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**Located at 15 Berkeley Street in Mayfair, the concept of Charlie was to replace Funky Buddha which had been one of London's top nightclubs since 2001.**

Just a few doors down from exclusive restaurants Novikov and Nobu, Charlie underwent a £1 million refurbishment before opening its doors at a star-studded launch event in September 2015.

## The challenge

The Designers behind the refurbishment were tasked by the team at Charlie to create a luxurious and decadent interior inspired by Charlie Chaplin. They got in touch to commission two huge LED ring pendants with colour changing panels which connect to the venue's music system to create a unique atmosphere for visitors to the club.

Charlie's owners wanted to ensure that everything about the venue, from its interior to its drinks list, created a feeling of being back in the roaring 20's.

One of the main challenges was ensuring that the sound system in the club worked with the LED. The owners of Charlie had requested that the colour changing LED could be controlled by the DJ as well as centrally.

There was also then the challenge of the size of the chandeliers and making sure that they could fit through the basement entrance of Charlie.

## The solution

When it came to lighting, a retro feel was key.

The team at Chantelle carried out extensive tests on the LED. This involved getting huge speakers to play music beneath the chandeliers to make sure that the LED element wasn't affected by sound vibrations. Music was left on overnight to make sure that the chandeliers could absolutely withstand the sound.

Chantelle's LED experts also worked on the programming of the LED to make sure that the sequence of the colour change flowed correctly on all settings.

The challenge of the size of the fittings was solved by manufacturing the rings in sections and Chantelle's engineers came up with a concept that allowed the chandeliers to fold in half for ease of accessibility into the club.

## The Result

With details of the refurbishment kept top secret, celebrity guests at the launch event, including Amber Le Bon, Sascha Bailey and Prince Cassius, didn't know what to expect.

The owners of Charlie were delighted with the end result and invited MD Anthony Holly and General Manager Lauren Holly to the exclusive opening night.

Paul Chung owner of Charlie said "Chantelle Lighting absolutely exceeded our expectations. The chandeliers are a fantastic feature in the club and they helped make the ideas we had on paper come to life".



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