



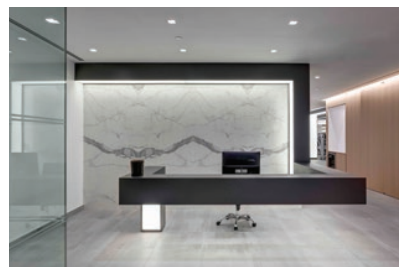
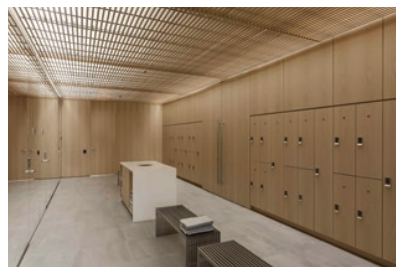
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**Park Tower Health Club**

New York, NY

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Owners are pulling out all the stops to provide amenities within their office buildings to distinguish themselves against competitors. Conference centers, café spaces, and fitness centers are being constructed in found, underutilized spaces within these buildings. This imaginative fitness center is located in the second basement level of a Madison Avenue office building. The goal was to create a space that ranks with other private fitness clubs in New York.

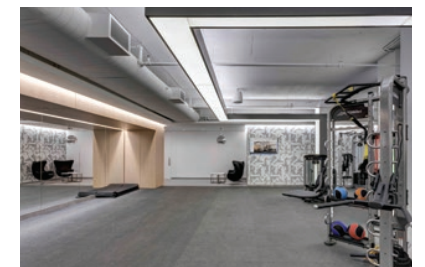
The iconic reception area includes rich materials and beautiful furnishings. The lighting of the stone feature wall was accomplished with a horizontal and vertical flat light panel that turns the corner seamlessly. In the locker rooms, soft indirect lighting filters through the wood ceiling. To preserve this valuable plenum for lighting required careful coordination with the team.

The fitness area required a big idea; one that would make this daylight-starved room to come to life. We proposed several methods of direct and indirect lighting. Soffits, coves, and pendants finally led to what was later called “Light Trees”: seamless, flat light panels with wide luminous surfaces that morph throughout the space. The lighting control system produces highly differentiated morning, afternoon, and evening looks, ensuring that the space is lively and luminous.

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“Avery Handy of Ted Moudis was the inspiration for this project. The concept of the various lighting components was initiated by our firm. The “Light Trees” were born out of our collaboration with Avery. Without his vision and creative input we would have nothing.”

—Stephen Margulies, One Lux Studio