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Urbanscape Architectural Gallery

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2959 Dundas Street West

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The Junction is one of those areas in Toronto that seem to be waiting forever for their time to arrive. Not quite Bloor West, not even a Queen West yet, the area is hoping for an urban revival that everyone expects will happen, but has not happened yet. In this project, an existing adult store was converted to a gallery space and a storefront for a design practice, and in the process the ground floor received a decidedly modern facelift.

The remainder of a three-storey facade was constrained by its heritage building designation, but the ground floor, bastardized over time by numerous changes of its storefront, was ready for a total remake. The vast expanse of glass with wood-accented side walls opens the interior of the space to the street, connecting the art inside with the street life outside, and providing a small but important contribution to once neglected streetscape.



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