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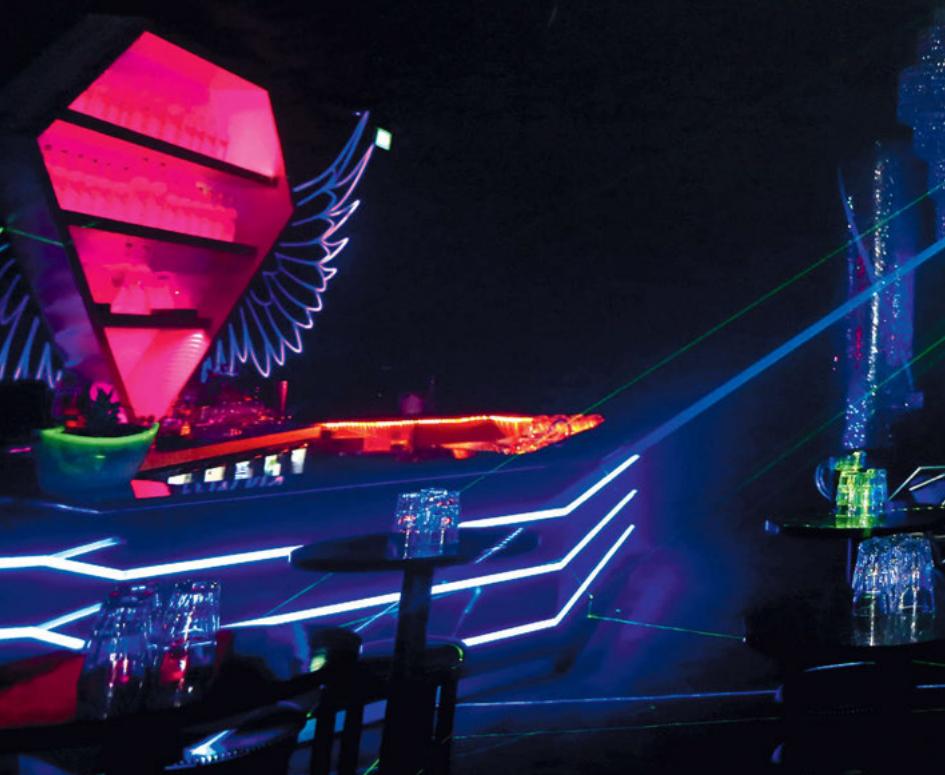
Born out of a TV concept that began in 1997 to deliver the latest style and trends in the fashion world, FashionTV outlets are now popping up around the globe. FashionTV is a global multimedia network, which broadcasts over a number of different platforms across 193 countries in both private households and public spaces. Once established as a 24-hour fashion, beauty and lifestyle television station, it was time for the next step, nightlife venues that embody the same ethos.

The latest incarnation has made its home at Clarke Quay in Singapore - a well-known nightlife hotspot - and will strive to supply its guests with great energy, cool vibes and the perfect party atmosphere, all the while providing the ultimate fusion of fashion and mu-

sic. Although there are a number of F Bars and F Cafes, Singapore is home to the first f.Club. It is spread across 10,000 sq ft, which is split into two sections, the Ruby Hall and the Diamond Room and thanks to investors from both the US and Germany the entire venue has been kitted out with state-of-the-art technology.

German-based Auxweg was awarded the contract to source the location for f.Club, as well as provide the full design, specification and installation of the sound, lighting and video systems. The aim was to ignite the f.Club brand in style.

Working alongside design company, Archetype, Auxweg partner, Volkan Gümüs and his team first began work on the Diamond Room. "From our previous experience with the Elation brand and the awesome support we've received in the past, it was clear that we would work with Elation products again," said Volkan. "The price to performance ratio both suited our client's budget and fulfilled the project's requirements."



