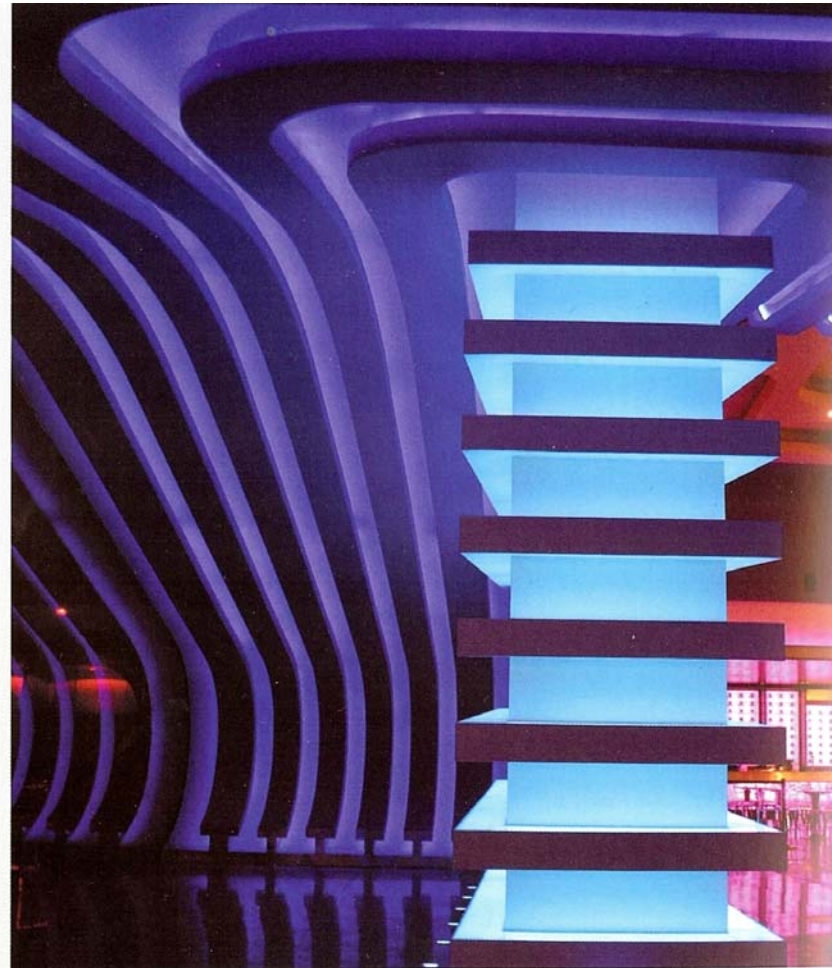


⇒ Capsule within a capsule

Celebration of colour at Star Cinemas City Gate in Thessaloniki/GR

Star Cineplex, located in the new City Gate shopping centre in the Central/West side of Thessaloniki, features eight theatres including an all summer open-air cinema, a main foyer, a café bar, with 112 seats in two areas, and a VIP lounge. The design is based on the concept of a capsule within a capsule.

The lighting concept for this project is based on the creative use of coloured lighting and subtle colour-changing effects. The main feature is a low-voltage cold cathode system with dimmable ballast consisting of two 18 mm/100 mA tubes in ruby red and blue cobalt colour. The tubes are concealed around elliptical "cut-outs" and edge boundaries in the ceilings and walls and are controlled by a dimming system that allows colour mixing with the added bonus of saving energy. The result is a colour palette from bluish purple to fuchsia. The system has been set to use 25-second fading between distinct colours. Cold cathode tubes have also been used to backlight the contours as well as the deep archways that frame the lobby.



An additional aquamarine cold cathode system has been used to light a feature-column of rectangular plan in parallel rings. The column is also lighted by recessed blue LED uplighters. This feature is complemented by a "striped" wall/ceiling installation that is equipped with concealed LED strip-lighting. The flexibility of this fixture made it suitable for this element as the strips curve in three dimensions.

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