# REWRITE THE RULES

ALESSANDRO MUNGE 1970

#### **INTRO**

"Our responsibility is to give *unique* design solutions that are *bonest* and *relevant*. No formula that will force us to do the same thing over and over because, in my world, I call that insanity."

## HNTERIOR DESIGN EMOTION FORM FUNCTION PURPOSE



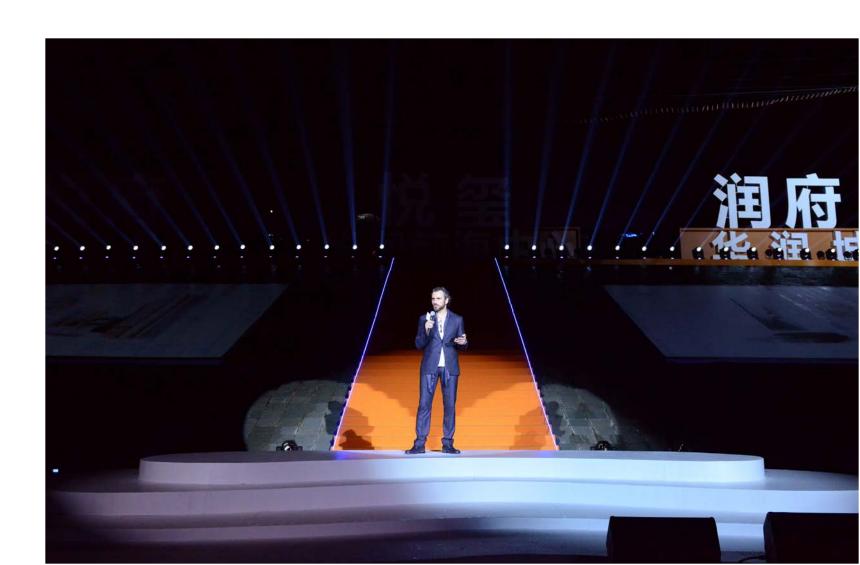




Two years old Alessandro Munge exploring parks.
Alessandro Munge with Robert De Niro, Chef Nobu and
Client at Nobu Toronto Ground Breaking. Alessandro on
cover of Contract Magazine
Next Page: Alessandro Munge at China Resources Land
Launch Event of Parkview Mansions in Shenzhen, China.



"As a first-generation immigrant, I came from very bumble beginnings and grew up fast. I never had much to lose, and that made me fearless. Creators need a voice. They have to be curious and brave; it takes courage to question the norm and bring forth uniqueness."



"I used to fit in that [interior designer] box, not anymore.

I create *experiences* that go so much beyond floors and walls. Architecture and landscape design, interior and industrial design are all *Design* - a dialogue, a journey curated with *light*, *volumes* and *materiality*."

## HIRICA DESIGN

### ARCHIECTURE & PROGRAMING

"My focus has always been *people* and *improving the human condition*. I'm focusing on architecture because it is part of that answer. The *skin* + *bones* of a building, the relationship to the streetscape, all influence the *experience* and I aim to immerse the guest starting from the *sidewalk* in fully."

\*\*Richmond Oval, Hospitality & Residential Development Master planning & Architectural Study



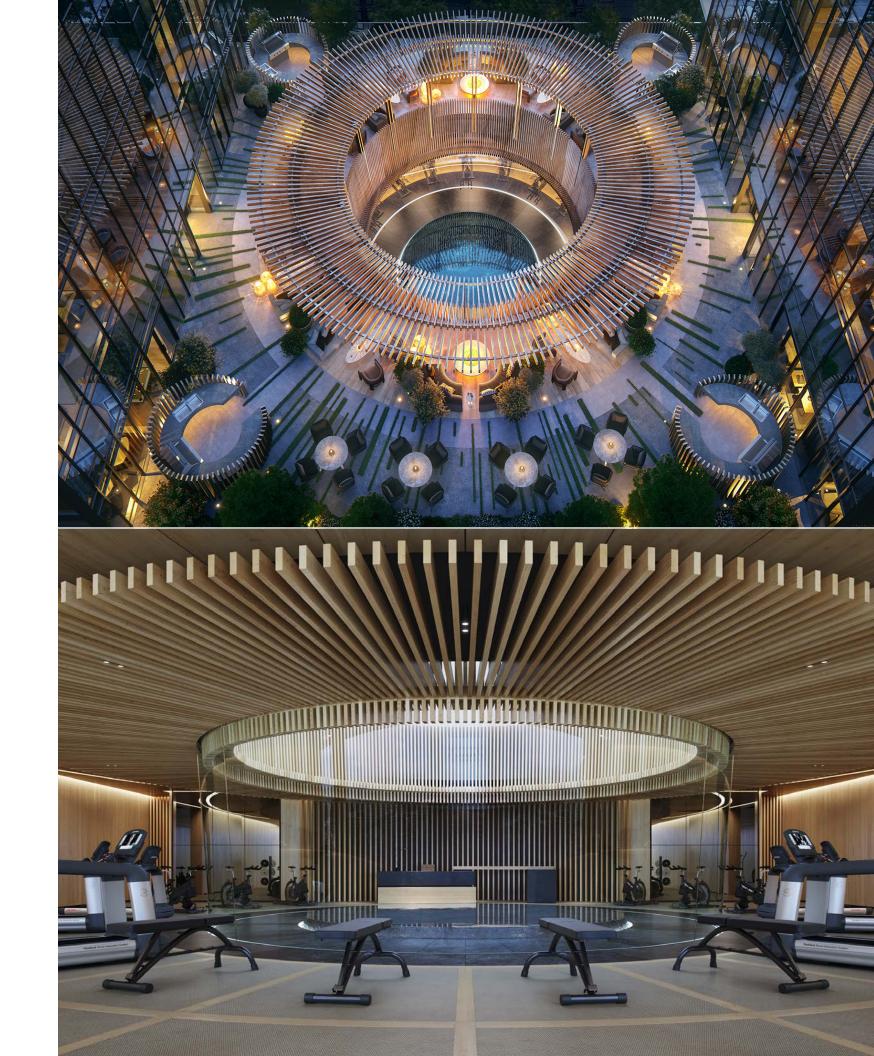




This Page: Communal Villa with Rooftop Access.

Next Page: Communal Rooftop Terrace ft Lounging & Dining; Wellness Centre ft Glass Atrium & Reflecting Pond.

"I wanted to bring *Light* + *Life* within the core of the building. And so we pierced the podium; we created a stage for the Canadian seasons to express their beauty. More than pretty, the serenity pool became a *selling feature* for otherwise less desirable units facing each other. Great design is about providing a *solution*, both *inspiring* + *business-centric*."

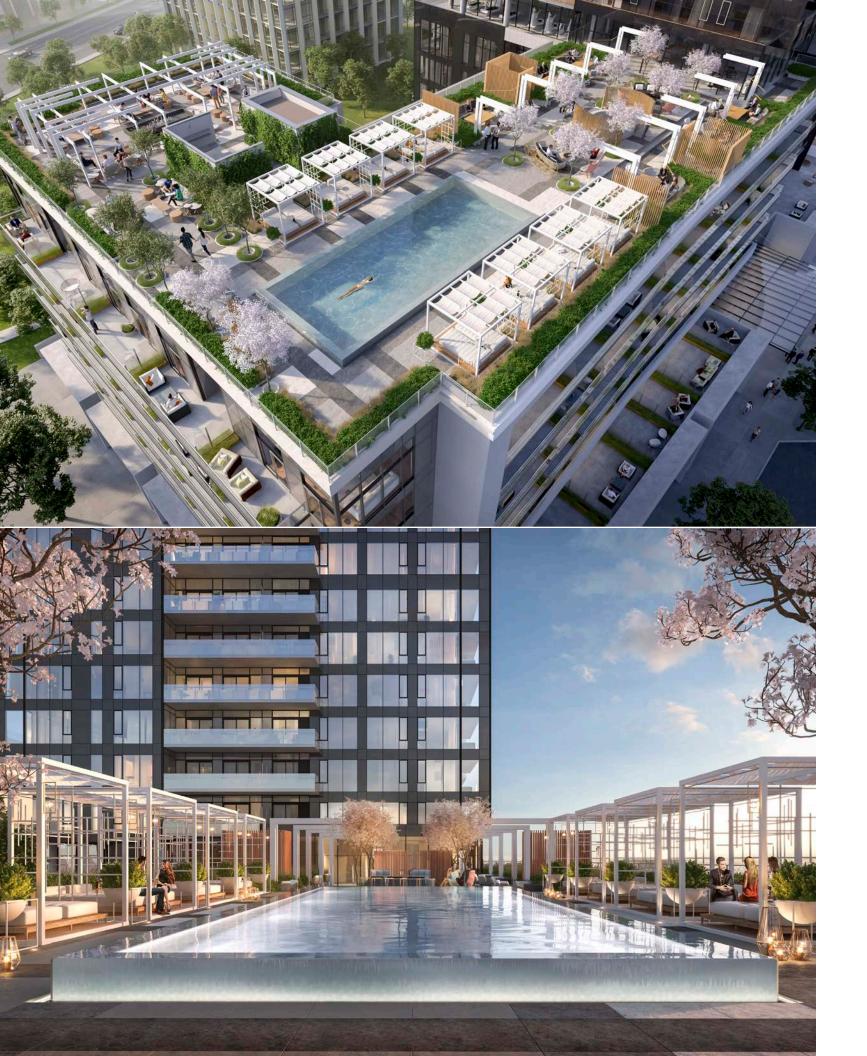


## CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPING

"Landscaping is a *dialogue* between nature, humans and the built environment. It is a *gradual transition* between indoor and outdoor, an ever-changing dance between organic and mineral."

Edgehill Private Residence, Humber Valley, Toronto, ON, Canada







Top: Rooftop Terrace at King Blue Condominimum, Toronto, ON, Canada Bottom: Rooftop Terrace at No. 31 Parliament, Toronto, ON, Canada Previous page: Rodeo Drive Rooftop Terrace and Pool, Toronto, ON, Canada

#### INTERIOR 4

#### **DECOR**

"Whether it be a lavish home in Beverly Hills, or an upscale restaurant in Shanghai, the key to bringing forth a *memorable* experience is to make it *personal*. It has to speak to individualities beyond colours + finishes."