The Diamond Room encompasses a diamond-shaped bar and DJ booth, while mounted on the ceiling are three Duratruss diamond shaped truss structures. Nine Elation Platinum Beam 5R Extreme moving heads, six Elation Rayzor Q12 LED lights, and three Elation Platinum Spot LED Pro II fixtures have been split equally across the three trusses. "We decided to use the Platinum Beams and the Rayzors here because the Diamond Room is the house area where people want to party hard, so we needed moving heads with fast movement and powerful output," said Gregor Schubert, another partner of Aux-weg. "The Beams are perfect for this. We went with the Rayzors because we needed a fast light that was able to light up the dancefloor area in a specific colour. The Platinum Spots are used to display the FashionTV logo at different positions, to light up dancers and to throw large gobos throughout the hall." Alongside the lighting fixtures in the Diamond Room are some special effects including two Swisslas PM-1500G lasers, one Laserworld PS-5200RGB Compact laser and a Martin Professional Jem K1 hazer, all of which ensure the ultimate dance club environment. The lighting fixtures are controlled using a Daslight DVC3 ZM Gold controller, which outputs three DMX universes, allowing for control of up to 1,536 channels, while the lasers are operated by Pangolin Phoneix4 Live software. "The reason we selected the Daslight software is because it's very easy to learn how to operate, and light jockeys can make changes quickly and easily, which is very important for live DJ performances," continued Volkan. "There are preprogrammed lighting functions that are speed adjustable via a speed fader, shutter sequences with speed faders, or operators can choose any gobo, colour, prism, or wash effects and control them very easily."

Complementing the lighting design in the room is yet another diamond inspired feature, this time through the use of video tiles. Comprising 15 Elation EPV6 LED video panels, the diamond-shaped LED video screen - measuring 2.3-metres by 2.3-metres - is mounted behind the DJ booth and runs

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visual content from FashionTV along with custom visuals. A PC equipped with an Elation EPV PCI sending card controls the video screen. "We had major problems with suppliers either because of the construction involved, pricing or delivery and three weeks before the opening we were faced with the problem that one of the key features in the main room, the three-point diamond-shaped truss and LED screen, would not be ready. We decided to call Elation for help and after explaining what we needed they came back the next day with a full quote, drawings and an exact shipping time," said Volkan. "Elation saved us and even delivered the diamond-shaped truss. The happy faces of the Auxweg crew, the other contractors and the shareholders were priceless. Everything worked perfectly, and I must admit it was quite an emotional moment when I saw Elation still helping us via remote desktop access and a webcam to do the system

set-up and patch the video panel. Impressive, also when you think about the eight-hour time difference to the Elation technical support guys in The Netherlands," he continued.

With the visual in place, it was time for Volkan to turn his attention to the sound equipment, and in the Diamond Room, the energy was required on the dancefloor. Volkan decided to stick with the same group of companies to supply the sound system, choosing Elation's sister brand AD Systems. He selected four AD Systems Magnus15 bi-functional loudspeakers, which offer a homogeneous directivity pattern for the dancefloor, while six AD Systems i.Flex15B bass reflex subwoofers extend the low frequency range of the Magnus15's. A further five AD Systems i.Flex8 passive loudspeakers are installed around the periphery to provide atmospheric music in the seating areas and VIP area. "The dancefloor is equipped with a four-way



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

LIGHTING & VISUAL

DIAMOND ROOM: 9 x Elation Platinum Beam 5R Extreme moving head; 6 x Elation Rayzor Q12 moving head; 3 x Elation Platinum Spot LED Pro II moving head; 15 x Elation EPV6 video panel; 1 x Elation EPV PCI sending card; 2 x Swisslas PM-1500G laser; 1 x Laserworld PS-5200RGB Compact laser; 1 x Martin Professional Jem K1 hazer; 1 x Daslight DVC3 ZM Gold controller; 1 x Pangolin Phoneix4 Live software; 3 x Duratruss diamond shaped truss structure; 4 x Global Truss eight-metre support truss

RUBY HALL: 8 x Elation Platinum Spot LED Pro II moving head; 4 x Elation Design Wash LED Zoom moving head; 1 x Martin Professional Jem K1 hazer; 1 x Daslight DVC3 ZM Gold controller; 1 x Duratruss five-metre diameter circular truss

SOUND

DIAMOND ROOM: 4 x AD Systems Magnus15 bi-functional loudspeaker; 6 x AD Systems i.Flex15B bass reflex subwoofer; 5 x AD Systems i.Flex8 passive loudspeaker; 2 x Lab.gruppen C68:4 amplifier; 2 x Lab.gruppen E12:2 Class-D amplifier; 1 x dbx DriveRack 260 loudspeaker management system; 1 x Pioneer DJM-900 Nexus mixer; 2 x Pioneer CDJ-900 multiplayer

RUBY HALL: 4 x AD Systems Magnus15 bi-functional loudspeaker; 4 x AD Systems TouringSub bass reflex subwoofer; 9 x AD Systems i.Flex8 passive loudspeaker; 2 x Lab.gruppen C68:4 amplifier; 3 x Lab.gruppen E12:2 Class-D amplifier; 1 x dbx DriveRack 260 loudspeaker management system; 1 x Pioneer DJM-900 Nexus mixer; 2 x Pioneer CDJ-900 multiplayer

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VIDEO CONTENT

acoustic radiation system. The biggest focus for the sound concept was to ensure the sound level was just right without compromising the sound quality of power," said Volkan.

