At Rock Sugar, L.A., energy efficiency and dramatic design are united to create a distinct atmosphere. Among the South Asian décor, the architectural lighting accents indigenous materials and enlivens this bold environment. In the open-air courtyard, towering carved panels catch the high-contrast graze of halogen up-lights and swaying LED lanterns create movement and romance above. Fire pits at each seating area create a natural sense of warmth and ambiance. Throughout the space, the use of efficient and versatile dimmable LEDs and Halogen lamps meet energy needs and create depth among the rich palette and ornate interior.

Lighting Design Firm: Focus Lighting Team: Paul Gregory, Christine Hope, Catherine Tate

“Highlighting the sculptural elements and creating a sense of intimacy in this new dining space was our main focus. The entry courtyard is a beautiful and surprising introduction to the restaurant. The open-air space is full of hanging lanterns and a series of tall, stone-carved panels, which catch the grazing up-light and the downward glow of the night sky.”