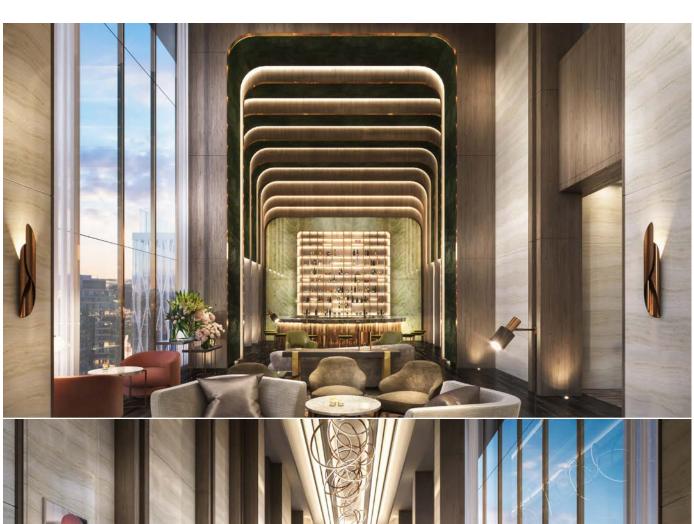
Residence at No 7. Rosedale, Toronto, ON, Canada





This Page: Arrival at the Park Hyatt Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA Next Page: Bar Lounge at the Park Hyatt Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California USA.

"Luxury is a craving. It is whatever you want more of but can't always access - authenticity, time, privacy, space, connection, artistry. I play with all those concepts when designing objects and spaces so the experience resonates on a deeperlevel."

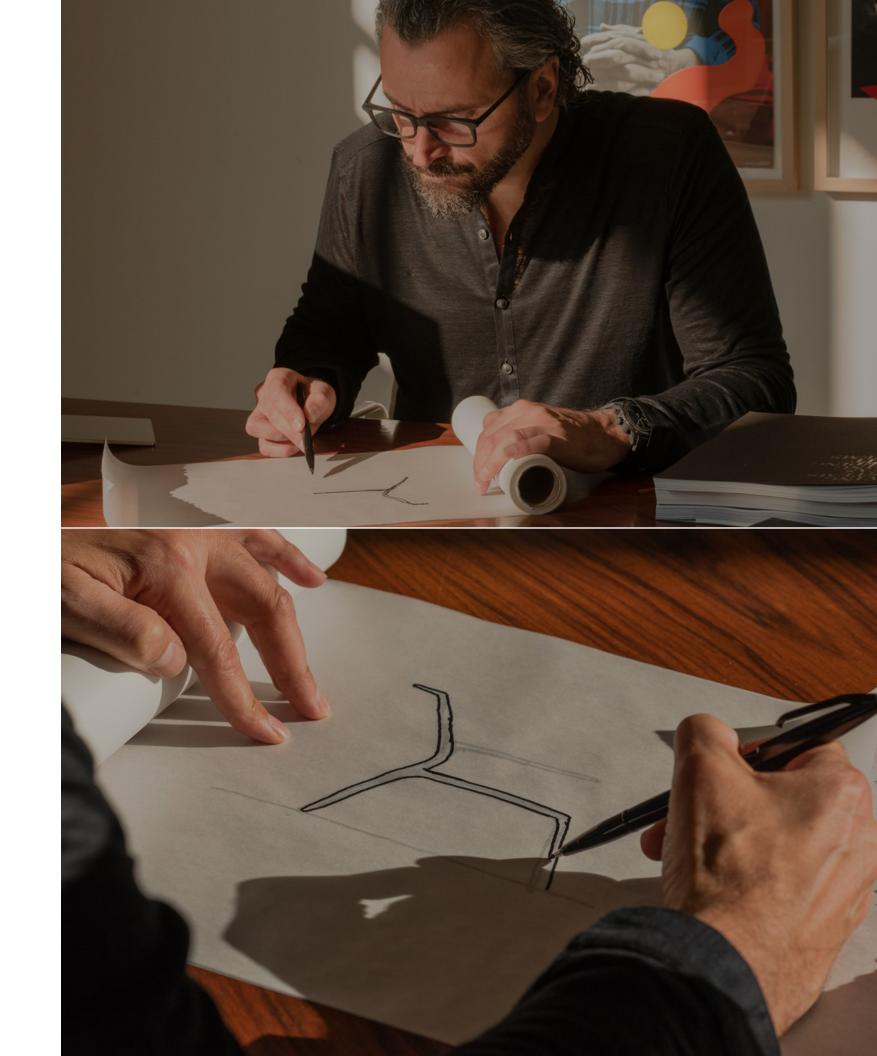




#### CUSTOM

#### **FURNISHINGS**

"I've always been drawn to thoughtfully and carefully crafted objects. A well-made piece of furniture can be admired from all angles and be appreciated decades after its release. It has a story; it has a purpose and evokes emotions."



"There is nothing standard about our work. Our specialized teams of FF&E and industrial designers are essential in creating a bespoke guest experience. From textiles to lighting fixtures and casegoods, our pieces are custom-designed following unique narratives and manufactured under the highest scrutiny."

#### STANDARD TAILORED



Spalla Bar Stool by Alessandro Munge



Lupin Custom Pendant for The Pearl Hotel & Spa - Autograph Collection, Burlington, ON, Canada







For me, it has never been about the way it *looks* as much as the way it *feels*.

Emotions are what I build my design palettes with, because it is what moves people, literally.



#### **EMOTION**

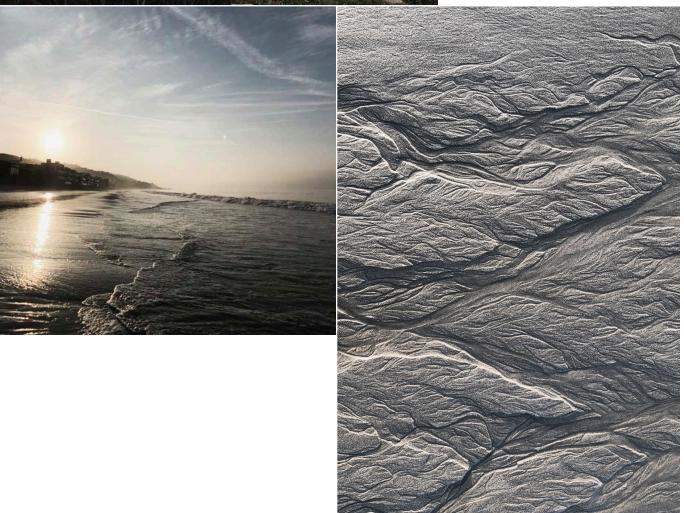
#### AUTHERTICITY NEW LUXURY

SOULFUL NARRATIVES REDEFINING THE LUXURY SEGMENT

"Every project deserves *individuality*; every client deserves *uniqueness*. Our dedication to infusing *meaning* to all design decisions instils our space with a memorable *personality* and a more profound *sense of luxury* outshining any curation of expensive finishes."



Alessandro Munge Travel Photography captured during Malibu Research & Development Trip



#### 2500 Yonge, Toronto, ON, Canada



Sense of Arrival narrative inspiration; and Lobby Front Desk Study.



