

The Developing Child Centre





The Developing Child Centre (TDCC), Dubai | UAE

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Lighting Solution: ELEE A suspended luminaire, SCONFINE pendant luminaire, FD ceiling-recessed luminaire, MELLOW LIGHT ceiling-recessed luminaire



The Developing Child Centre (TDCC) is pioneering a holistic approach to helping children and families - whatever their challenge and wherever they need support. Statistics shows that one out of four children struggle to fulfil their true potential. TDCC is a multi-disciplinary centre dedicated to advancing the learning and development of children through building skills and overcoming difficulties. By focussing specifically on the 'developmental and neurological differences' and 'cognitive ability' of individual children, TDCC identifies and nurtures the skill sets required to succeed in modern life. Everyone is given the opportunity to grow and to flourish, benefitting society by helping children fulfil their potential – and helping to make that statistic a thing of the past.

“Shhhhh, future leaders at work” – The Developing Child Centre in Dubai



The Developing Child Centre offers ample space for discrete individual learning sessions in one of eight therapy and support rooms. MELLOW LIGHT IV and MELLOW LIGHT V offer uniform illumination of horizontal and vertical surfaces, ensuring optimal learning conditions in a glare-free environment. The MELLOW LIGHT range harnesses advanced lighting technology to replicate the effect of natural light. This stimulates the circadian rhythm and enhances performance and concentration. The careful balance of light on the walls, ceilings and working planes creates a feeling of space and clarity. High lighting quality is achieved with low energy consumption in a lighting solution that values both people and the environment.

The Occupational Therapy team support children in the learning and training of key developmental skills. Sensory Integration is a very specialized area within the field of Occupational Therapy for young people. This deals with how our senses gather information about the world around us and how our bodies react. The Sensory Integration room required a very specific lighting solution with maximum flexibility to reflect frequent changes in function and situation. MELLOW LIGHT IV with a grid-mesh controller is the perfect solution. A diffuser optic is combined with a slotted metal element to provide effective all-round glare control and optimal lighting for a wide range of different therapies.





The acclaimed success of the school is built around a clear focus on the child as an important individual. Teachers have dedicated offices for the assessment of students and the preparation of therapy and learning sessions. This work requires a high level of concentration, which is only possible with the right lighting solution. The ELEEAA suspended louvre luminaire achieves an extra wide light distribution for maximum energy efficiency and optimal lighting quality. High vertical illuminance means bright walls – an essential element for an open and welcoming atmosphere where young people will feel comfortable.



“We founded TDCC to help support our community. We wanted to give parents and children the chance to come to a place that supports their needs and helps them reach their full potential by building confidence and developing skills. The physiological and psychological conditions of the young people dictate their performance, their ability to concentrate and their sense of wellbeing. There can be no doubt that light is a major factor, which means that we cannot work effectively without the best possible lighting quality. We felt in good hands with Zumtobel, in terms of lighting design and finding the right solution.”

Dalya Tabari, Co-founder & CEO and Nof Al Mazrui,
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