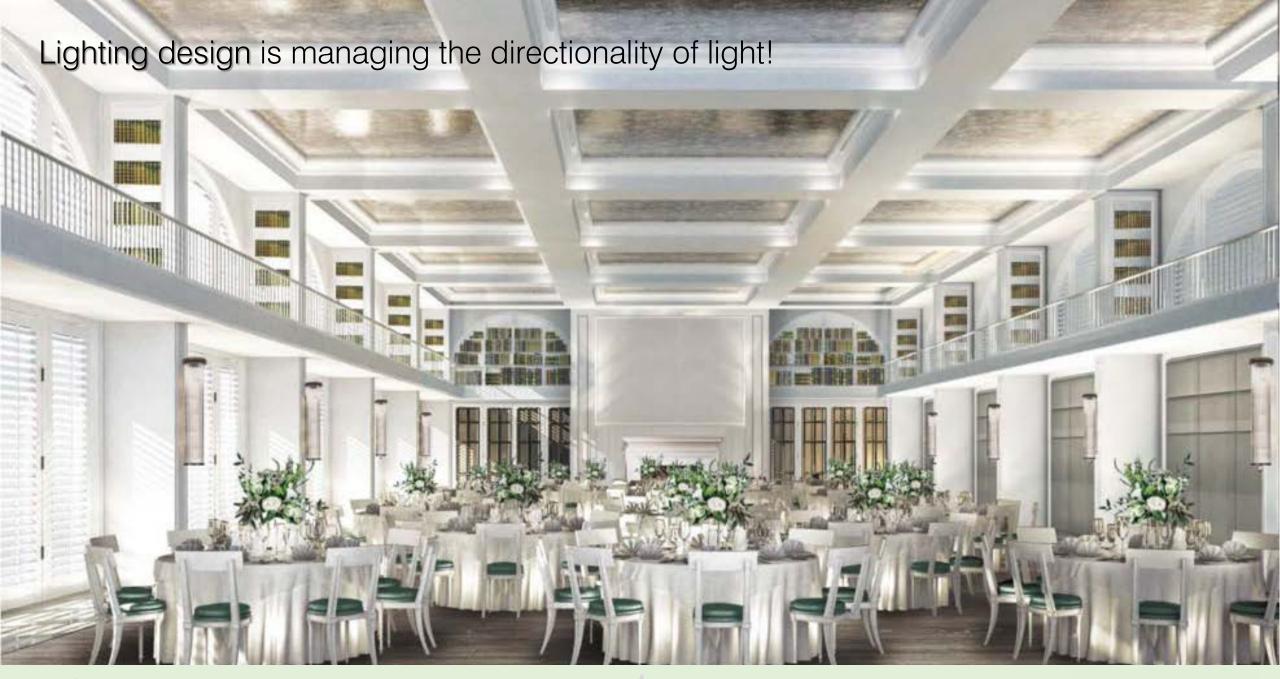
Lighting design is managing the qualities of light