Multi-generational Play Room Inspiration & Volume Study

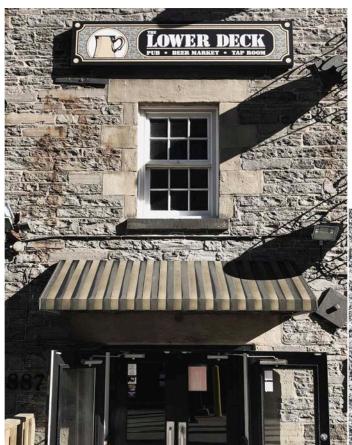




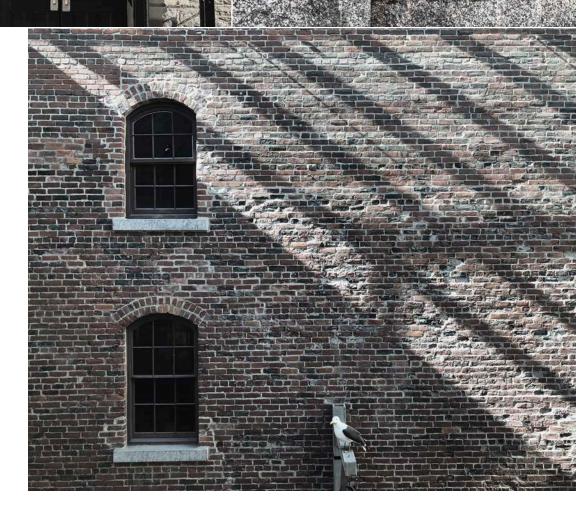


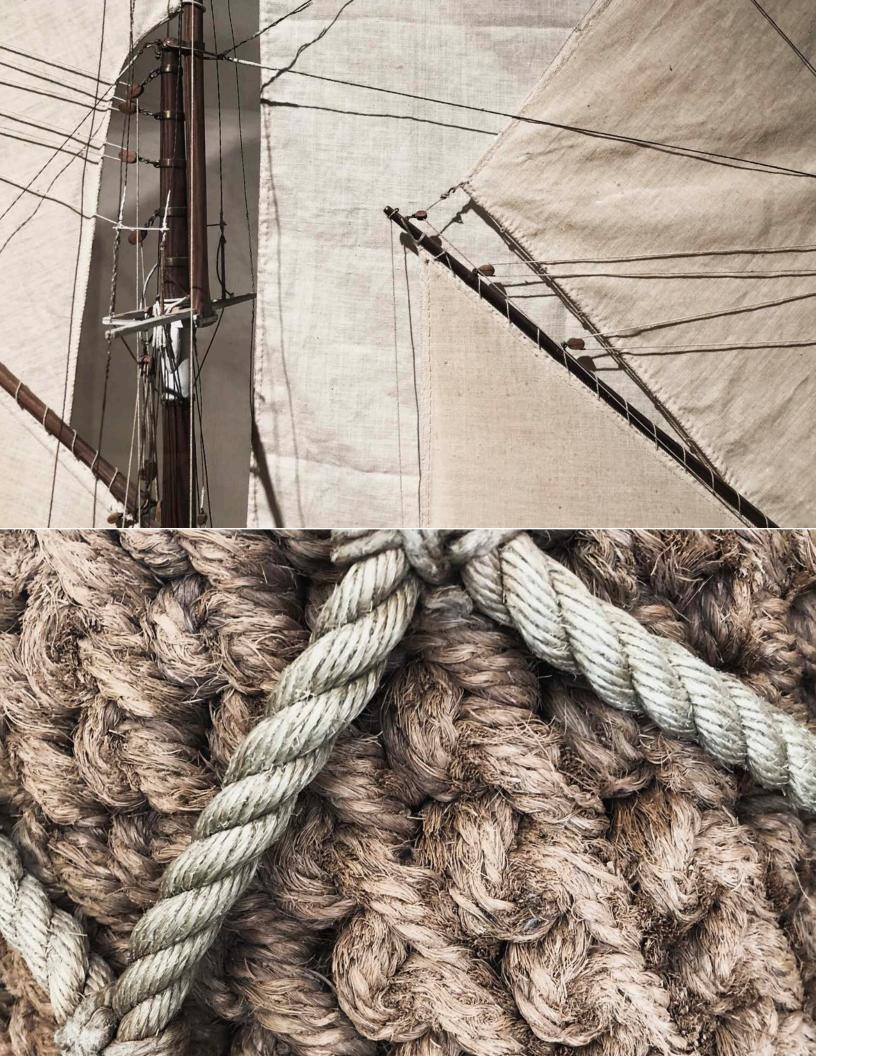
Queen's Marque District overall view

"Collaborating with creative partners such as MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects, our narrative-based approach to design allows for the architecture, local + bistorical contexts to shine through in a meaningful way infusing our environments with a distinct and palpable Sense of Place."



Local textures captured by Alessandro Munge during project immersion and preliminary site visit.





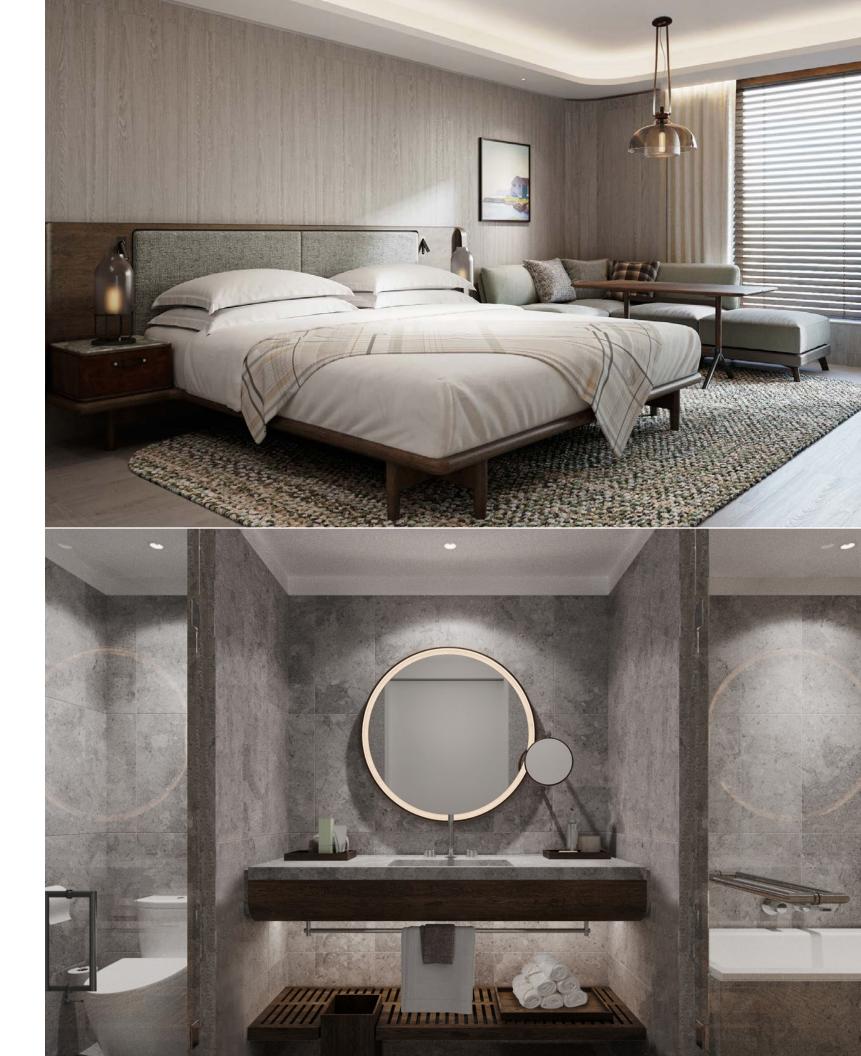


Clockwise: Sense of Arrival & Reception Desk; Elevator Lobby, Lobby Lounge Vignette ft custom FF&E Previous page: Inspiration Textures captured by Alessandro Munge during project immersion and preliminary site visit.







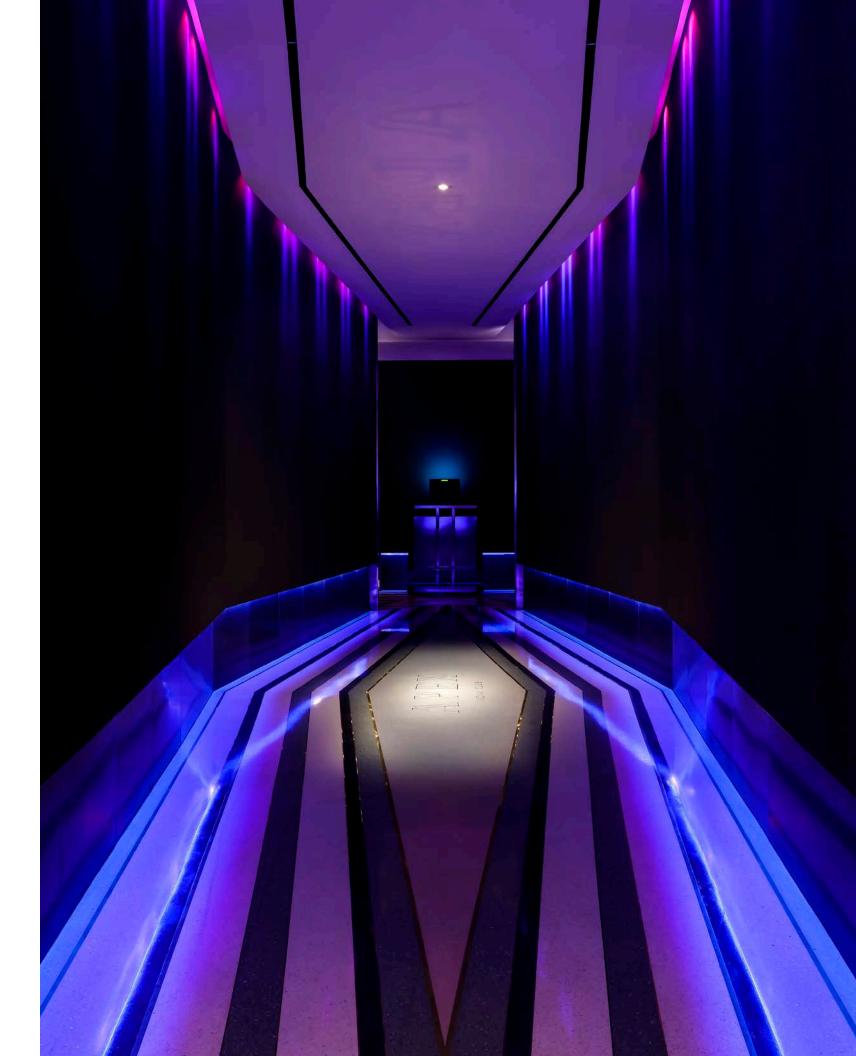


#### **EMOTION**



DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTS INFUSED WITH HUMANISTIC VALUES

"Tomorrow starts today, bere and now. As designers and developers, as sector experts and community leaders entrusted with the power of influence, we have a social responsibility to be progressive and improve the status quo."







This Page: Sense of Arrival & Porte Cochere. Next Page: Outdoor Amenities ft Terraces & Cascading Pools.



"Wellness and resort living also belong in urban centres. Applying the clubbouse model often used in our Asia projects, condominiums become a sought-after and sustainable alternative to single dwellings by offering a wider amenity range, relevance and flexibility."



Ground Floor Lobby Lounge ft Circular Skylight.



Cellar Meditation Lounge with Circular Skylight.





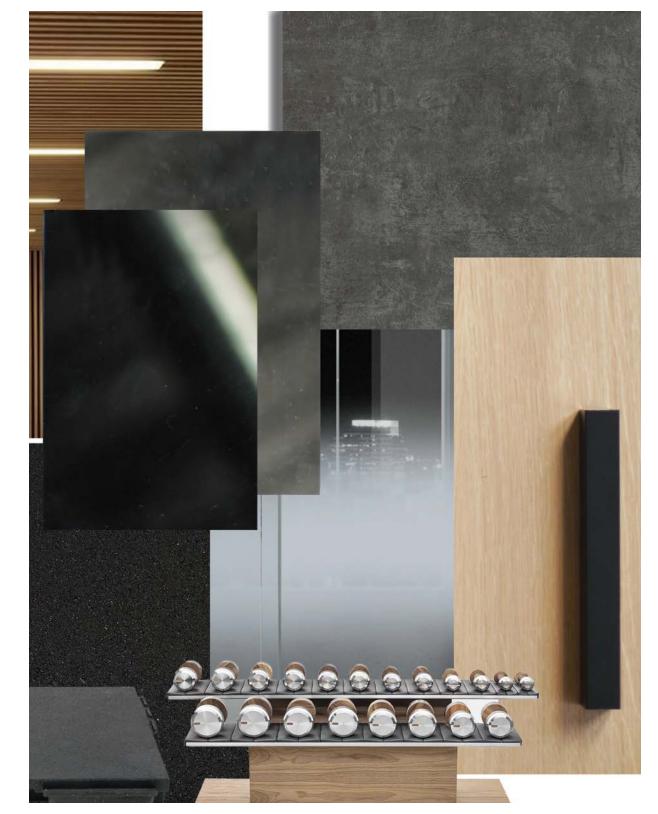
Indoor Pool Vignette & Palette Impression.



Cellar Indoor Pool.

