



The best light possible



Location: Westlake Village, CA



Case Study:  
Commercial Kitchen | Utility Areas

Construction Type:  
Renovation

Dole Food Company, Inc. (#90 in the Forbes Largest Private Companies) is the largest purveyor of fresh fruit and vegetables along with packaged and frozen foods grown, processed, and packed worldwide. With almost 45,000 full-time and seasonal employees globally, the Dole corporate office is the nerve center of the produce industry leader and nutrition education and research pioneer.

### -REQUIREMENTS-



WE EAT WITH OUR EYES! Every kitchen in any part of the globe is the heart of the home. At Dole World Headquarters, the mission is to supply the highest quality food products and to disseminate the latest findings of its cutting-edge, nutrition-based research. The Dole commercial food service kitchen is where new and innovative food concepts gain flavor. Although flavor is one of the most important factors in food preparation, presentation can never take a back seat. From toddlers to the most discriminating patrons of top restaurants, food’s visual appeal is as much a part of the overall dining satisfaction. The quality of lighting in the kitchen therefore plays an outsize role in how food appears and it was of paramount importance for Dole to find the ideal lighting solution to test and develop food products that you and your family can enjoy at home.

According to Nino Antonacci, Dole’s Director of Property Management, it was imperative to have lighting in the kitchen area that provided excellent brightness uniformity with minimal glare and shadowing effects. Superior white uniformity of the luminaire was required for foodservice operations staff to properly gauge and maximize the visual appeal of the food.

### -SOLUTIONS-

The PIXI 2’x2’ Flatlight Luminaire was the perfect lighting solution for the kitchen areas. Relatively lightweight and only over half-inch thick it was easy to install into the non-T grid, specially coated plaster ceiling with practically no disruption to the workflow. Providing a low maintenance light in such a high



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Rear kitchen



Main kitchen

### - SOLUTIONS (continued) -

traffic area as the kitchen eliminates down time for lamp maintenance. The edge-lit LED technology distributed even lighting throughout the kitchen area. With 4000K CCT of neutral light complementing the stainless steel throughout the kitchen, 4300 lumens of brightness and 90 lm/w efficiency, Dole was able to reduce the number of luminaires required and achieve substantial energy savings, maintenance and operational cost savings and visible improvements in lighting quality.

### - RESULTS -

“We chose Pixi Lighting for our commercial kitchen due to its slim form factor allowing it to be recessed into our specially coated plaster ceiling per code. The uniform lighting and cleanable diffuser were also big advantages,” said Mr. Antonacci. “We are very pleased with the performance of the Pixi light fixtures that we ended up using the Pixi 2’x2’ luminaires in other areas of the facility including the hallways of the Fitness Center, the Fire Control Room, Mailroom, Engineering offices and the areas around the freight elevators - all high traffic areas that benefit from eliminating disruptive and costly lamp maintenance.”

### - ABOUT PIXI -

PIXI Lighting, located in Irvine, CA, was established to provide products that combine a passion for art and refinement with the innovative science of LED technology. The result of this distinctive technology is a unique line of lighting fixtures for residential and commercial applications that provides warm or neutral, natural light in the form of a flat, sleek and versatile design. PIXI Lighting transforms the centuries-old “light fixture/replaceable lamp” business model into a cutting edge, technology savvy enterprise featuring thin and flat, solid state, all-in-one lighting devices that combine long-lasting, energy-efficient LED modules, practical and fashion-forward designs, and modern digital features and functionality. All products are manufactured without the use of mercury or lead, reinforcing PIXI Lighting’s eco-friendly principles and values.

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