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The Four Seasons Restaurant

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The primary objective of the lighting for the iconic Four Seasons
Restaurant relocation is to create a high-end dining experience for
patrons where everyone "looks and feels beautiful."

The bar and tunnel are dramatic, with darker finishes and small-scale accent lights emphasizing the moody ambiance. The intimate bar space features a central sunken bar highlighted with table lamps and anchored by a graze of light from under the bar top. The windows are lined with curtains of gold-flecked glass beads; grazing creates an animated sparkle within the dark interior.

Proceeding from the bar, a dimly-lit tunnel of oxidized brass with miniature point-lights acts as a reflective runway for the guests. The corridor opens up to the expansively lighted main dining room. A custom system of intersecting bronze tubes provides soft, diffuse lighting during the day and a dramatic sculptural element to dine under in the evening. Collaboration with the custom fixture designer ensured that color temperature and dimming aesthetics are appropriate.

Gold-threaded mesh window treatments act as a scrim. LEDs integrated into their bottom support frames graze the mesh from the outside, providing privacy for diners at night, as well as highlighting the luxe material from the exterior.

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