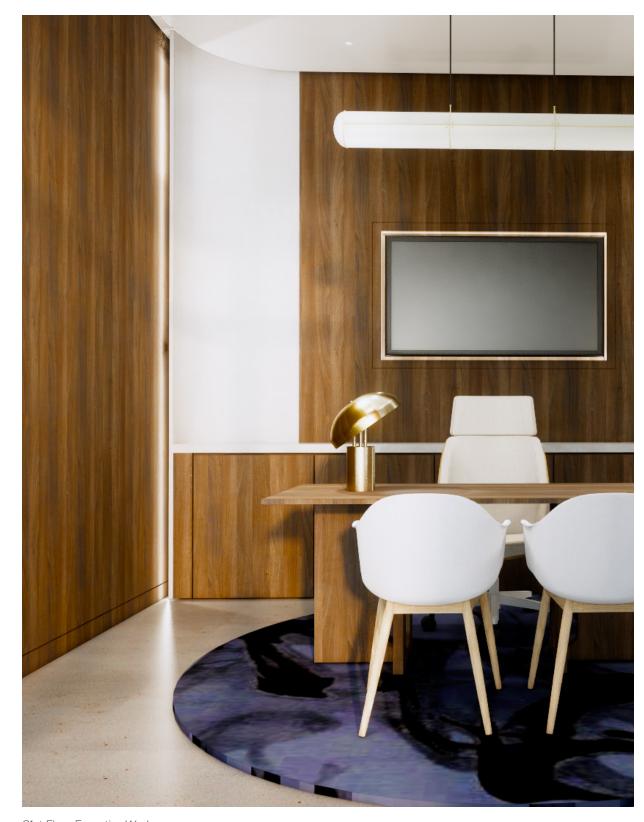






Cellar Gym Palette Impression.

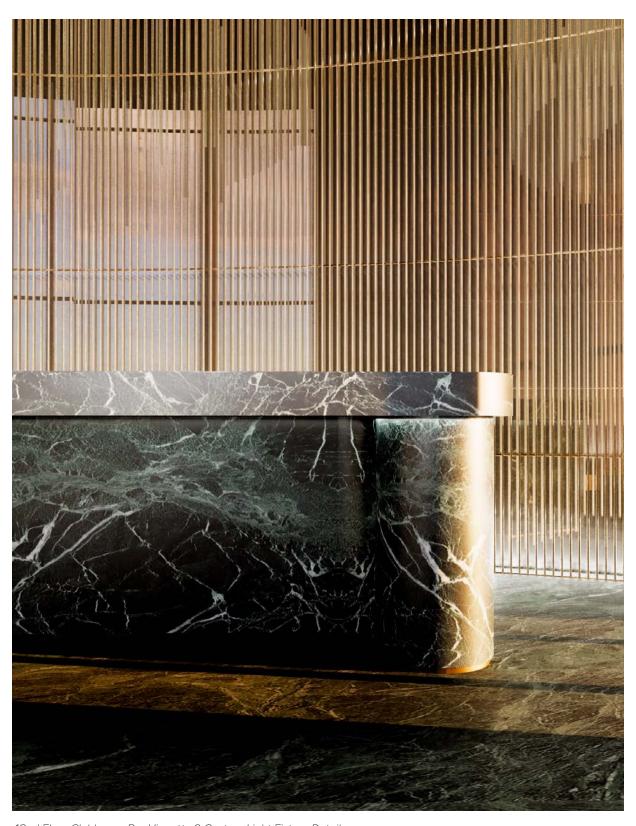




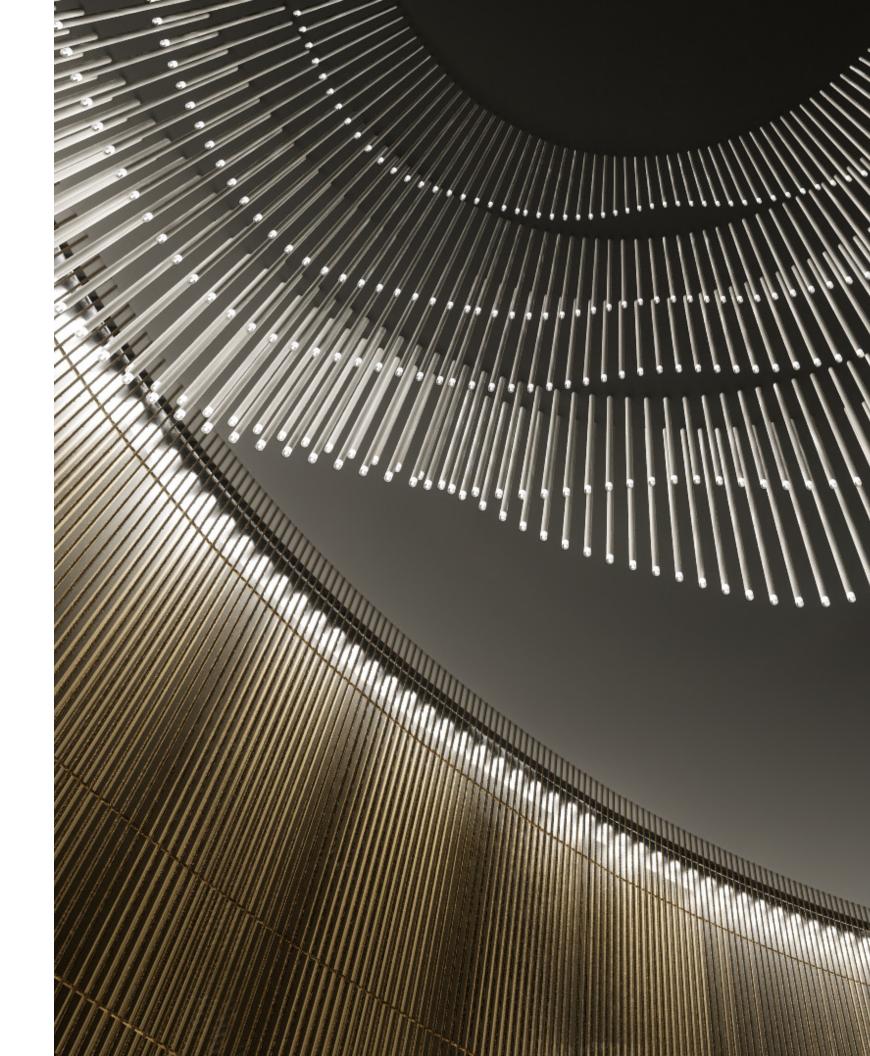
21st Floor Executive Workspaces.

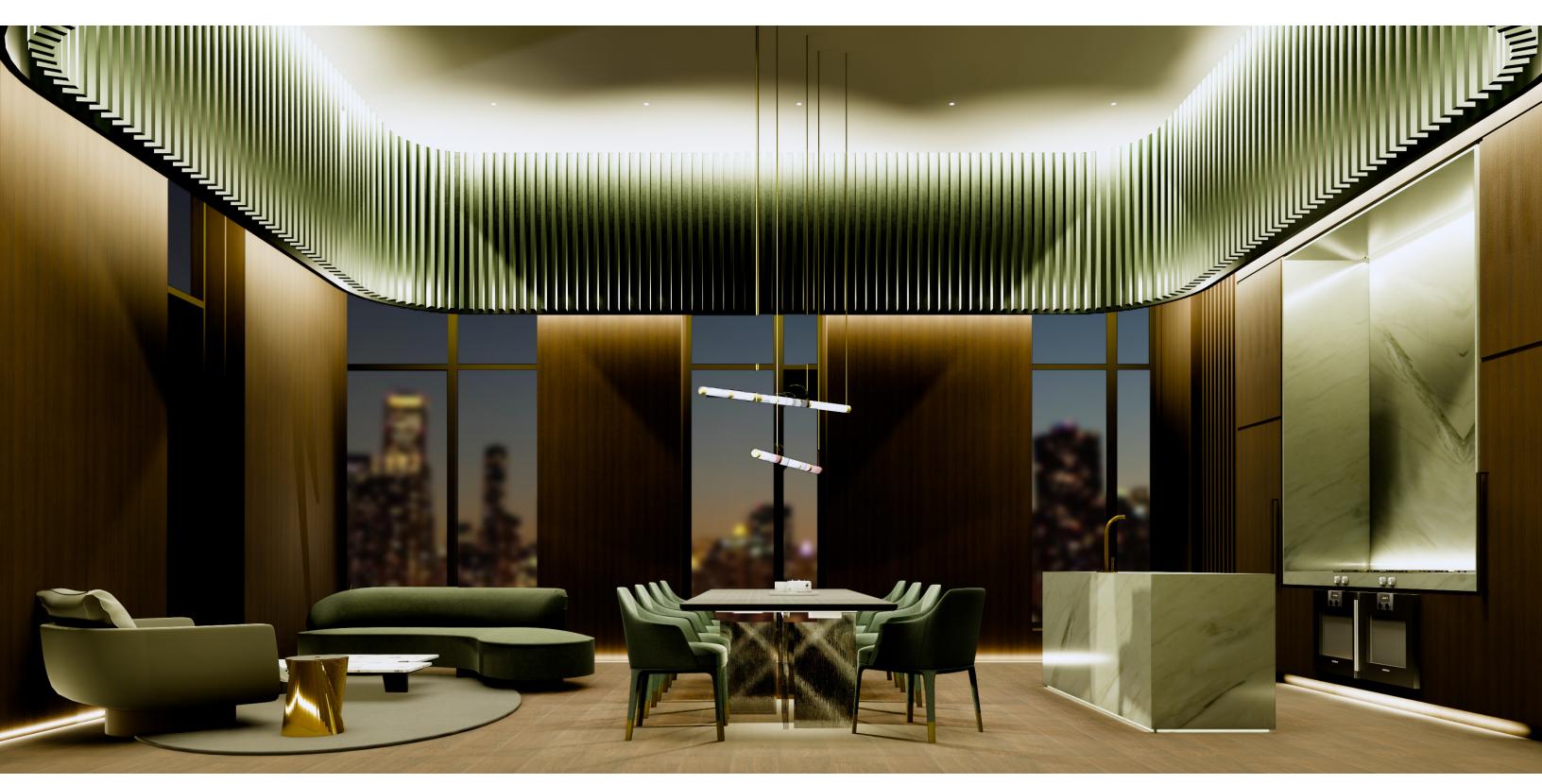


42nd Floor Clubhouse.



