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**MERIT**

**KOMA**  
Singapore

**Focus Lighting**

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KOMA's design is inspired by several touchstones from Japanese folklore, emphasizing the concept of duality, which translates to the venue's Japanese name. Replacing half of a former theater space, the restaurant boasts 26 ft-tall ceilings and an open plan. Light reveals feature elements and key architectural statements, while carefully balancing light and shadow, creating stunning contrasts that evoke mystery and wonder.

Guests enter through a dramatically lit, but welcoming passageway inspired by the torii gates of the Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto. Thirty-one orange arches are illuminated by surface-mounted white LED uplights covered with orange filters at the foot of each torii. Intentionally aimed, uneven lighting mimics the real shrine's natural lighting and character.

Inside, a central 7.5 ft bell with 20 faces sculpted around was painted using a high-contrast makeup technique. The lighting team requested this change to dramatically enhance its depth and definition.

Undulating slatted walls around the main dining room are backlit with LED tapelight curving along both axes. The lighting team proposed the radial panel design for the ceiling. Hidden accent lights dapple the panels and light tables below. Custom LED lamps and decorative fixtures throughout create a beautifully composed dining experience.

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