## Lighting design is managing the directionality of light!



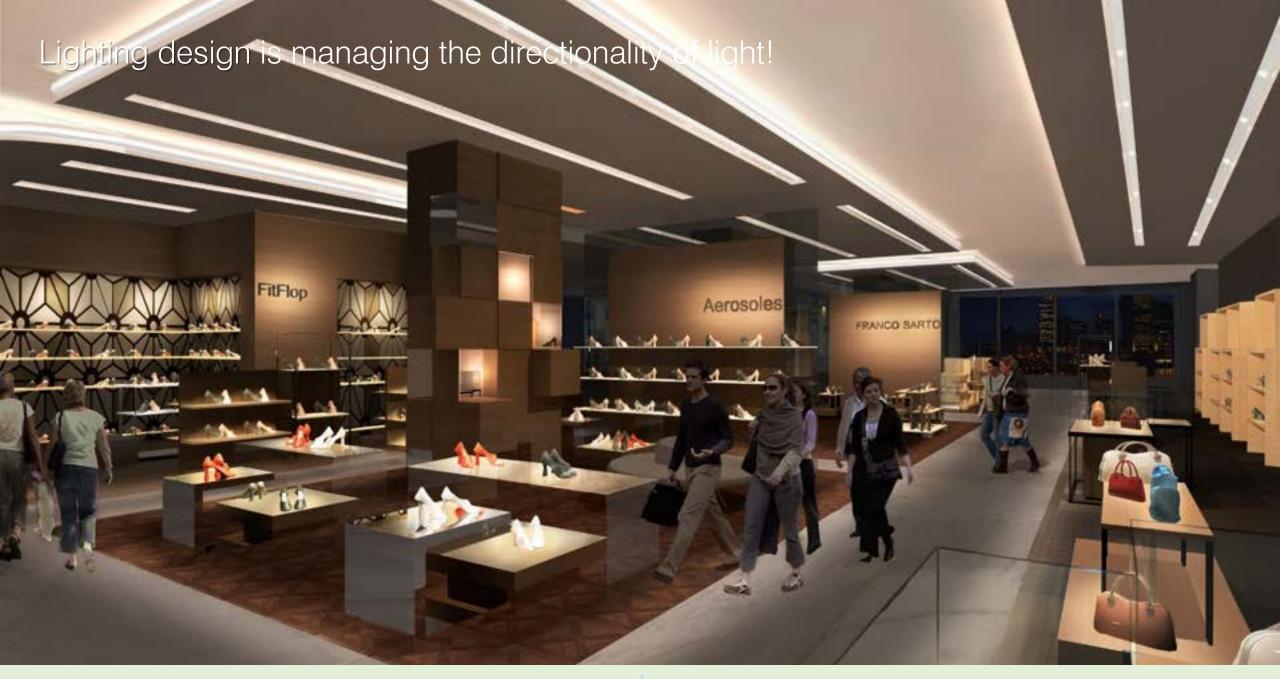




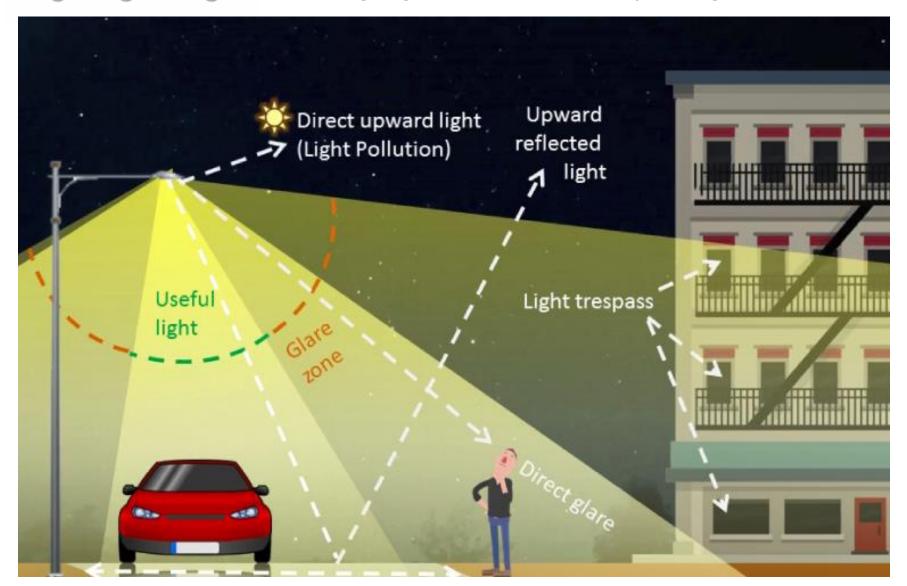


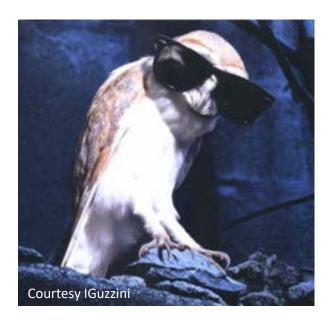






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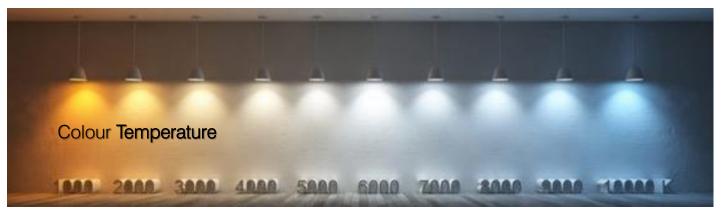


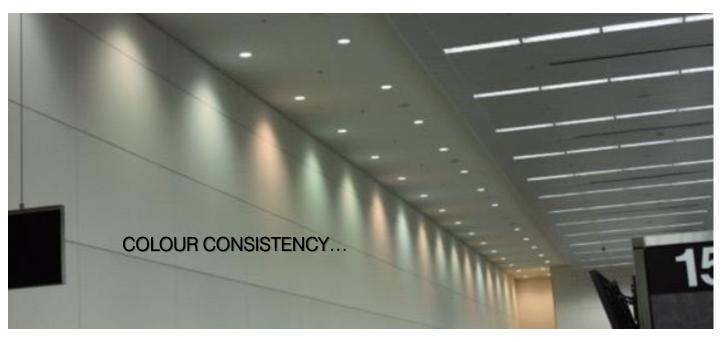
Light pollution