42nd Floor Clubhouse Bar Vignette & Custom Light Fixture Detail.



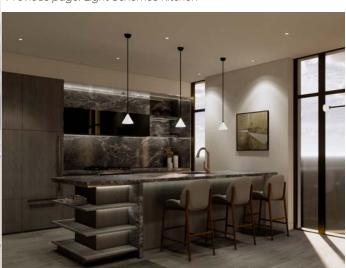


42nd Floor Private Dining Room.













Dark Scheme Bathroom, Shower Option.



Light Scheme Bathroom, Bath Option.

I don't strive for fame; I design for the community.

I only want to contribute to people's *happiness* wether daily in their homes or during a two-hour dining outing.

And if I've added *value*, then I know I've done something good in my life.

# PURPOSE

#### **PURPOSE**

#### HERITAGE

#### **PRESERVATION**

"It is so important to notice the beauty that was gifted to us by our predecessors.

With care, we preserve History, infuse new *life* + *relevance* to iconic properties for generations to come."



Pendry Chicago at the Carbide & Carbon Building, Chicago, IL, USA





#### Rosewood Hotel Georgia, Vancouver, BC, CA



Preserved Heritage Facade & Reception Desk at Rosewood Hotel Georgia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

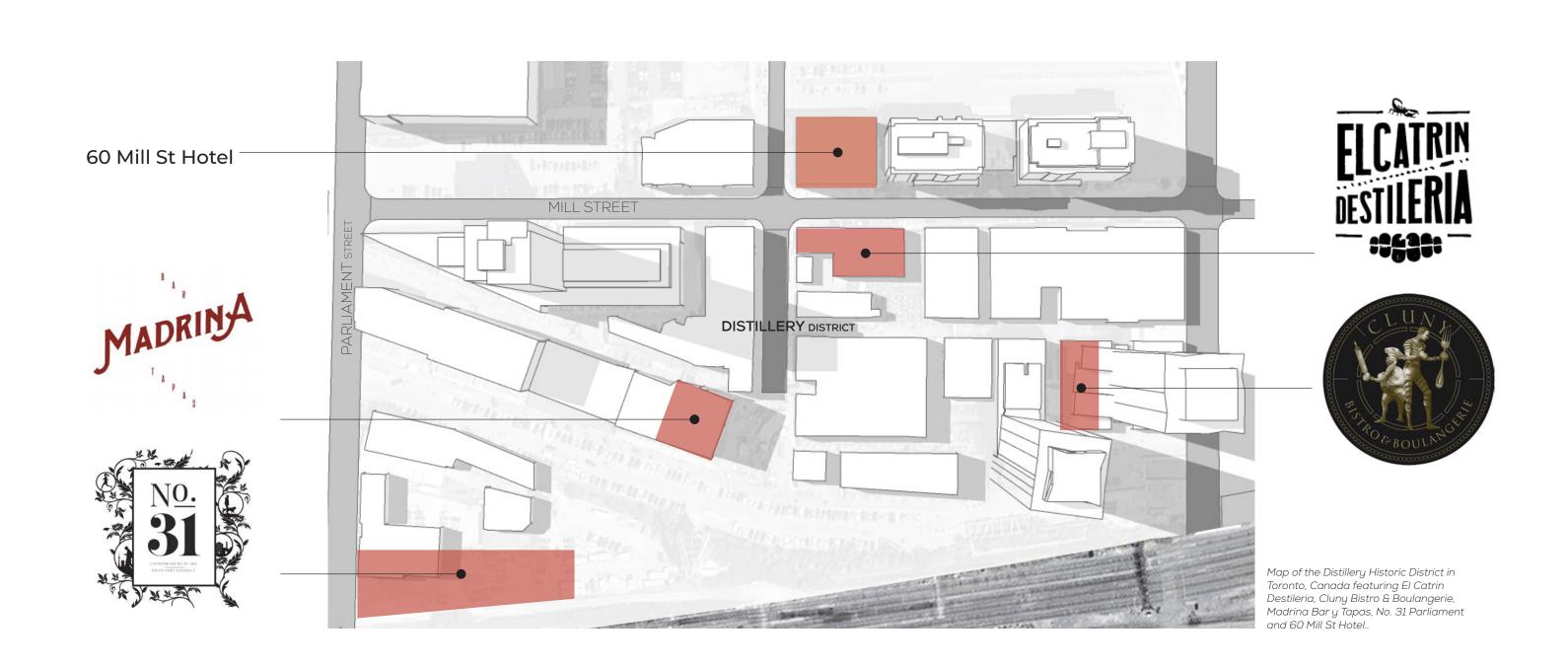


Clockwise: Lobby Lounge; Restored elevator cab; Restored grand staircase vignette.





"A once deserted industrial complex now bustles with Life. By designing five distinct experiences, we have helped completely reshape the area into a destination. These are all incredibly layered projects that truly engage the guests in a dialogue with the surroundings and celebrated cultures while preserving the heritage features of the retrofitted spaces."





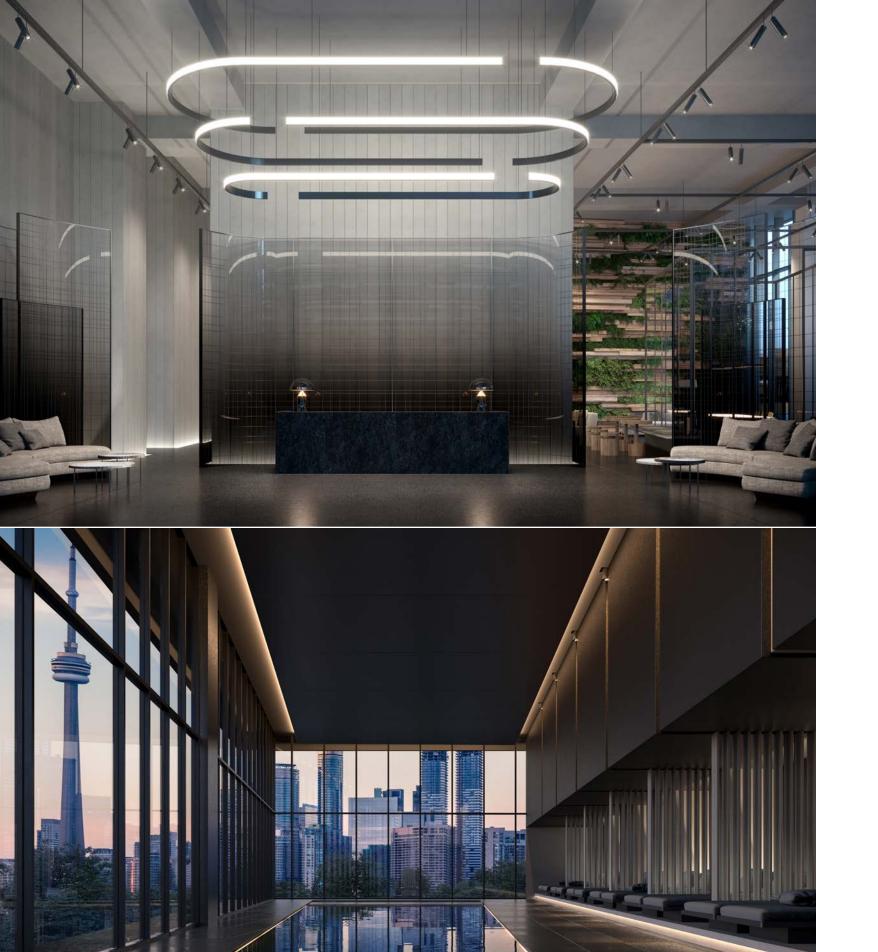














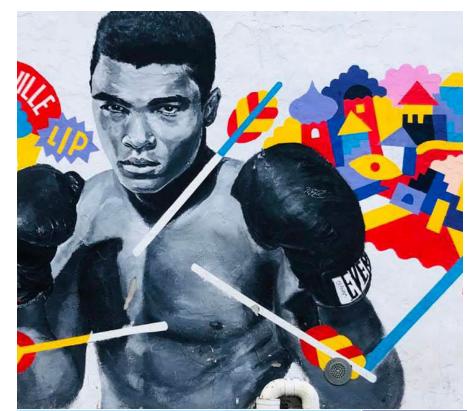
This Page: 60 Mill Street Hotel Lobby Bar & Ballroom exterior view. Previous page: No. 31 Parliament Lobby ft communal work space & Indoor Pool ft Lounging

### **PURPOSE**

## ETHICAL

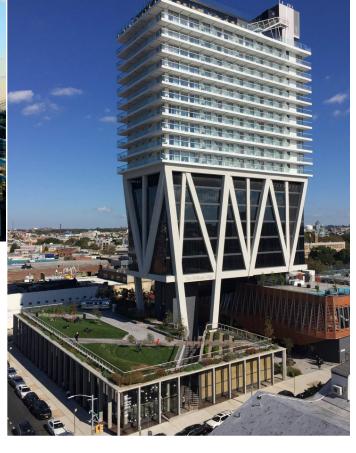
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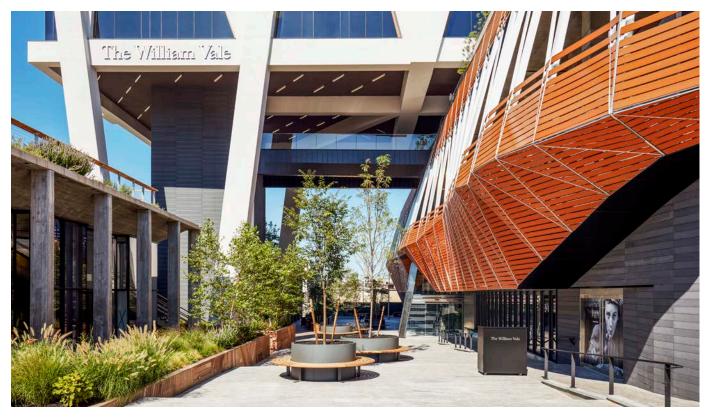
"A city is a macro *organism* with a life of its own; it requires *nurturing*. Urbanization can *revitalize* and *elevate* neighbourhoods when ethically (re)developed. Involve, empower and *celebrate* the impacted *communities*."