The AD Systems PA is powered by two Lab.gruppen C68:4 amplifiers - which thanks to each channel having its own individually configurable voltage peak limiter that works in combination with adjustable input gain achieves maximum headroom regardless of input levels or output impedances. These sit alongside two Lab.gruppen E12:2 Class-D amplifiers featuring the company's amplifier platform IDEEA - IntelliDrive Energy Efficient Amplifier. A dbx DriveRack 260 processor provides loudspeaker management control, while DJs can perform on a Pioneer DJM-900 Nexus mixer and two Pioneer CDJ-900 multiplayers.

Elsewhere in the Ruby Hall, a space that has a French baroque theme opted for a more discreet line-up of technology. Eight Elation Platinum Spot LED Pro II moving heads and four Elation Design Wash LED Zoom moving heads are mounted on a five-metre diameter circular truss structure from Duratruss, which hangs over the dancefloor. "We chose the Platinum Spots because they are just perfect to throw big gobos into the hall, and we use the Design Washes to immerse the dancefloor in different colours and create a special atmosphere in combination with the baroque design," said Gregor. Control for the lighting is once again taken care of by a Daslight DVC3 ZM Gold controller, however, this time outputting just two DMX universes - up to 1,024 channels - because there are fewer fixtures and fewer effects required in the Ruby Hall in comparison to the Diamond Room. For additional effects another Martin Professional Jem K1 hazer was installed along with four 50-inch Samsung LED screens - to create one large screen - for VJs to generate a visual dimension in the room when required.

The PA also bears a striking resemblance to the Diamond Room, with a further four AD Systems Magnus15 loudspeakers used as the main dancefloor system. This time these are supplemented by four AD Systems TouringSub bass reflex subwoofers that feature low power compression, high sensitivity and high power handling in order to create a punchy bass output. While nine AD Systems i.Flex8 passive loudspeakers provide the fills in the outer areas. Volkan said: "The sound should not be distorted and shouldn't create a feeling of pain in the customers' ear. This goal, we reached perfectly with the state-of-the-art sound system from AD Systems." Lab.gruppen provided the amplification for a second time, as did dbx for the loudspeaker processing.

Summing up Volkan explained the support that was so valuable in making the project a success. "Without Elation, we would not have been able to deliver the requested end result, not in time and not within budget," he said. "We give a big thank you to Simon Gasch at Elation and the team around him, also to Sven Haferkamp from AD Systems and our local hero Louis Chia from Archetype." ■

FRANÇAIS

Né d'un concept de télévision ayant débuté en 1997 pour vendre le dernier cri du monde de la mode, les points de vente FashionTV surgissent aujourd'hui dans le monde entier. La FashionTV est un réseau multimédia mondial diffusé sur un certain nombre de plates-formes à travers 193 pays, à la fois chez les utilisateurs privés et dans les lieux publics. Maintenant établie comme la chaîne de télévision 24/24 de la mode, de la beauté et du grand style de vie, le temps était venu d'aborder la prochaine étape, c'est-à-dire les lieux de vie nocturne incarnant la même philosophie. Le dernier avatar est le tout premier f.Club installé à Clarke Quay à Singapour. L'entreprise allemande Auxweg a été mandatée pour trouver l'emplacement idéal du f.Club et en faire son entière conception, en plus d'établir son cahier des charges et de développer l'installation des systèmes de son, d'éclairage et de vidéo. Parallèlement à une gamme complète de lampes Elation contrôlées par le logiciel Daslight, l'on trouve des effets spéciaux de Swisslas, Laserworld et Martin Professional, exploités par le logiciel Pangolin Phoneix4 Live. Les visuels en place, Volkan devait focaliser son attention sur l'équipement sonore et dans la Diamond Room tous ses efforts se concentreront sur la piste de danse. Volkan a aussi décidé de garder le même groupe de sociétés fournissant l'audio, en choisissant une filiale de Elation appelée AD Systems et qui utilise des amplificateurs Lab.gruppen contrôlés par un processeur DriveRack 260 dbx.

