

L I O N P U B

AUSTASIA SPORTS CLUB

Combining tradition with the modern, Ekel with Stainless steel -
Shehan Henry Associates provides a cool interior for the stressed executive.



The site is Austasia Indoor Sports club at Thalawathugoda, a dynamic and active place. It houses a pool, indoor cricket stadium, fitness centre, food court and other sport activities. The space allocated for the pub was an open hall overlooking the pool.

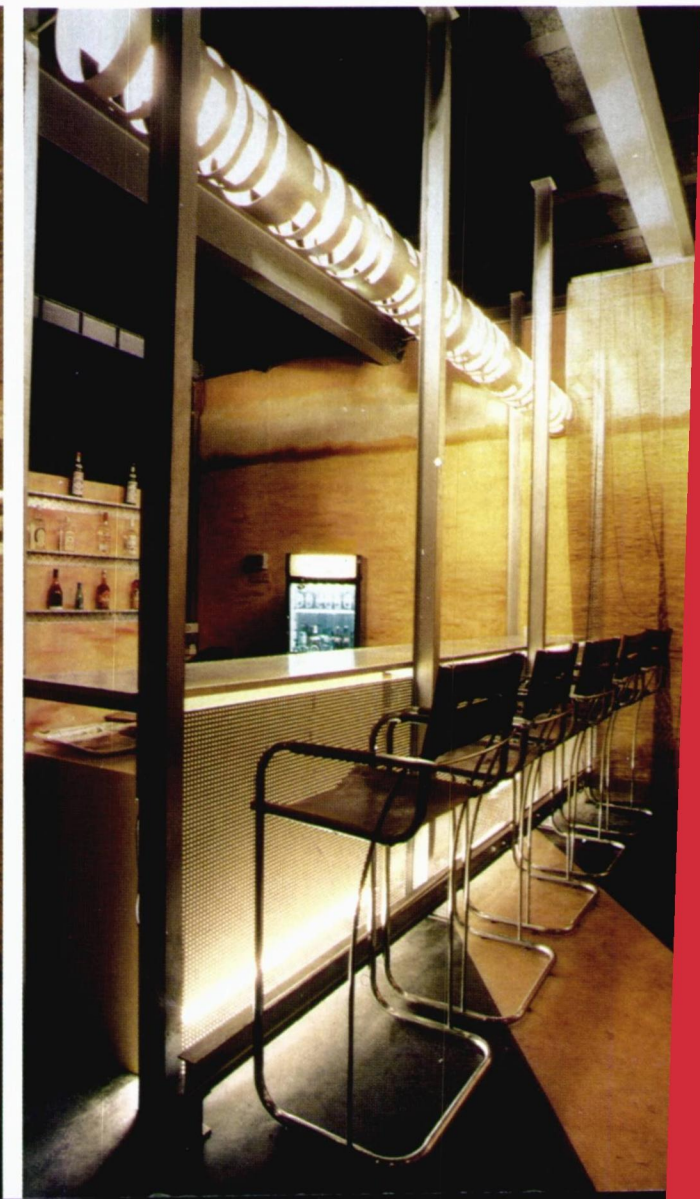
The client is a leading brewery. Their requirement was to create a pub catering to a certain category of people in house as well as outside. The interior required to be earthy, yet to a certain level sophisticated to satisfy the brand requirements.

Design concept was to create an exciting and intense space, yet warm and comfortable. A public place yet with a certain level of privacy to make it an enjoyable experience for the visitor.





Archt Sheran Henry and project architect Nileeka Senerath decided to convert the open hall into small intimate spaces by using ekel frames to achieve a balance between transparency and privacy. The bar area was brightly lit while soft lighting in the rest of the area forced the attention away from the tables. The play of light and shadows on the tats created by the bulkhead and the lamp shades were intended to add a certain intensity





and excitement to the whole interior. The layout is laid out diagonally to break the rigidity of the linear space thereby adding a bit of informality in an orderly fashion. Use of polished stainless steel tables was intended to add a little coldness against the warm earthy coloured background to add a certain level of sophistication to the interior. The coincidence of reflected light and shadows on the pool has enhanced the excitement of the interior greatly.▲

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