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Foreword

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1.0 Introduction and Scope

1.1 Introduction

This Recommended Practice (RP) has been developed to aid designers, facility managers, and owners in creating lighting systems for hotel applications. The intent is to address how all of the various components of hospitality lighting need to be an integrated system of layers as well as uniquely represented areas of illumination.

Lighting is critical to commercial success in the hospitality industry. Lighting is often the first feature that guests notice (see **Figures 1-1, 1-2**) and is the element that creates that all-important long-lasting positive impression. This first impression may form guests' opinions about the quality, character, convenience, and charm of the hotel even before they reach the front entrance.



Figure 1-1. Bright porte-cochere lighting announces building entry and provides a sense of arrival.

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