

CAFÉ PLUS

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Reinventing Interior Design for
the Modern Café Space



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Houndstooth Coffee and Jettison Cocktail Bar

Location / Dallas, USA

Area / 2100 square feet (195 square meters)

Designer / OFFICIAL

Client / Sean Henry

Completion / 2016

Photography / Robert Yu and Mark Leveno

The design for Houndstooth Coffee and Jettison Cocktail Bar was driven by their duality of function and shared connection. The inspiration for the design was the concept of day and night, with Houndstooth filling the larger sunlit space and Jettison occupying the intimate back corner, and implemented it as a solid-void composition. Connected by a corridor with sliding doors on either end, the spaces operate independently or together. An island bar below a floating wooden-clad area is affectionately named The Cloud. The high ceilings create openness in the coffee shop and The Cloud serves as a focal point, drawing the eyes up while balancing the space and concealing the mechanical system. The plan was developed around maximizing the interaction between the guests and the barista, while emphasizing the coffee-making process. The ceiling is folded up to direct guests to the barista, while seating around the bar allows interactions to continue throughout the visit.

Jettison inverts the Cloud design with a lowered ceiling and a central void looking into the painted gold trusses that have the character of a chandelier. The bar has a relatively low seating capacity with an emphasis on quality drinks and food in a more classic bar atmosphere. The furniture is flexible to allow for a long communal table or smaller group seating. Walnut and grays establish a speakeasy quality, while the curtain along the exterior wall softens the space and encourages conversation.

The patio along Sylvan Avenue has a cedar screen with a Houndstooth graphic that creates visual identity along the busy street. The screen controls the western sun while filling the seating area with dynamic afternoon shadows and shields guests from the road. Small café tables and wall-mounted arm lights were specially designed and created for the space.

01 / View into Houndstooth Coffee

Floor plan







02 / Sylvan Avenue patio
 03 / Bench seating in Houndstooth Coffee
 04 / Cedar screen with Houndstooth supergraphic
 05 / Interior of Houndstooth Coffee





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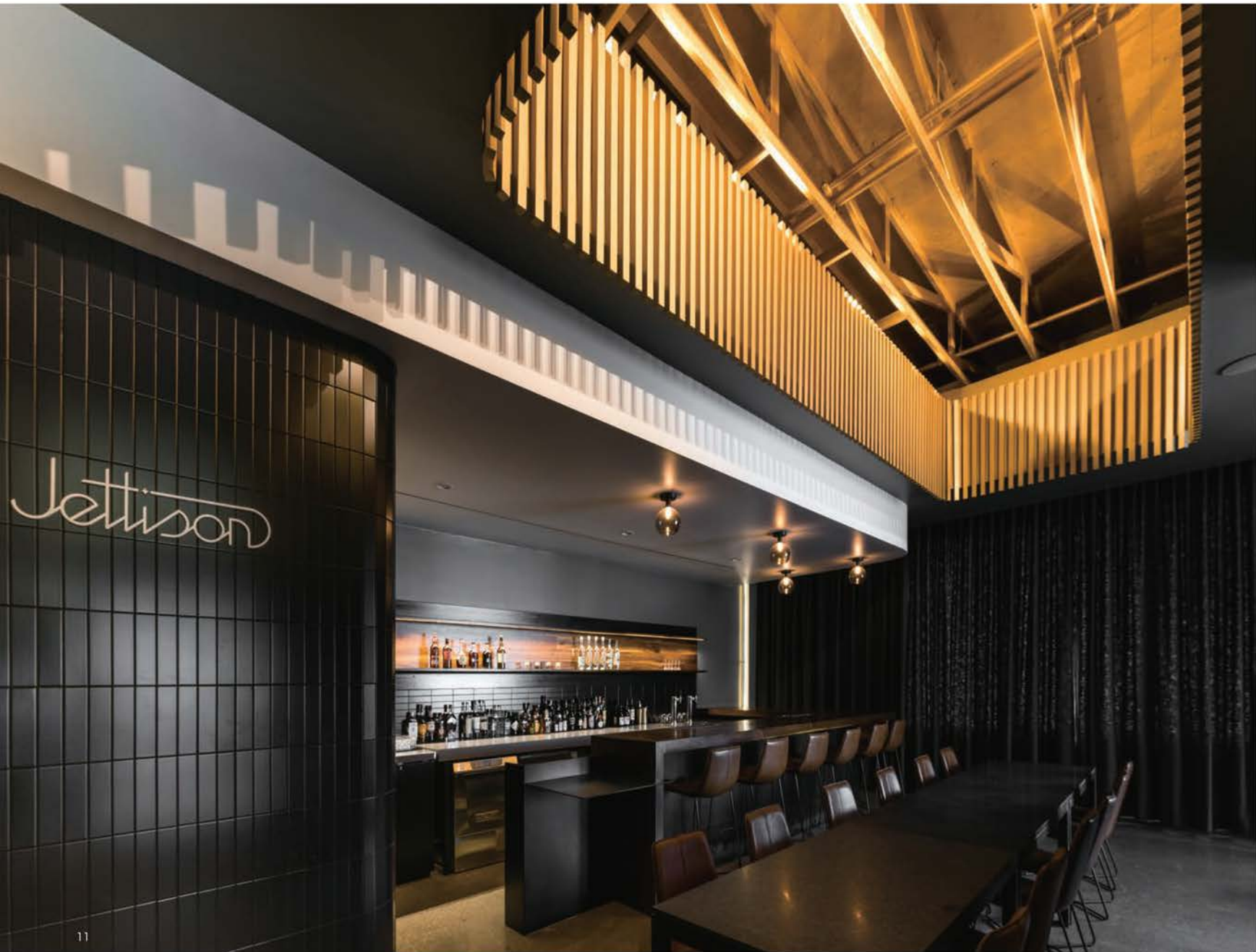
Perspective section of Houndstooth Coffee shop



- 06 / Interior of Houndstooth Coffee
- 07 / Detail of The Cloud
- 08 / Service counter
- 09 / Custom tables
- 10 / Custom lights designed







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- 11 / Interior of Jettison Cocktail Bar
- 12 / View of Jettison ceiling
- 13 / Custom-designed light
- 14 / Jettison Cocktail Bar

Section perspective of Jettison Cocktail Bar



