Introducing Hellen: New Dome Pendant with Flat Lens

Milwaukee-based lighting manufacturer Visa Lighting just launched Hellen, a new hand-spun bowl pendant for commercial interiors. Hellen features several finish combinations, a unique inner contour, and a flat, luminous lens over the light source rather than the typical screw-in bulb.

For Hellen, Visa Lighting designers and engineers took the familiar dome shape and refreshed it. “The dome finds itself at home in a variety of spaces and in a range of scales, so we saw an opportunity to explore,” says Product Designer Hans Nielsen. “We wanted to experiment with materials and subtle design details.”

The team paid close attention to Hellen’s profile, its materials, and how designers might combine different finish types on the outer shade and inner reflector to achieve their desired aesthetic.

One not-so-subtle detail in Hellen’s design is the choice to implement a flat acrylic diffuser over the LED sources, rather than exposed lamping. “We built a test setup where we could keep moving the LEDs back until they lit up the acrylic evenly,” says lead Product Engineer Alex Murray. The flat lens distributes functional light over a larger surface area, preventing glare and visual clutter.

Hellen is designed to produce downlight exclusively, which lends itself well to cozy environments like dining areas, hospitality, conference rooms, and other intimate spaces. The collection will feature smaller and larger models soon, which will help make Hellen a versatile choice for a greater variety of interiors.

Learn more about Hellen’s specifications here.

About: Visa Lighting manufactures performance architectural luminaires for commercial and institutional building projects. As a lighting industry leader for over 100 years, Visa Lighting combines technical innovation and artisanship to craft luminaires that transform their environments with light. Each product is designed, engineered, and assembled by skilled craftsmen in Milwaukee, WI. Visa Lighting is an Oldenburg Group company.