



# Houndstooth Coffee

DALLAS, UNITED STATES

OFFICIAL (Dallas) designed this strikingly beautiful Houndstooth Coffee location at the Sylvan Thirty mixed-use development in Dallas. The design concept was driven by the dual functions of a coffee bar (Houndstooth Coffee) and a cocktail bar (Jettison). The architects developed an elemental concept of day-to-night with the coffee bar filling the larger sunlit space and the cocktail bar occupying the smaller more intimate back corner. Finishing materials are lighter in the coffee shop and darker in the cocktail bar—keeping with the day-to-night concept. Gold accents are used throughout, however, to tie the two spaces together. The two spaces are also connected by a corridor with sliding doors at both ends that allow the spaces to operate independently or together.

The architects designed the coffee shop by taking advantage of the loftiness of the space with abundant natural light along with using natural materials to create a unique identity—a crisp and elegant design.





The dramatic and stunning island coffee bar sits below a floating wood-clad volume that the architects affectionately named *the cloud*. The volume serves as a visual focal point while balancing the space. Smartly, it folds up at one corner to welcome and direct people toward the baristas.

The bright and fresh interior space is bracketed by two patios. The patio along Sylvan Avenue has a houndstooth-pattern cedar screen that creates visual identity along the street and within the enclosed patio. The screen controls the western sun while filling the seating area with dynamic afternoon shadows.





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