

Lightblocks: A Key Ingredient in Delicious Restaurant Design

Nashua, NH March 3, 2006... Restaurant owners and designers are turning to Lightblocks® (www.lightblocks.com), a translucent plastic that is stronger than glass, resists scratching and provides a soothing, colorful glow when illuminated for tasteful designs to create just the right customer atmosphere. Lightblocks, which is created by MB Wellington Studio, provides restaurants with a unique ambiance of translucency, light and refreshing colors for any setting.

Endless Possibilities

MB Wellington Studio has been serving up restaurants with its experience and ability to turn design visions into a reality. Lightblocks can be custom designed for nearly any interior or exterior architectural restaurant use, including tables, lighting fixtures, furniture, ceilings, walls, countertops, shelves, signs and bars to name a few. Its renewable surface makes the luminous and durable product perfect for high traffic areas. Lightblocks is suitable for any restaurant setting by being impervious to penetration, germ resistant and having the ability to be cleaned very easily with germicidal solutions without damaging the surface. It is made from strong, yet lightweight translucent acrylic or polycarbonate panels normally, but any clear polymer may be used as a Lightblocks base depending on the application. Having the ability to be cut into any size or shape, Lightblocks is also available in a Class A Fire Rated version in accordance with the ASTM E84 test method.

Do you Dream in Color?

Designers and restaurant owners are encouraged to think outside the box when incorporating Lightblocks in design. MB Wellington will provide custom fabrication which allows restaurant owners and designers to have flexibility in selecting the perfect design. Lightblocks come in beautiful hand pigmented hues that can be customized to match paint chips or fabric swatches to produce an infinite number of color offerings via a patented technology with the panels being made in any transparency and any thickness.

The only limit to the product is the imagination of the individual. The product development team at MB Wellington Studio shares their experience and innovation with designers throughout the designing stages to ensure their visions become realities. "Our project developers love to brainstorm inspirations with our clients and are often able to take the project to a new level of creativity by inventing custom solutions," says MB Wellington Studio founder and President, Mary Boone Wellington.

Fine Designing – Hartford Hilton

Lightblocks provide restaurants with an appetizing design appeal that compliments specific moods, stunning designs and unique offerings. At the Hartford Hilton in Connecticut, designers were in search of a modern look and feel that radiated light and warmth for 12 banquettes and bar shelving. Lightblocks provided a soothing medium for the restaurant setting and an illuminating color to reflect the visions of the designers. The entire installation is made from custom cell cast acrylic Lightblocks that is warm, durable and impervious to stain. The amber color glows from the lamps installed in the interior of the seating areas illuminating the restaurant and patrons with a warm and flattering light. "For the banquettes, we developed new gluing and assembling methods at the studio to create seamless and sturdy assemblies."

Design Flexibility

Along with the Hartford Hilton restaurant, Lightblocks has been aiding to the design of hundreds of other nationally recognized restaurants and fine dining settings in need of an upgrade or change of atmosphere at a variety of environments including the outside restaurant at the new Wynn Hotel and Casino, The Tangerine Bar in Las Vegas, NV, Azura, The Naked Fish in Boston, MA and Red Rock Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Matt Hyatt, RA Associate at Bergmeyer Associates, has incorporated Lightblocks into several large scale projects including the restaurant Table 1280 of the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, GA and "loves Lightblocks for its durability, luminosity and its ability to be used for different reasons."

The timing and delivery of Lightblocks is impeccable. Custom color samples are shipped within days of request and the lead time of four to eight weeks for the final product is remarkably short for a custom material. MB Wellington Studio goes well beyond the call of duty by fabricating components and shipping prototypes and full-scale mockups to give the client the exact look and feel of the sample. Any polymer can be used as a base for Lightblocks so you are not limited in design options.

About MB Wellington Studio:

MB Wellington Studio is headquartered in Nashua, NH. It was founded by Mary Boone Wellington, who began manufacturing and marketing Lightblocks in 1999. Lightblocks is a versatile plastic that is stronger than glass, nearly impossible to scratch and provides a soothing, colorful glow when backlit. Lightblocks is made from the polymer most appropriate to the application and colored via a patented technique. Lightblocks has been used in a variety of high profile projects including the Beverly Center, IBM eBusiness offices, Hartford Hilton, The National Aquarium in Baltimore, Worcester State College, Atlantic City Medical Center and many more. More information about MB Wellington Studio and LightBlocks can be obtained at www.lightblocks.com or by calling 603-889-1115.

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