#### Lighting design is managing the colour quality of light!









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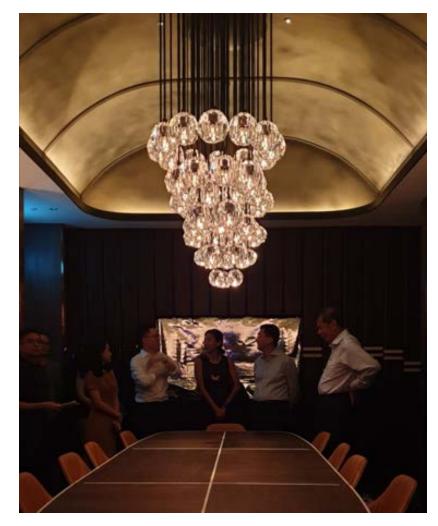




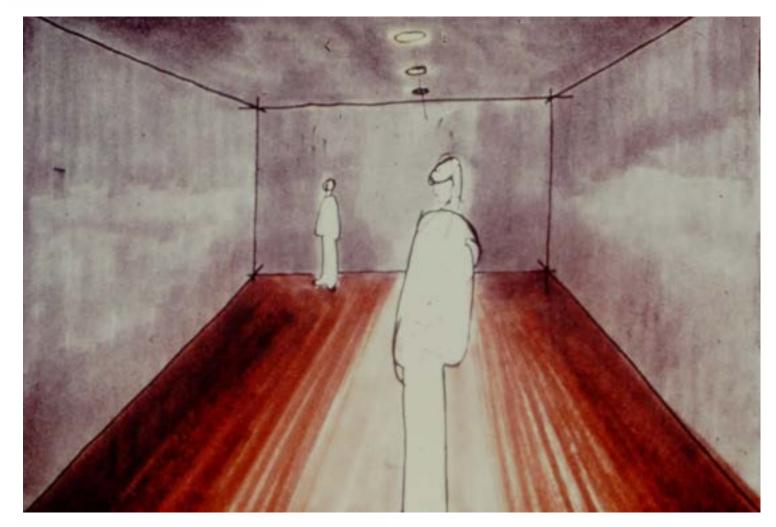
#### DESIGN STATEMENT → USE COLOUR WITH MEASURE

Just because we can create any colour it does not mean we have to use colours everywhere!



