



# A passion for perfection

A popular jewellery brand from Denmark, Pandora opened its first standalone flagship store in Kobe, Japan on December 2nd, 2011. Garde was responsible for the interior design of all four floors as well as the facade.

needed to think about a façade,” explains lead designer Toru Yokomatsu. “The approval process required coordination between both Pandora headquarters in Denmark and its Asia Pacific office in Hong Kong. Despite the fact that we faced a number of obstacles along the way, the project was completed

successfully and the client was very pleased with the results.”

## First for femininity

Japanese department store Hankyu continued its expansion in Taiwan by opening a second store in Taipei, Uni-President Hankyu Department, in October last year. Located near landmark skyscraper Taipei 101 in the city’s new booming commercial and shopping district, the brand-new store boasts 26,000m<sup>2</sup> of shopping area spread across nine floors.

The client requested the new department to be the most feminine department store in Taiwan. The concepts of ‘brilliant elegance’ and ‘excitement’ were expressed throughout the department store’s award winning design in order for customers to enjoy a glorious shopping experience. Throughout the day and night, a beautiful chandelier shines upon visitors who enter the store and enhances their shopping experience. The chandelier is a symbol of Uni-President Hankyu Department.

“Each floor has a different concept in order for customers to enjoy a unique shopping experience,” says lead designer Akira Kajiwara “This also ensures customers will keep coming back. A harmonious environment is created by ensuring the floor concept and merchandising blend together well in order to entice customers to shop.”



## About Garde

Garde is an international consulting and design company, focused on the creation of unique and timeless spaces, based in Tokyo, with offices in Osaka, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Milan, Paris, New York and Los Angeles. They offer services in the following sectors: office, retail, residential, hospitality, food & beverage, entertainment, public spaces, healthcare and mixed-use facilities and beyond.

Through their global network, multicultural perspective, team of talented designers, and cutting-edge knowledge of the latest trends, we are able to translate our clients’ vision into inspiring results. They are committed to supporting clients’ design needs via our three pillars of expertise – CONSULTING, DESIGN, and COORDINATION.

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