DEUTSCH

FashionTV Outlets entstammen einem TV-Konzept aus dem Jahre 1997, um die neuesten Stilrichtungen und Trends in der Modewelt zu zeigen und tauchen nun weltweit auf. FashionTV ist ein globales Multimedia-Netzwerk, das über zahlreiche verschiedene Plattformen in 193 Ländern sowohl in privaten Haushalten wie auch in öffentlichen Bereichen sendet. Nach der Etablierung als 24-Stunden-Fernsehsender für Mode, Schönheit und Lifestyle war es an der Zeit für den nächsten Schritt, Nightlife-Treff mit dem gleichen Ethos. Letztes Beispiel ist der allererste f.Club, der sich in Clarke Quay in Singapur angesiedelt hat. Das in Deutschland ansässige Unternehmen Auxweg erhielt den Auftrag, die Location für f.Club auszustatten und das komplette Design, die Planung und die Installation von Sound, Beleuchtung und Videosystemen zu übernehmen. Neben der vollen Zahl an Elation Beleuchtungskörpern – gesteuert über eine Daslight Software – findet man Spezialeffekte von Swisslas, Laserworld und Martin Professional, die durch eine Pangolin Phoneix4 Live Software betrieben werden. Nachdem die Visuals angebracht waren, war es an der Zeit für Volkan, sich um die Sound-Ausrüstung zu kümmern und im Diamond Room war die Energie auf der Tanzfläche erforderlich. Volkan beschloss, mit derselben Unternehmensgruppe für das Soundsystem weiterzuarbeiten und entschied sich für die Schwestermarke von Elation, AD Systems, gepowert durch Lab.gruppen-Verstärker und gesteuert über einen dbx DriveRack 260-Prozessor.

ITALIANO

Nato da un formato televisivo che nel 1997 ha iniziato a lanciare gli ultimi stili e tendenze nel mondo della moda, gli outlet FashionTV ora stanno spuntando in tutto il mondo. FashionTV è una rete globale multimediale che trasmette su un certo numero di piattaforme diverse, sia sulle reti private che su quelle generaliste, in 193 paesi. Dopo essersi affermato come canale televisivo che tratta di moda, bellezza e stile di vita 24 ore su 24, era arrivato il momento per il passo successivo: luoghi di incontro notturni che incarnano la stessa atmosfera. L'ultima incarnazione, che è il primissimo f.Club, si trova a Clarke Quay a Singapore. Alla casa tedesca Auxweg è stato aggiudicato l'appalto per procurare la location degli f.Club, oltre a fornire la progettazione completa, le specifiche e l'installazione dei sistemi audio, luci e video. Insieme ad una serie completa di apparecchi di illuminazione Elation, controllati con il software Daslight, ci sono gli effetti speciali di SwissLas, Laserworld e Martin Professional, azionati dal software Pangolin Phoneix4 Live. Dopo aver sistemato il sistema video, era tempo per Volkan di rivolgere la sua attenzione alle apparecchiature audio, invece nella Sala Diamante l'energia è stata focalizzata sulla pista da ballo. Volkan ha deciso di aderire al medesimo gruppo di società per la fornitura del sistema audio scegliendo la marca AD Systems, sorella di Elation, alimentato da amplificatori Lab.gruppen e controllato da un processore dbx DriveRack 260.

ESPAÑOL

Nacido de un concepto de TV, que comenzó en 1997, para hacer llegar las últimas tendencias y estilos en el mundo de la moda, las tiendas de FashionTV están apareciendo ahora alrededor de todo el globo. FashionTV es una red de multimedios global que transmite sobre una cantidad de plataformas diferentes a través de 193 países tanto en hogares privados como en espacios públicos. Una vez establecida como una estación de televisión orientada las 24 horas a la moda, la belleza y al estilo de vida, fue tiempo de dar el siguiente paso: espacios de vida nocturna que personificaran los mismos valores. La última encarnación, el primer f.club, se estableció en Clarke Quay en Singapur. Auxweg, con base en Alemania, ganó la contratación para conseguir la ubicación para f.Club, así como también, proveer el diseño completo, la especificación y la instalación de los sistemas de sonido, iluminación y video. Junto a un complemento completo de artefactos de iluminación Elation - controlado a través del software Daslight - se encuentran los efectos especiales de Swisslas, Laserworld y Martin Professional, operados por el software Pangolin Phoneix4 Live. Con todo lo referente a lo visual en su sitio, fue tiempo de que Volkan pusiera su atención al equipamiento de sonido y en el Salón Diamond se requería que la energía se pusiera en la pista de baile. Volkan decidió quedarse con el mismo grupo de empresas para suministrar el sistema de sonido, eligiendo la marca hermana de Elation, AD Systems con tecnología de los amplificadores Lab.gruppen y controlada por un procesador dbx DriveRack 260.