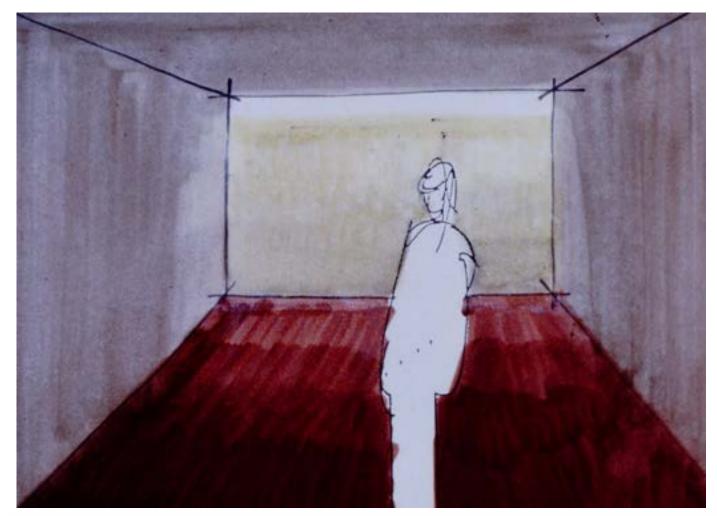


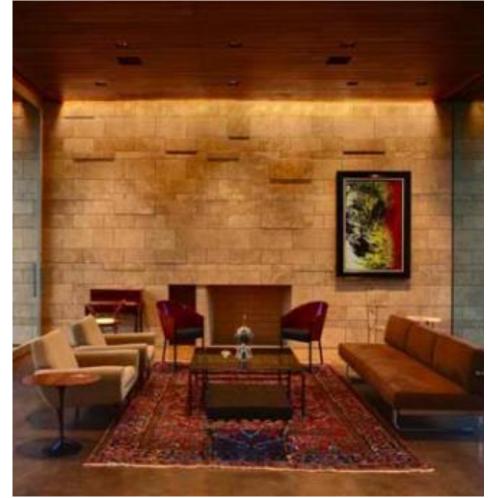
Lighting attracts...



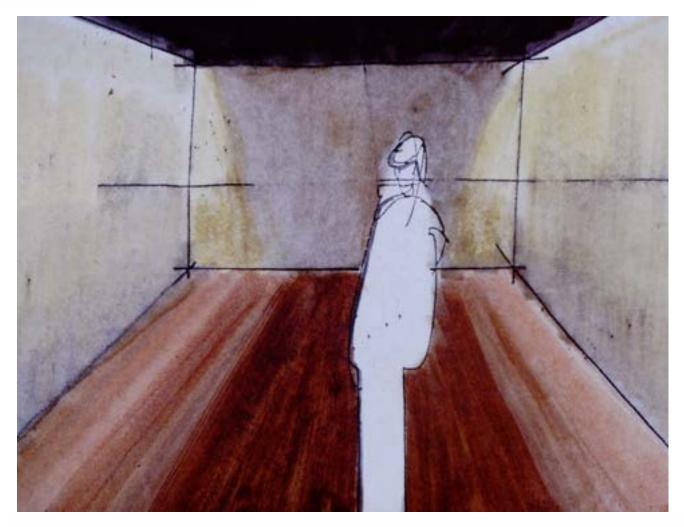


Lighting focusses attention...



