

Consistency is key

Mike Stoane Lighting chose Xicato Spot Modules to light the Victoria and Albert Museum

Xicato Spot Modules have been used in Mike Stoane Lighting luminaires within the Asian Gallery of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.


Xicato LED Modules have been designed especially for installations where light quality is paramount, producing a light without compromise in consistent colour appearance, colour rendering, uniformity and reliability.

The installation was designed by DHA Designs, specialists in museum lighting, having worked in projects as diverse as The Imperial War Museum and the London Transport Museum. Mike Stoane Lighting has supplied museum specification track fittings worldwide and its spotlights are recognised for ease of use, build quality and lockability.

Track Type X is Mike Stoane's first track spot to use the Xicato Module (a second, to match its Series 7 range is due to be launched later in the year). The triggers behind this V&A refurbishment were both energy saving and an improvement in the lit appearance. The previous installation of fluorescent and halogen luminaires was replaced by one with fluorescent downlighters and LED spots giving more

modeling to the V&A's renowned Asian statues collection than was possible before with energy consumption constraints.

A 'shoot out' was arranged by scheme designer Jonathan Howard of DHA Designs with halogen spots and two types of LED spots, one with traditional phosphor on chip LEDs and one with Xicato Spot modules. Howard explains: 'We have minimum criteria for light quality and until now we have specified IR coated halogen luminaires only in museum and gallery applications. I and the V&A were happy with the Xicato LED modules – they allow the right theatricality and light quality within energy consumption targets.'

Thirty six Xicato 1000lm XSM modules were used in Mike Stoane Track Type X luminaires. The January 2011 installation was a trial, which has been well received and a phase 2 in a different gallery started in March. 

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