

Winner

Heydar Aliyev Cultural Centre, Baku

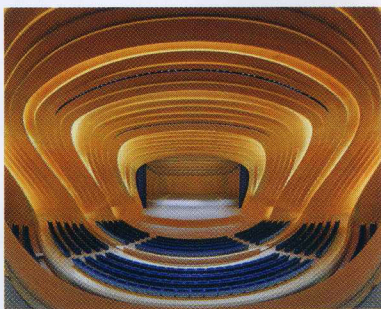
By Maurice Brill Lighting Design



The Heydar Aliyev Cultural Centre, Baku, is an integral part of Azerbaijan's renaissance as it emerges from its Soviet history. A cultural centre, museum, exhibition space, library and auditorium are all housed under a roof that spans more than nine acres.

The sculptural curves of the building called for an impeccably designed and executed integrated lighting scheme. The final work was the culmination of six years of study and experimentation, including mock-ups, trials and bespoke luminaires. These included 3D curved lines of light developed as a luminaire in collaboration with Zumtobel. MBLD worked on a high-power LED lighting system developed with David Morgan Associates to provide ambient lighting for the auditorium.

The judging panel said: "There's an enormous amount of integrated lighting here and it complements the architecture beautifully. Technically this was a really tough project, but the execution is brilliant."



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