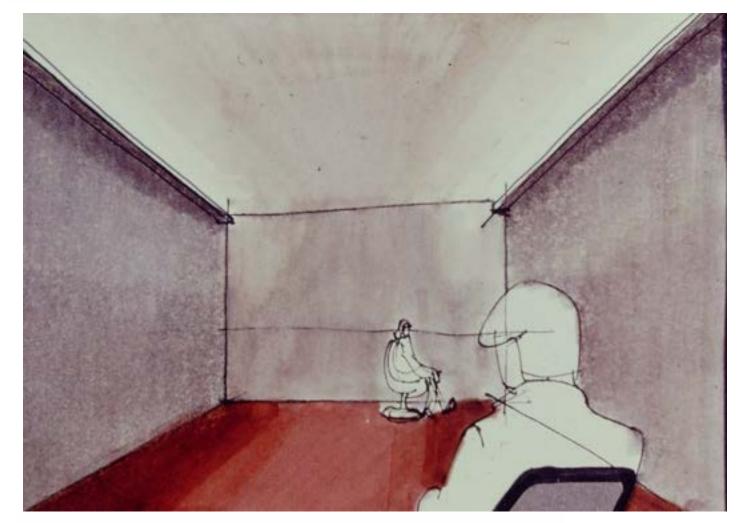


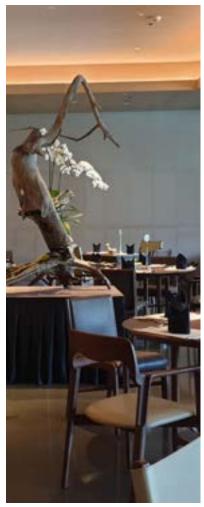
Changing the perception of a space...longer and narrower