Clockwise: Willaimsburg Street Art; Brooklyn Bridge; The William Vale hotel in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, USA ft commercial plaza, destination restaurant, raised public parc, outdoor pool & rooftop terrace.

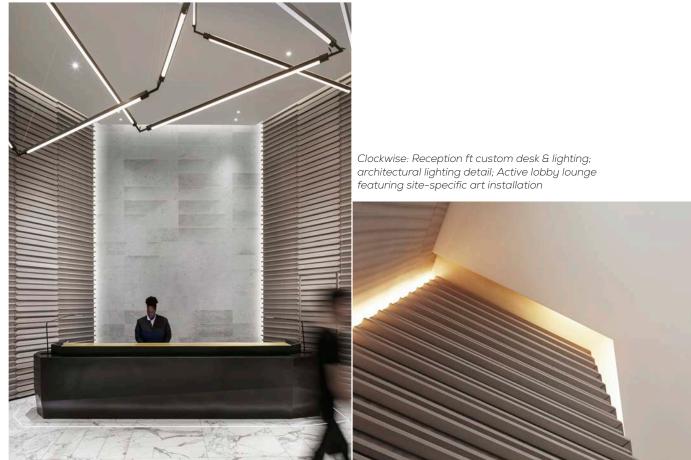






Streetview featuring immersive sense of arrival.

"Very early on, everyone involved in the project was aligned: this building had to represent a new generation of thinking inspired by Brooklyn's individuality, its local art community and infused with the area's industrial strength."







Bar elevation ft custom millwork & FF&E.

"Following a soulful narrative and crafted with the help of local artisans, all areas of The William Vale display a deep love for materiality and care for a well-executed detail."



Clockwise: Main dining room vignette ft open kitchen; Banquette vignette ft contemporary art program; main dining room view

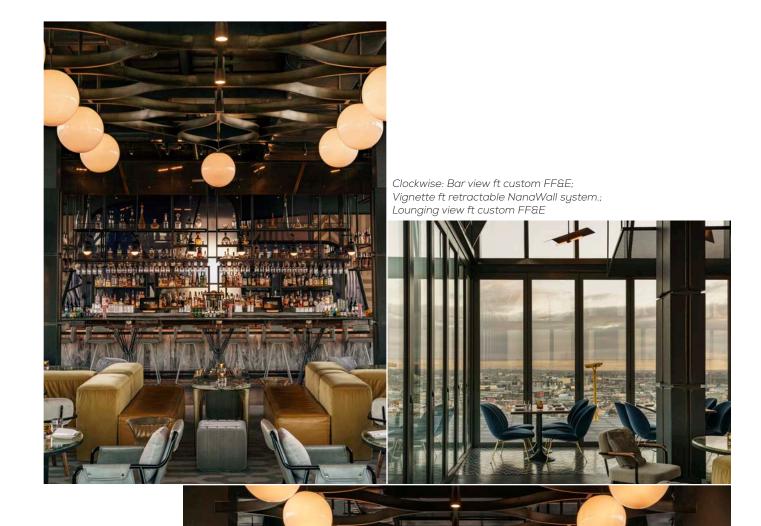






Arrival ft custom millwork & FF&E

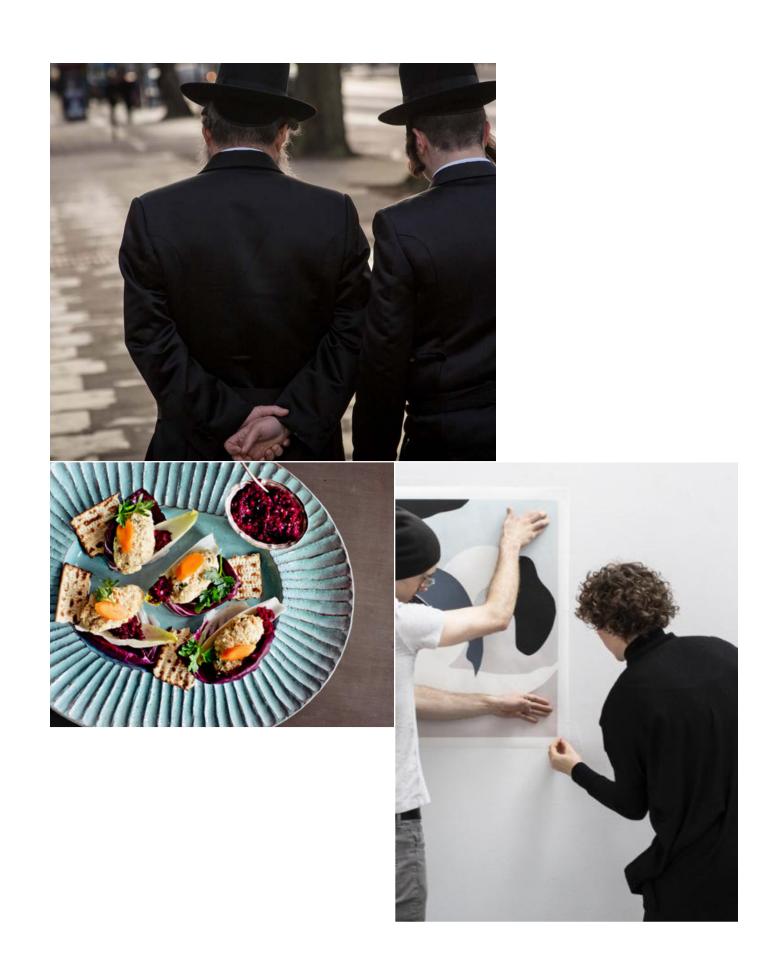
"With its impressive open views celebrating the dynamic connection between Manhattan and Brooklyn, it is no surprise Westlight has quickly become a favourite destination for tourists and locals alike."



### **PURPOSE**

# FOSTERING COMMUNITIES

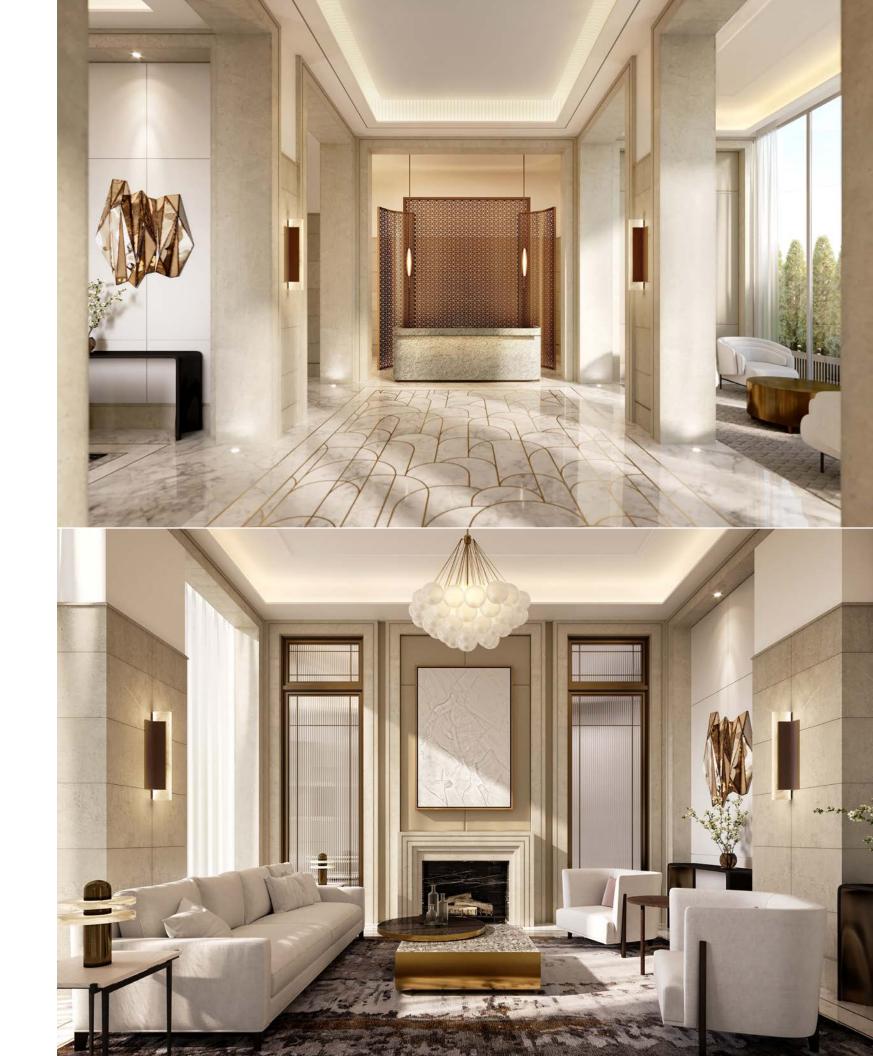
"There is no greater reward than knowing my team and I have positively impacted communities by creating environments that families and friends can congregate in. I want people to thrive and feel supported in our spaces."

