

Europa Lighting upgrade



By Schalk Botha

From humble beginnings, JMVR restaurant owner, Mike van Reenen, had the right idea when he opened his first venue “Soccer Shack” in Pretoria 15 years ago.

Today he owns and manages five very successful venues in Pretoria, one of which is Europa Night Club situated in Sunnyside. Europa has been going strong for the past eight years and the time recently came for Mike to up his game and upgrade the sound and lighting for the venue, making it on par with international specs.



He started with the audio system and involved Wild & Marr to do what they do best.

Mike also needed a reliable lighting supplier to walk the distance with them, offer cutting edge technology, service and backup at this age – of all things – LED.

DWR Distribution was approached to manage the lighting upgrade. Schalk Botha from DWR worked with Mike and Henno van Wyk, regional manager for JMVR, on the perfect solution to highlight the key areas.



After a few meetings and demos the choice was made. Robe's Robin 100 LEDBeams and Robin CYCFX 8's have been installed to handle the dance floor while Longman F4UP RGBW LED pars along with 011A Colorme stagebars take care of the stage. A LeMaitre MVS hazer creates the desired atmosphere and everything is controlled via an Avolites Titan ONE Touch PC system.

Henno van Wyk commented that he was impressed with the hassle free way the entire process flowed – from first meeting to final hand over everything just fell into place without any hick-ups. They enjoyed working alongside DWR's JC du Plessis who did the initial programming and training on the Titan control system.



Now with Phase 1 completed, there is great excitement to start with Phase 2, which will be a total revamp of the Lightig System.

Well done to the DWR team involved including JC du Plessis, William Ramoshaba, Gideon Mpofu and Schalk Botha.