Changing the perception of a space...shorter and wider



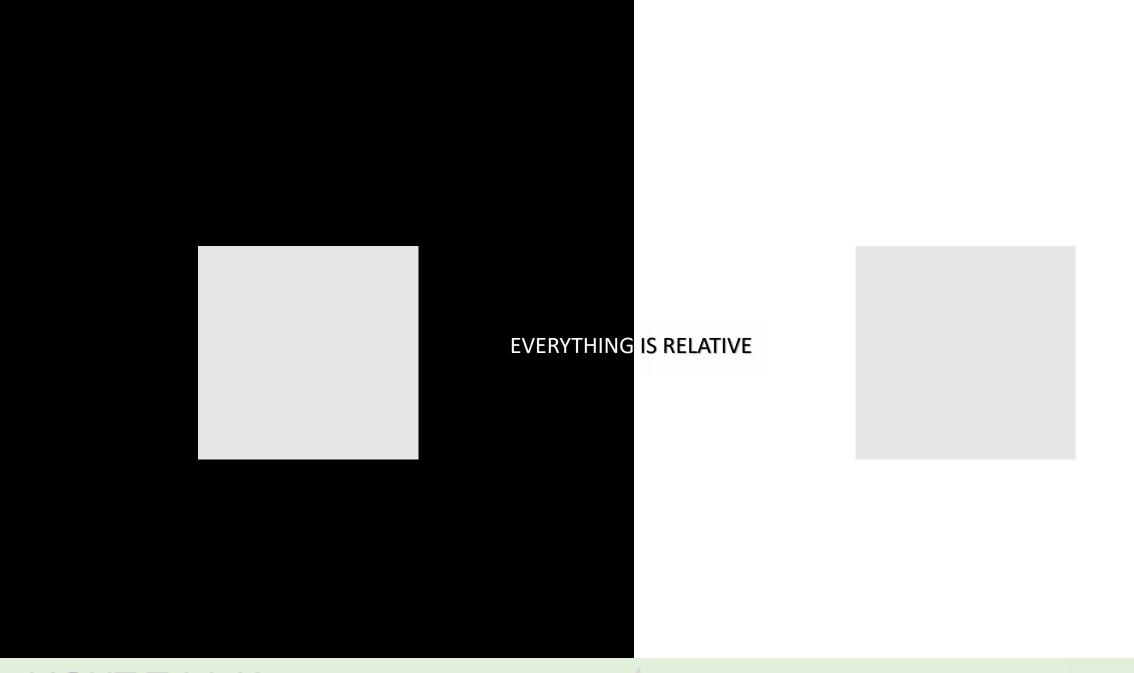






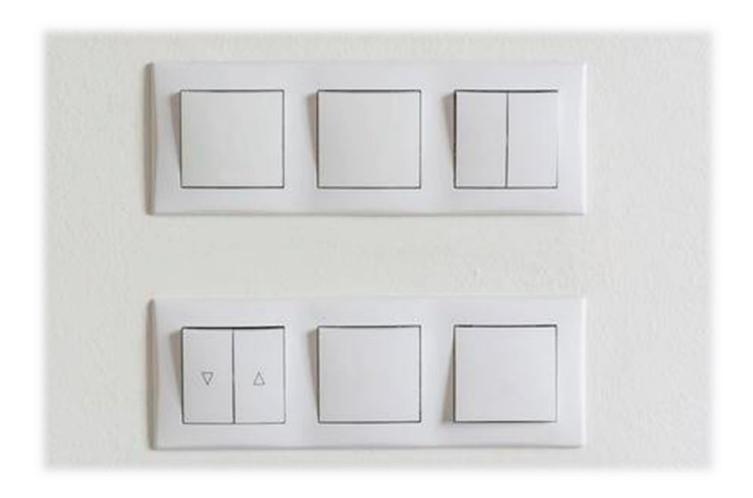
Changing the perception of a space...higher

Lighting design is a relative science! Lighting is a relative science referenced against what we know, what we last saw. Managing the balance of lighting and transition to spaces is a critical aspect of lighting design.





#### Lighting design: manipulating lighting effects through controls





Simplicity and ease of operation...

#### Lighting design: manipulating lighting effects through controls









The world is changing...

### Lighting design: Light where and when you need it (energy management)



Managing the lighting energy foot print is a professional lighting design duty



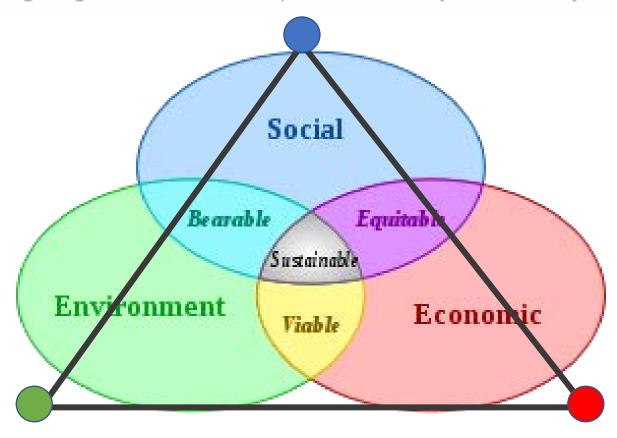
# The role of a Lighting Designer

Part 2: The invisible



#### Lighting design: Sustainability

#### Mood/ Lighting levels/ Comfort/ Operational safety and security standards



Watt/m2 / Energy saving / Light pollution

Budget / Capital and Operational costs



Mastery and understanding of the latest lighting and control technologies are elementary to good lighting design.



**Evolution of technology** 

from simple to sophisticated



Speed of development...



### THE SALES COWBOYS:

...anything for a sale!



It is a lighting designer's responsibility to educate his client and adjust a budget to reasonable amounts

Budgets and value engineering

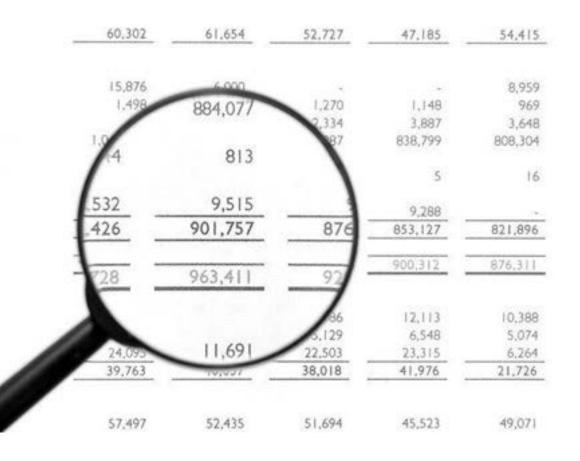


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#### Value for money → Return on investment

