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J&C Joel help light up Motiongate's theatre

Dubai Parks and Resorts, the new ground-breaking \$2.86 billion multi-theme park complex, is set to become the city's hottest new attraction. At more than 25 million sq ft it will be the largest integrated theme park resort in the region.

The site includes three theme parks and one water park - Motiongate Dubai, Bollywood Parks Dubai, LEGOLAND Dubai and LEGOLAND Water Park, side by side. The theme parks are then connected by Riverland Dubai, a grand entrance plaza, and Lapita Hotel, a Polynesian themed resort.

When the construction of Motiongate Dubai began they called on leading manufacturer of flame retardant fabrics, drapery and stage engineering solutions, J&C Joel, to install a tension wire grid system in the park's theatre.

SkyDeck proved to be the right tension wire grid system for the project as it gives a transparent portal for lighting and sound devices ensuring there is no discernible loss of focus, signal, or energy. J&C Joel's engineers installed 790sq m of the SkyDeck system in Motiongate's theatre to create four tension wire grid walkways.

These walkways provide safe access to theatrical lighting, audio cables, loudspeakers, stage rigging, and effects. Lighting can be hung on a pipe grid just above the tension grid; there is no need for holes, as the light can shine through the grid, virtually unobstructed, to the stage.

Ben Richardson-Owen, Middle East Project Manager at J&C Joel, who handled the installation, explained: "This was the first project where we have worked with the SkyDeck system, previously having used the traditional net system. We found the installation smooth and fast and were able to complete the installation on schedule.

The success of the project has meant J&C Joel have also been commissioned to supply the drapery package for Motiongate and Dreamworks. And the firm has also won another tension wire grid project using the SkyDeck system.

Ben commented: "On the back of the Motiongate project we have been able to win another tension wire grid project using the SkyDeck system in Qatar and have been receiving enquires for many more projects."

Jeff Craycraft, SkyDeck Sales Manager at InterAmerica Stage Inc, concluded: "We are thrilled to see SkyDeck's global reach expand into Dubai. SkyDeck truly is the most efficient and safest wire tension grid on the market. Working with the professionals at J&C Joel, we were able to bring advanced wire tension grid technology to the Motiongate project and we're very proud of that."