



Contextualizing Light

Lighting Design Solutions in a Changing World

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Headquartered in New York, AWA is an international architectural lighting design firm founded by Abhay Wadhwa. They design and implement lighting solutions for a diverse range of projects internationally – creating solutions that evoke a sense of place instead of mere space. They pride themselves on their adept application of creative and technical methods, as they embrace diverse influences, ideas, and design paradigms. The result is lighting design that remains ever-aware of the people who will live, work, communicate, and interact in the buildings and structures they light. Their clients value their design sensibility for the moods and moments it elicits, and the ways it illuminates the materials and structures they envisioned.

Abhay Wadhwa founded **AWA Lighting Designers** in 2002. Abhay has been intently and quietly focused on questioning the lighting zeitgeist ever since. Based in Brooklyn, NY, he works extensively with the world's leading architecture and design firms in the fields of commercial and mixed-use developments, urban planning, transportation, infrastructure, hospitality, and healthcare. He is an internationally-acclaimed keynote speaker, educator and author of numerous advanced light engineering and cultural lighting articles, and has worked with the United Nations Foundation on projects that address issues that marginalise many of the world's population. Most recently, he was asked to work with the Rural Haiti Project and Ethiopia's Mary Joy Aid Through Development to improve the infrastructure, and in turn the lives of its residents. He has also been referred to as the 'Poet of Light' by a Canadian journalist, and in lighter moments, he takes this title very seriously.