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Don Dario's Cantina

Dario Gonzales opened his first restaurant in 1986. Located in Austin, Texas, Gonzales and his two sons continue to offer excellent authentic Mexican food and an enjoyably inviting atmosphere.

Challenges

When owner, Dario Gonzalez, decided to build a new installment of his popular restaurant, he relied on project manager Bradley Samuels to find as many “green” alternatives as possible without breaking the budget.

Samuels, owner of E.J. Bradley Co. in Round Rock, Texas, knew from experience that LED lighting was going to be an integral part of making the new building more energy efficient. The challenge would be to incorporate the LED Lighting with the Cantina's traditional style.

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Case Study

Solutions

After reviewing a number of possibilities, Samuels chose to go with Led fixtures by ActiveLED® stating, “ActiveLED’s lighting solutions were perfect for the restaurant as well as the outdoor parking area.”

For special lighting above the restaurant’s booth spaces, Samuels turned iconic south-of-the-border décor into a state-of-the-art fixture using a whimsical sombrero-shaped light shade with a 7-watt ActiveLED Pendant Light.

The main dining area, bar and hallways were illuminated with ActiveLED 6” Recessed Ceiling Can Lights and the kitchen with ActiveLED 2’ x 4’ Recessed Panel Lights.

The building’s exterior is accented with ActiveLED Wall Sconces and Wall Packs and the parking lot is illuminated with ActiveLED Parking Lot Lights.



Results

The end result was a visually appealing environment with a mixture of festive and practical lighting that will save significant amounts of energy as well as operate for at least 10 years with virtually no maintenance issues.

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Project Summary

Customer:

Don Dario's Mexican Restaurant Y
Cantina, Austin, Texas

Application:

In-Dining Restaurant and Bar -
Interior and Exterior Lighting
New Construction

ActiveLED® Product:

(66) - 6" Can Downlights @ 7 watts ea.
(26) - 6" Can Downlights @ 15 watts ea.
(14) - 2' x 4' Panel Lights @ 45 watts ea.
(14) - "Sombrero" Pendant Lights @ 7 watts ea.
(8) - Parking Lot Lights @ 48 watts ea.
(7) - Outdoor Wall Sconces @ 22 watts ea.
(3) - ActiveLED Wall Packs @ 36 watts ea.

Results:

- Energy Savings: 61.3%*
- 1st Year ROI: 25.1%
- Payback*: 3.6 years

** Over traditional lighting

* Plus significant maintenance savings