

# [d]arc sessions

THE ART HOTEL & RESORT, BAHRAIN 10 - 12 OCTOBER 2023



# **WELCOME**

For specifiers and suppliers of international lighting projects; [d]arc sessions is an intimate, relaxed space to share ideas, specify projects and network.

Curated by **[d]arc media**, the market-leading publisher and events organiser for the international lighting design industry, the two-day programme comprises a series of meetings and seminars interspersed with ample networking opportunities within beautiful surroundings.

**[d]arc sessions** is a series of events connecting the very best people creating exceptional lighting projects around the world.

It comprises four key elements: **Speed+Sync** meetings; **Symposia** speaker sessions; **Sustenance** breakouts; and **Social** celebrations.

Guests attend **[d]arc sessions** to specify and source projects; to escape, regenerate and rebuild, in beautiful, spacious surroundings.

The next instalment of [d]arc sessions will take place at the Art Hotel & Resort in Bahrain, from 10 - 12 October 2023.



# **SPEED+SYNC**

In an era when every business trip must be accounted for, the **[d]arc sessions** pledge is simple: Suppliers will only meet specifiers actively working on international lighting projects.

Suppliers with two delegates will have a minimum of 15 x 20 minute meetings\* – pre arranged - with an exclusive list of top international specifiers: lighting designers, interior designers and architects.

**[d]**arc sessions is a new way to specify products, source projects and share ideas and it aims to transform your chances of being specified for lighting projects all over the world.

 $<sup>\</sup>mbox{*}$  suppliers with one delegate will have a minimum of 10  $\,\mbox{x}$  20 minute meetings.



# **SYMPOSIA**

Alongside the Speed+Sync networking sessions, **[d]arc sessions** features thought-provoking content from leading lighting experts, through a series of presentations and panel discussions, curated by **the editorial team behind arc and darc magazines**.

These include exclusive, insightful talks on **[d]arc award** winning projects, delivered by the winning designers themselves as well as covering all the hot topics in the industry - from sustainability to circular economy to lighting equity and more.

#### Previous keynote speakers include:

Eleftheria Deko of Eleftheria Deko and Associates; Michael Grubb of Michael Grubb Design Studio; and Zoi Katsarou of Metis Lighting.



# **SUSTENANCE**

Hardwired for today's fast-changing world and its challenges, the event creates space for our guests to meet on an intimate scale in beautiful neutral surroundings.

**[d]**arc sessions represents a cost effective alternative to big, international trade shows, in order to meet and build relationships with top specifiers of the biggest lighting projects around the world.

Conversations kickstarted by our formal **[d]arc sessions meetings** continue into these casual **networking opportunities**, **which are** interspersed throughout – be it a breakfast catch-up, coffee, light lunch, or a breakout walk along the beach.

# Previous lighting specifiers who attended [d]arc sessions include:

BuroHappold

BDP

dpa lighting consultants

Foster + Partners

Into

Licht Kunst Licht

Light Bureau

Lighting Design International

Metis Lighting

Nulty +

TP Bennett

**UN Studio** 

Plus many more... Speak to Jason Pennington for a full list of previous design studio attendees.









# **SOCIAL**

We come together as friends to unwind as the sun sets. Social sessions may include organised dinners, on-property or outside the resort, free-time or hosted excursions to explore our surroundings at your leisure.

Our social sessions give another opportunity to share ideas, strike up new friendships and swap contacts with your fellow guests.









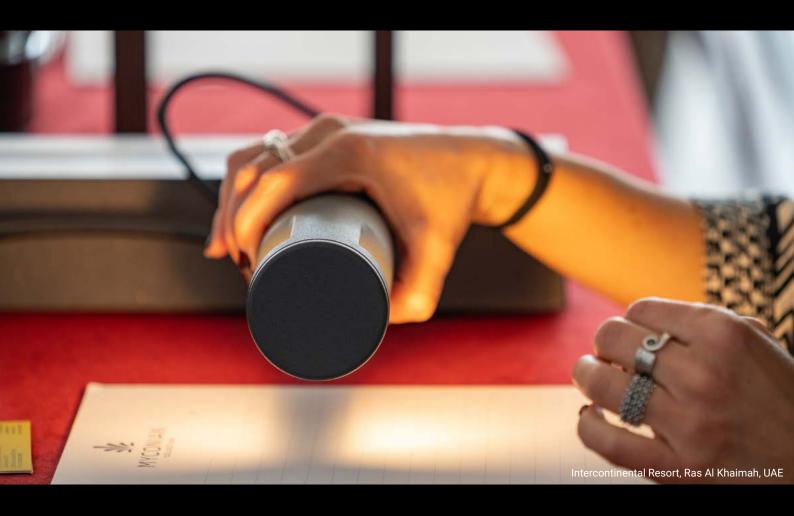


# **LOCATION**

Located at Amwaj Islands, The Art Hotel & Resort is surrounded by the crystal clear blue waters of the Arabian Gulf, allowing guests to soak up the sun by the beach or one of the hotel's swimming pools.

The air-conditioned accommodation provides guests with scenic views, while a vigorous work out can be enjoyed at the Bodylines Fitness & Wellness Club as well as relaxing aromatic massage treatments and cleansing scrubs. A wide variety of restaurants are available including the Gallery Lobby Lounge, family-favorite Italian at Rosso, and Flames Steak and Seafood. Bahrain International Airport is a 15 minute drive from the hotel and Manama city centre is just 20 minutes away.





# **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 DAY 3 Delegates arrive

Free time

19:30 Welcome dinner Breakfast 08:30 - 20:00

[d]arc sessions presentations DAY 2

Collect Meetings Schedule

Meetings Programme 08:30 - 20:00 Breakfast Lunch [d]arc sessions presentations

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Free time Lunch Farewell Reception Dinner

[d]arc sessions seminar

Drinks Meetings programme

Dinner & Drinks DAY 4 Delegate departures

<sup>\*</sup> Event programme subject to change



# **ATTEND**

#### **RATES**

Supplier 1st delegate£7,500Supplier 2nd delegate£2,500

Please note: Supplier spaces and product sectors are limited. If you are interested in taking part contact the team as soon as possible.

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<sup>\*</sup> Suppliers will cover the cost of flights only. All transfers, accommodation, F&B will be provided.

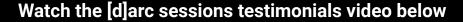
## **TESTIMONALS**

"For me, **[d]arc sessions** is the perfect environment to really engage with manufacturers, contemporaries and potential collaborators, as the format slows your usual pace and directs you to your likely positive connections, while leaving plenty of time to informally meet and network away from the pressure of the office or the hustle and bustle of a usual trade show."

## Graham Rollins, Creative Director at Lighting Design International

"Having had the pleasure of taking part in the inaugural **[d]** arc sessions, as well as a recent Middle East event; I must commend the [d] arc media team on curating such a fantastic, pleasurable and mutually beneficial event. We wholeheartedly look forward to meeting more of the industry's leading creative minds at the next event!"

## Ryan Rolph, Technical Sales Director at Tryka





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