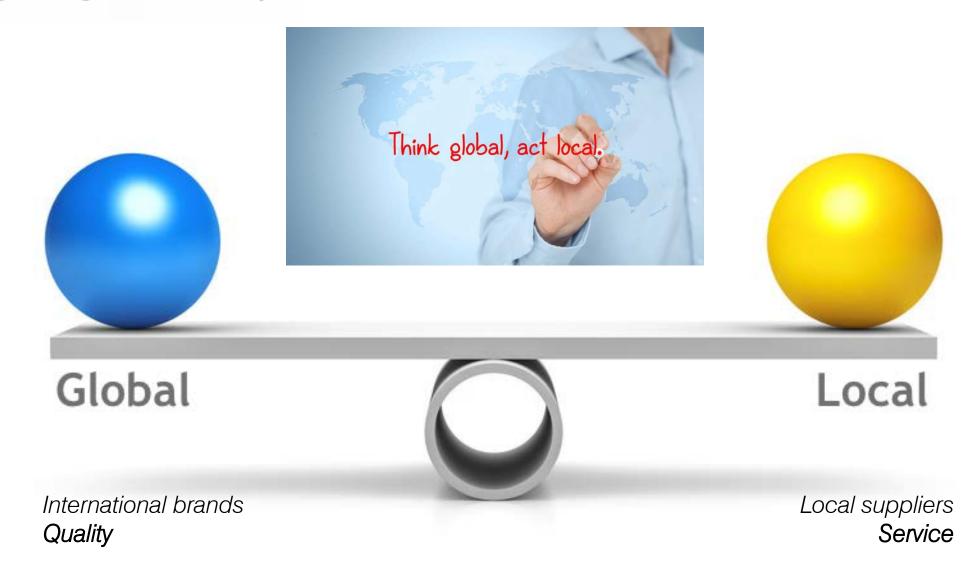




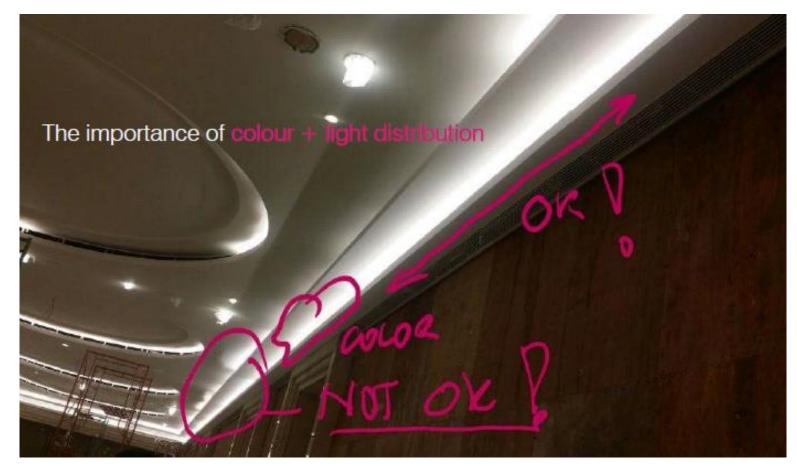


It is our **professional duty** to question ourselves on whether we are **providing the best value for money** and most of all get the client aligned with your perception of value. Value may mean different things to different people so it is important to establish good understanding of the client's interpretation of value for money

