



Paul Nulty Lighting Design makes waves at John Lewis

Paul Nulty Lighting Design (PNLD) has created an installation for the new £15 million John Lewis store in York using industrial fluorescent lamps. The installation, called Breaking Wave, consists of fluorescent lamps suspended from the soffit to create a lighting showpiece over the ground floor staircase.

The lighting sculpture uses small modular elements in a dynamic composition to encourage a flow of movement up and down the stairway, and to draw customers to the back of the store. It was developed using the energy efficient Philips Master TL-D Xtreme fluorescent T8 lamp, which is said to maintain 40,000 hours of life and 105 lumens per watt, making it as efficient as its LED equivalent.

Karen Smart, lighting designer at PNLD, comments: 'People are drawn to the brightest part of any room and this sculpture is at the rear of the store so it makes the retail space permeable and invites people to venture through the store. The challenge was coordinating the installation of so many individual suspended elements. The length of detail we went to ensures that none of the technical components detract from the illuminated sculpture. Now visitors have a real, engaged sense of shape but it doesn't take the eye away from what is around them.'

PNLD also designed the lighting on the walls around the staircase to highlight the installation. **Rf**



Homebase opens in-store coffee shops

Homebase has partnered with Compass Instore to open up to 30 coffee shops in Homebase stores across the country. The modern, colourful spaces will feature paint-dipped furniture and oversized soft chairs, located beside a consultation area offering customers home decoration advice.

Graham Heald, retail and distribution director at Homebase, comments: 'We are extremely pleased to announce that we have partnered with Compass Instore. At the heart of our decision was their understanding of our future plans, design ideas that will help build upon these, operational expertise and specialist knowledge of consumers' favourite food and drink.'

The first coffee shop opened in Worcester in May as part of a complete redesign of the Homebase store on Elgar Retail Park.

The move forms part of a redevelopment programme that includes investment in stores and services that are designed to offer home and garden inspiration to customers. **Rf**







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