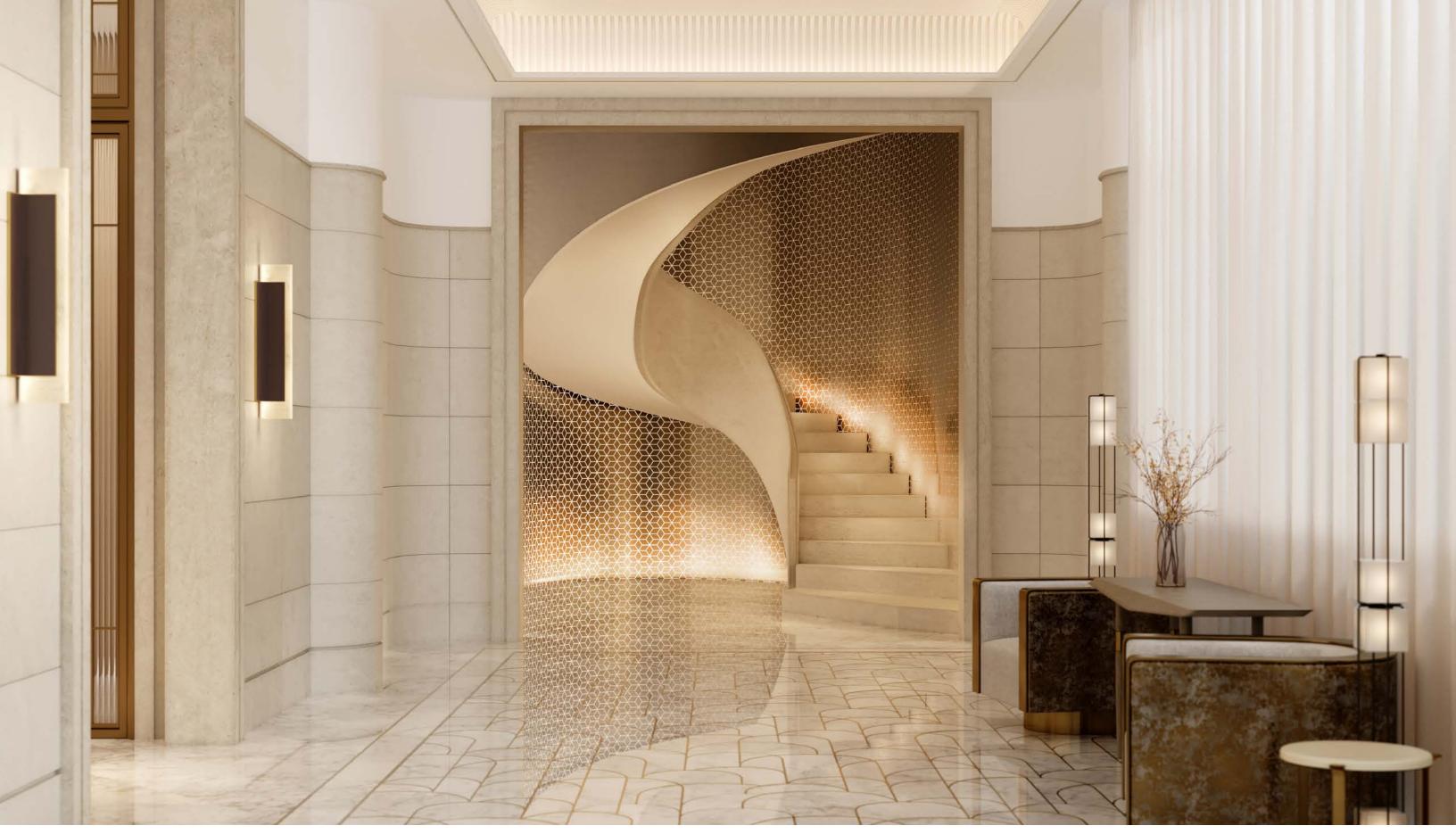




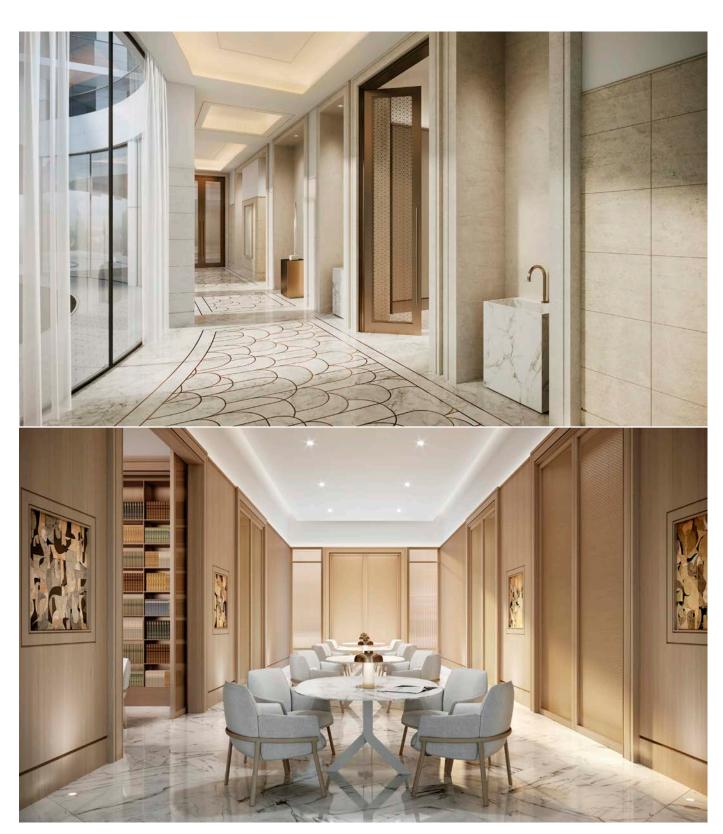
Street View ft Architecture by IBI Group. Next Page: North Lobby Reception & Lounge.

"Design starts with deep respect and appreciation for diverse cultures and individualities. It comes from a desire to make people feel understood, loved and cared for. I never see cultural sensibilities as a challenge rather an opportunity to learn from and celebrate traditions."





South Lobby with Feature Staircase and Custom Cut Stone Flooring.



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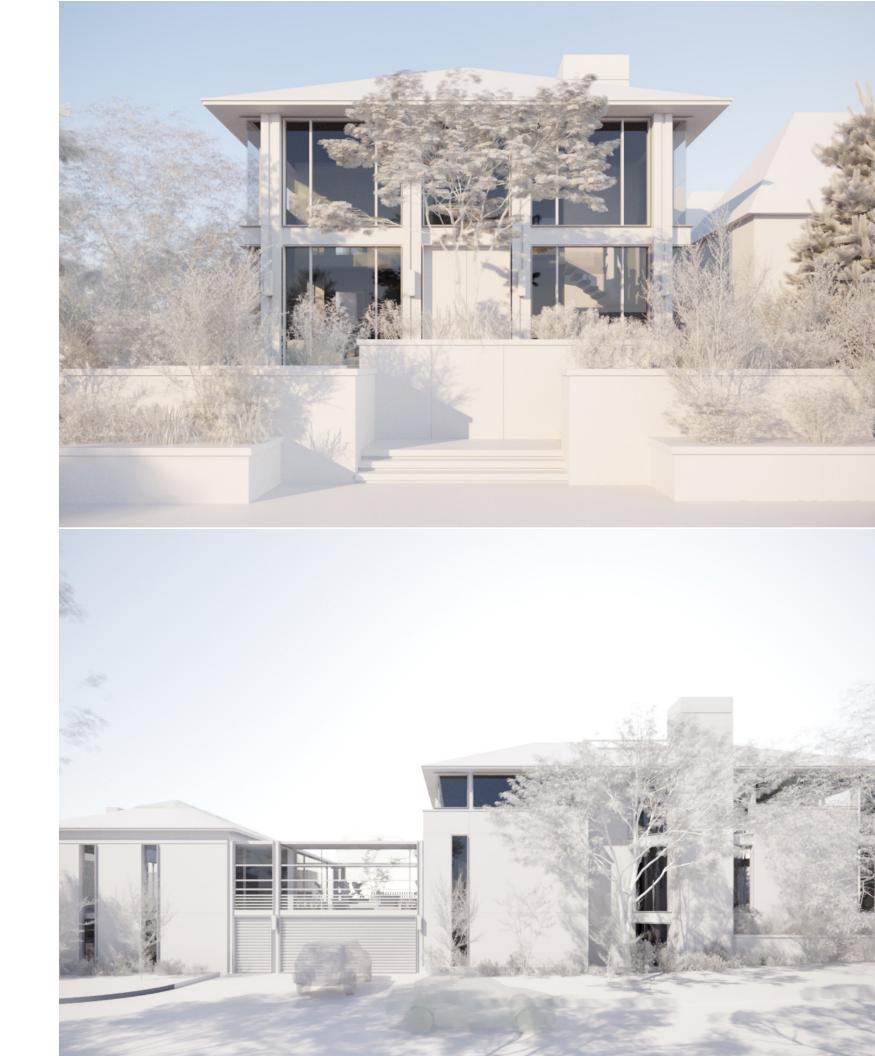
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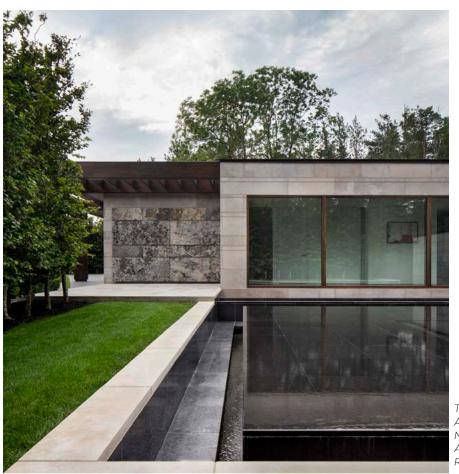
## ENTERTAINMENT

# + HUMAN CONNECTION

"I am blending Hospitality and Residential into Experiential. Sleep, work, exercise, dine, socialize, those overarching themes transcend sectors. Ultimately it's about creating a multilayered connective experience."

Russell Hill Residence, Toronto, ON, Canada





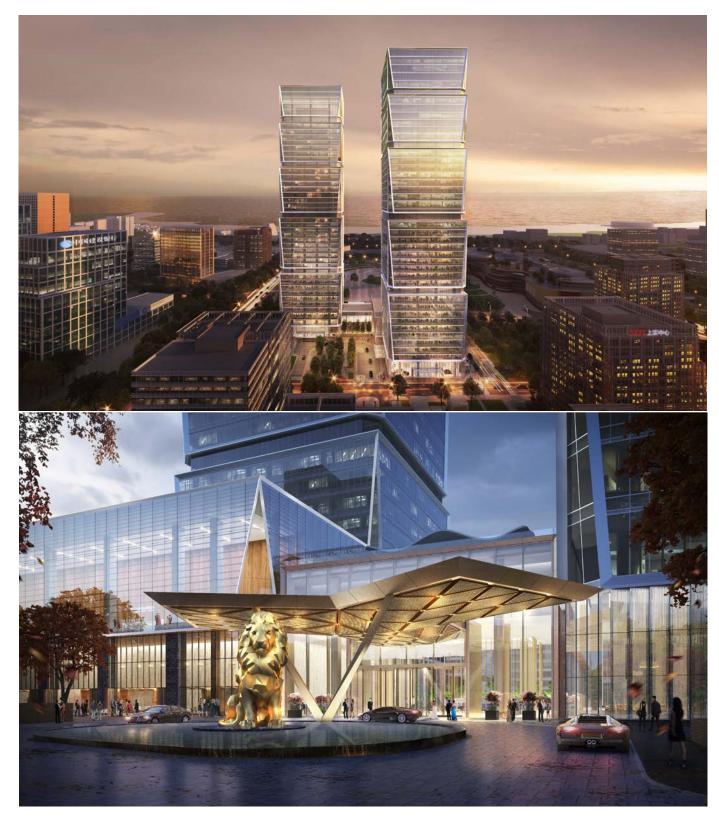
This Page Clockwise: Watch Hill Residence Arrival ft. Reflective Pond. Next Page: Watch Hill Residence Outdoor Amenities ft Infinity Edge Pool, Hot Tub & Relaxation Lounges