### Lighting design: Availability



### Lighting design: Supervising installation



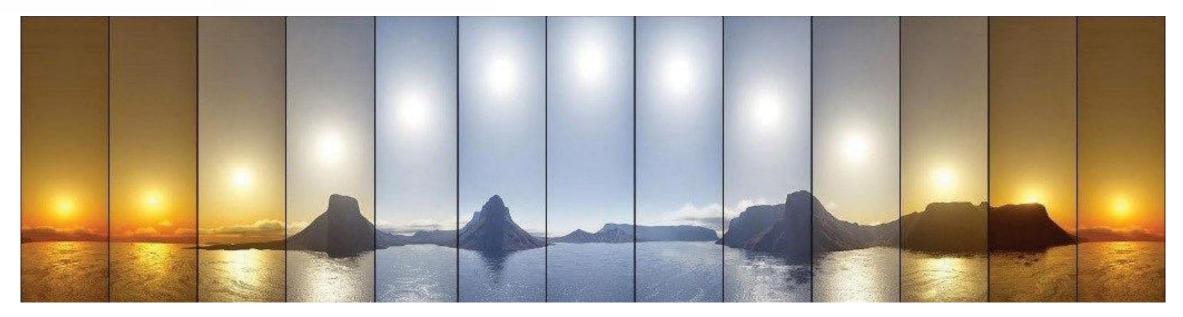


Quality of workmanship!

Things you don't necessarily see!



#### Lighting design: Health and safety





HEALTH

Human Centric Lighting Circadian Rhythms

Reproducing natural daylight

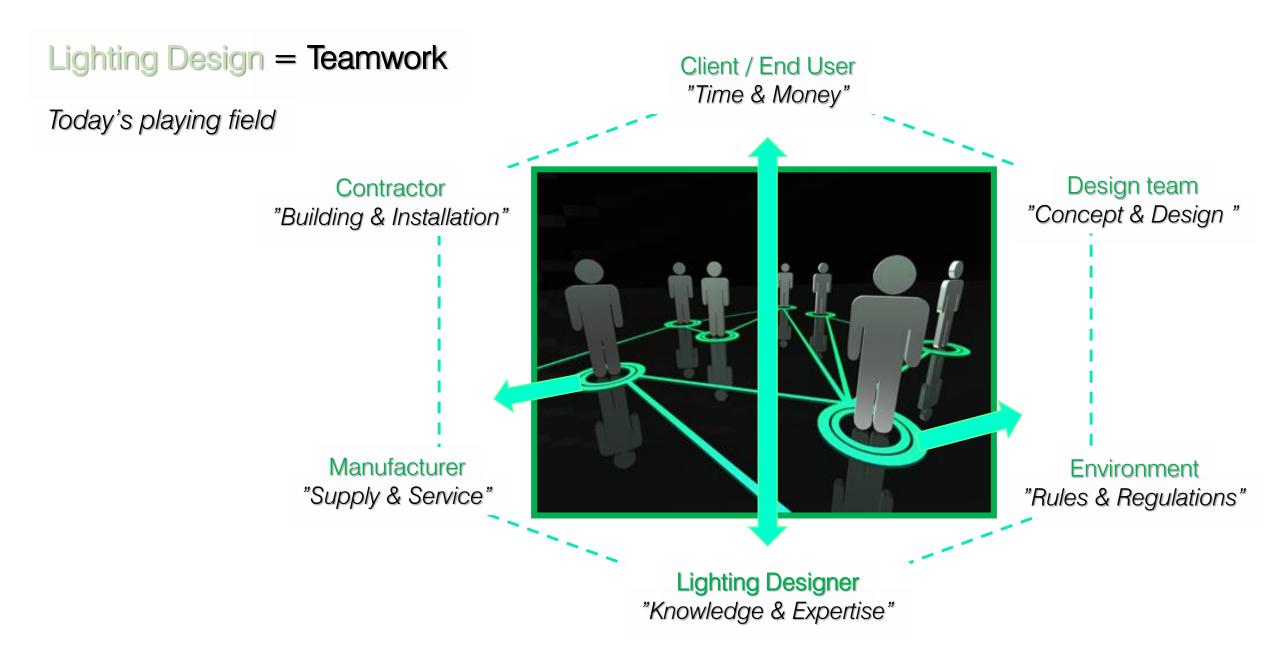


#### Lighting design: Health and safety





SAFETY: Hazards – Facial recognition – Way finding – Security – Vandalism



#### Lighting Design = Teamwork



Communicate, Educate, Deliver Quality



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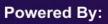
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