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Paste Dental

Toronto

Rich finishes, including "warm burl woods; mixed, colored marble; and plush mohair lobby walls differentiate Paste Dental from other clinical spaces," points out Alex Simpson, founding partner at Studio Author. The circular lounge welcomes patients with a sculptural reception desk, a tiered Japanese paper pendant light, and gold velvet booths, as well as patterned natural stone flooring and limestone-clad interior walls that forge a visual barrier from the street—all influenced by the luxe hotel lounges in Toronto's nearby fashion and entertainment districts. A curved corridor lined with sconces leads to treatment rooms, where the custom vanities and oversized mirrors set against oak paneling conjure a peaceful spa vibe.

Interior Design Firm Studio Author, Toronto Owner Dr. Derek Chung





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Dundas Square Barbers Toronto

Through the glass façade of Dundas Square Barbers, located on a prime parcel of downtown Toronto real estate, passersby take in an unconventional setup. Rather than lining the perimeter with styling stations, as is the norm, here they float from mirrored columns. The floor also breaks tradition. Covered in a labyrinthine radial pattern, it reinterprets the striped poles that typically adorn barbershops. To maximize the compact, 850-square-foot space, Nivek Remas gave the arches, which soar to ceilings dressed in moldings, an ombré treatment.

Interior Design and Architecture Firm Nivek Remas, Toronto Owner Tony Sadiku

