

Piper Island Bar

Reading UK



“With imagination and new technology one of the River Thames’ most unique bars has been transformed into a focal point for years to come.”

Omer Yucel, project owner and developer

Background:

The Island Bar Restaurant started life as a simple refurbishment of the existing Piper Island bar. However, following structural investigations, it was decided that instead of refurbishing the existing building, a new build was the only way forward.

The challenge:

To design an easy to use lighting control system for the restaurant and bar that would take into account the panoramic views of the River Thames from dawn to dusk, and enable diners to enjoy the experience indoors and out, all year round.

Lutron LCP128



All-in-one system for interior and exterior lighting.



A built-in LCD programmer for simple system configuration and convenient day-to-day operation.



Astronomical time-clock, occupancy sensors, daylight sensors and manual wallstations enable intuitive as well as manual control.

The solution:

Lutron's newest lighting control technology – LCP128 – was chosen to ensure that the natural and artificial lighting within the building were balanced for optimum effect throughout the year using the system's integral astronomical time clock.

In addition, the choice of the LCP128 technology came down to a need for optimal control of the bar and restaurant lighting, without the need to train staff continually on how to use it.

The self-contained nature of LCP128 meant it was quick to install and could be programmed on-site by the electrical contracts manager, causing minimum disruption to the rebuilding project.

The results:

Using a mixture of LED's and downlights, the bar area has been lit so that there is no glare for guests as they look out towards the river view.

The decking that surrounds the exterior of the bar benefits from sunken blue accent lights which are fully sealed, as the area is prone to flooding during the winter months.

The upper floor, which contains the restaurant area, is a mixture of wall and down lights, strategically placed to maximise the views.

The bar and restaurant not only looks good during the day, but fabulous at night. By using Lutron's LCP128 lighting control system to operate the entire building – inside and out – there is now a total lighting mood for anytime of the day or night.

Client	Piper Island Bar, Reading, UK
Architect	Designed by local architect Jeremy Evans
Lighting installer	2Xcel
Equipment provider	Lutron Electronics Co., Inc.
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Lutron products	LCP 128 lighting control system

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