At the Park Hyatt in Washington, D.C., a subtle nod to early Americana Arts and Crafts softens the monolithic forms dominating the architectural landscape. Creating a clean, yet inviting quality of illumination was crucial to highlighting the textural richness of the design and providing airiness to an underground space. Linear fixtures hidden in coves, integrated into the millwork of doorway portals, and tucked behind mirrors, provided an ambient, indirect source of illumination. Light combined with the rich variety of materials resulted in a triumph of visual balance, sophistication, and a successful extension of the iconic lobby design.

“By infusing light into the architecture’s complex interplay of form and materials, we were able to transform this forgotten underground space into a luminous and inviting destination.”
— Ken Ventry and Levia Lew, Reveal Design Group