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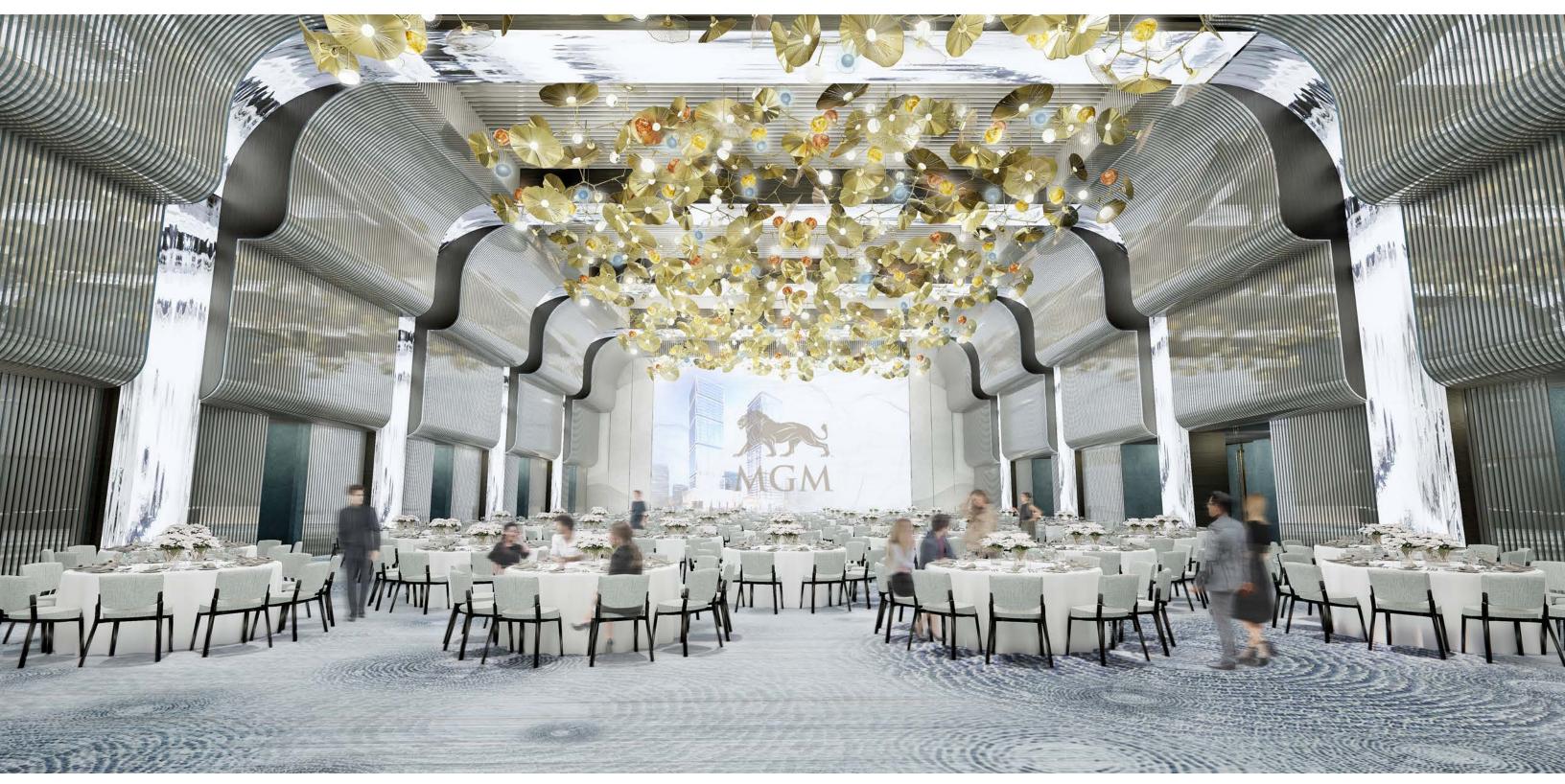
MGM Urban Resort Front Desk

"All around the world, from East to West, humans crave connection and entertainment. We are social beings.

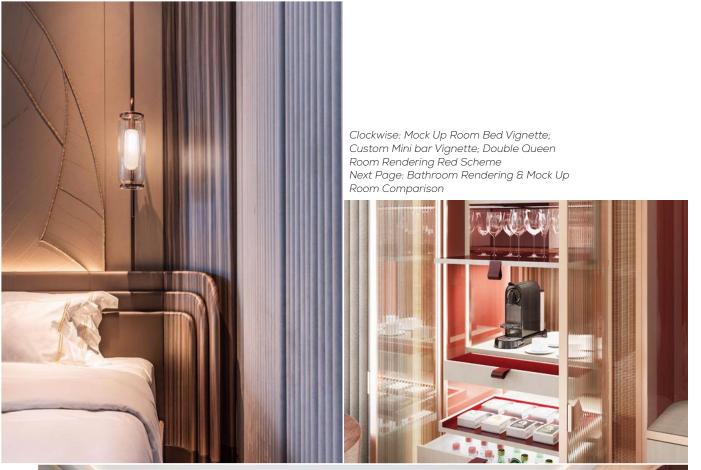
Through dramatic and vibrant designs, we create a bigh-energy, memorable experience inviting the conversation."



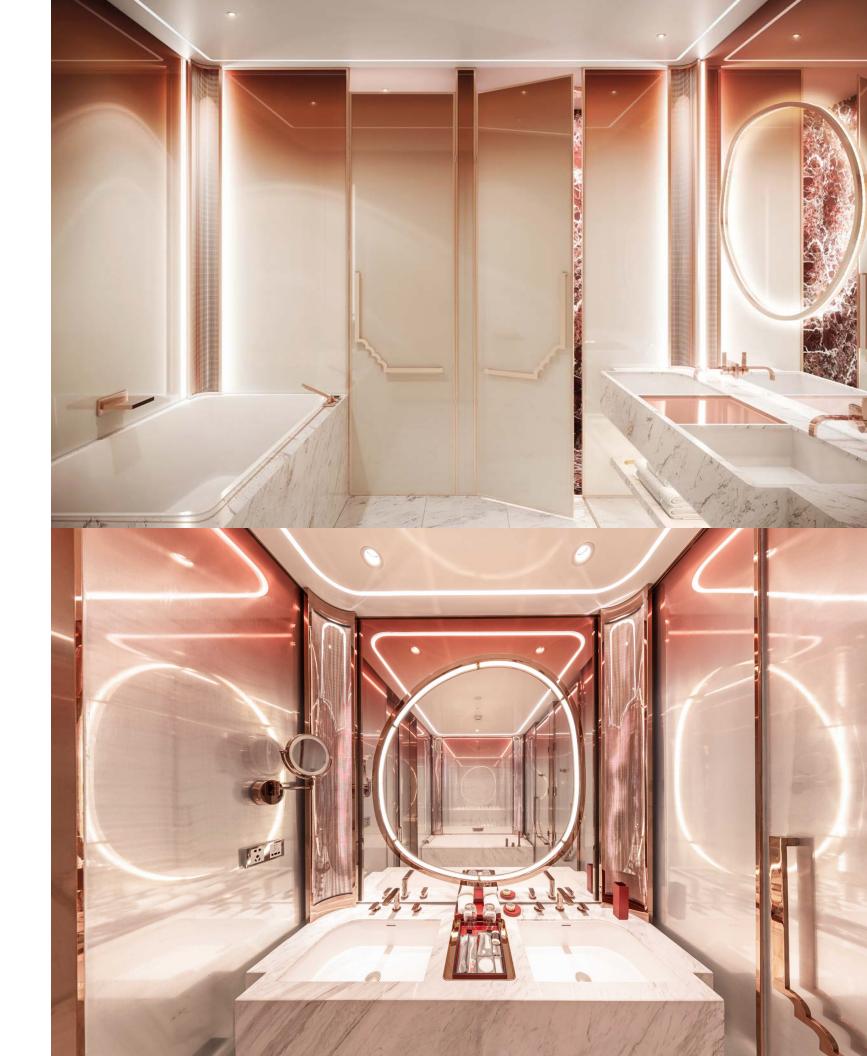
Indoor Outdoor Connection in MGM Urban Resort Lobby Lounge.



Ballroom ft all custom detail, wall and ceiling art installation











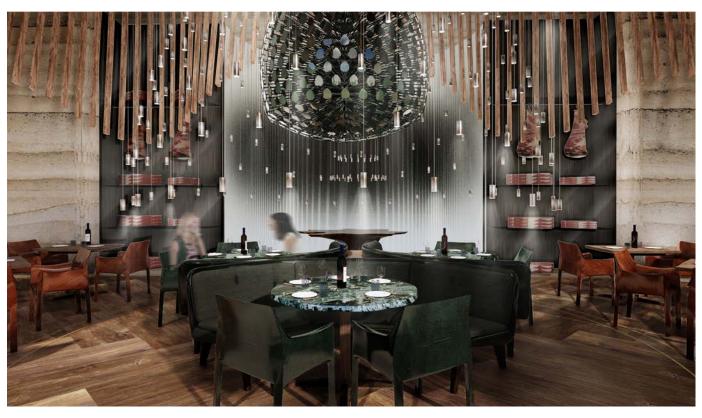
This page and previous: Progress Renderings of Qing Bar Lounge at MGM Qingdao ft immersive sense of arrival, Macassar wood panelling, overscaled arches and upholstered alcoves.







"Restaurants are by nature conducive to more *theatrical expressions* - the guests make reservations, they get excited for the *celebration* ahead. They expect a multilayered *performance*; they are looking to be entertained with a show that involves *all senses*."



This Page & Previous: DUO Steakhouse at MGM Urban Resort, Qingdao, China.

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LET'S DESIGN
A BETTER WORLD,
WITH EMOTION
AND PURPOSE.

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