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The first building in a master planned community, Serrano required a strong statement to establish the residential nature of the street and develop a solid street presence. The building's entryway was designed to be an integral part of this statement. The protruding canopy established a visual connection to the public sidewalk on Dundas Street and draws attention and pedestrian traffic south towards the building entrance.

The tempered glass canopy is supported by a series of structural aluminum fins that cant upwards, drawing the eye into the vestibule, while also splaying outwards emphasizing the line of curved balconies above. Providing protection from wind and elements, the clear glass allows the canopy to visually dissolve at night focusing the eye on the well lit interior, providing a sense of comfort and a welcoming impression. The effect is to create a prominent entry, a strong sense of way finding and a safe environment.

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