The newly-opened vegetarian restaurant, “DER veg”, at the Sihl City Shopping Center in Zürich is characterised by a ceiling height of 6 metres (20 ft.). The challenge for designers was to divide up the ceiling space in an optimum way while simultaneously improving the acoustics. This was possible using specially developed hanging illuminations created with SEFAR Architecture Fabrics.

Concept / Design. The ceiling height played a central role in the overall design. Florin Baeriswyl and the team from dai produced a series of circular formations of vertically hanging strips using SEFAR Architecture Fabrics, which has an echo-absorbing effect. Even with relatively closely placed chairs at floor level, an acoustically private sphere could be created. The design also gave the room an optically interesting distribution of light. An innovative area of application for which SEFAR Architecture Fabrics are ideally suited.

Construction. Each hanging illumination is made up of 42 strips of SEFAR Architecture Fabric IA-85-OP (previous notation AS 02-70-P). For optimal echo absorption, these are circular in form, staggered, and fitted with an internal light source.