



GOLDEN MILL

1012 FORD STREET GOLDEN COLORADO

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR DESIGN BRIEF

MARCH 2019

DESIGN GOALS :

The design strategy for the project successfully aligned the long-term vision of the Golden Mill with the core values that continue to define its identity today. From the beginning, the project established a clear and consistent creative direction rooted in authenticity, history, community, and the character of Golden, Colorado itself.

- The project became a true neighborhood gathering place.
The Golden Mill was designed and executed as a social destination that encourages connection, activity, and year-round use by both residents and visitors. The environment supports casual gathering, dining, events, and everyday community interaction in a way that feels natural to the culture of Golden.
- The history of the Golden Mill was preserved and integrated into the design language of the project.
The building's 150-year legacy remains visible throughout the experience, allowing the architecture and site to continue telling the story of Golden's commercial and industrial development. Historic elements, including the iconic painted sign dating to approximately 1923, were preserved as defining visual anchors that reinforce the identity and authenticity of the property.
- The surrounding landscape and historic setting became central to the experience of the project.
Positioned along Clear Creek at the Ford Street bridge, the project embraces its connection to both the natural environment and the historic fabric of Golden. Views of the creek, mountains, and downtown corridor were intentionally highlighted and incorporated into the spatial planning and guest experience.
- The project established a strong relationship between the built environment and the outdoors.
The design reflects Golden's outdoor culture and Colorado lifestyle through open gathering spaces, durable materials, flexible seating environments, and year-round usability. Its connection to the creek and to the surrounding ski, biking, climbing, kayaking, and rafting communities became an essential part of the project's identity.
- Authenticity remained the guiding principle throughout the execution of the project.
The design avoided artificial historic reproduction and resisted overly themed or stylized interpretations of the future. Instead, the project balanced historic preservation with modern architectural thinking through the use of honest, durable, and functional materials. Existing industrial character was retained and complemented with contemporary interventions that allow the Golden Mill to evolve naturally while remaining grounded in its historic context.

FAMILY ORIENTED

HISTORIC COLORADO

YEAR-ROUND LIFESTYLE

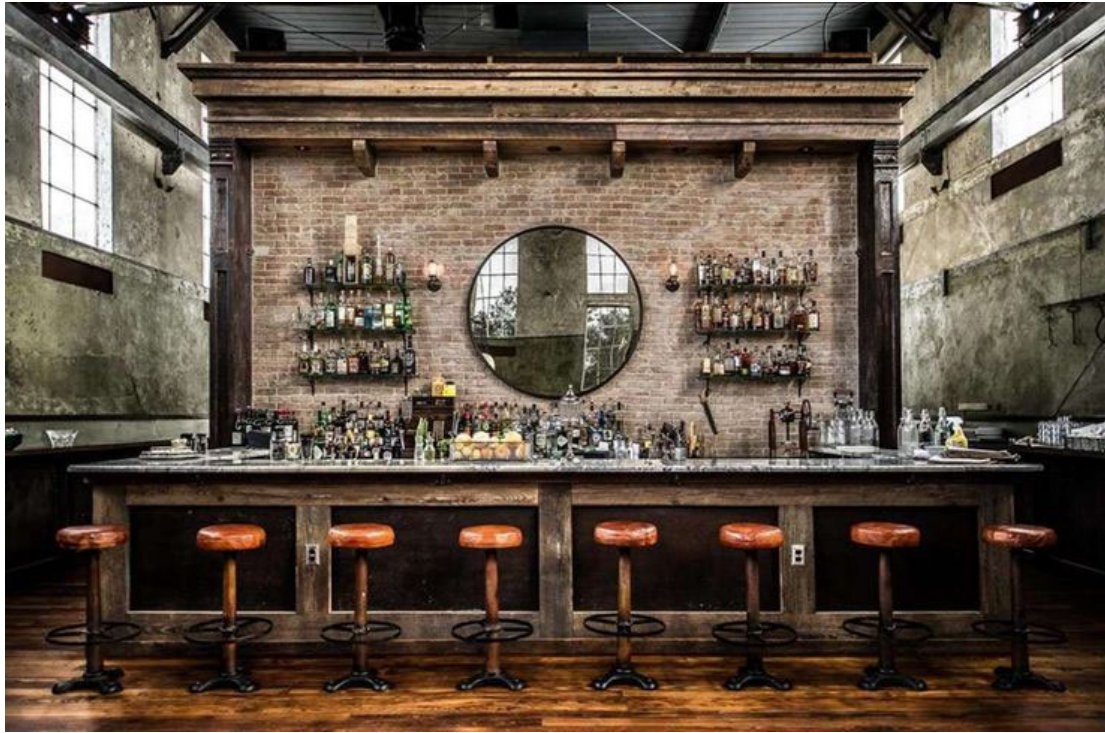
MOUNTAIN LIVING

A GETAWAY FROM THE CITY

BEER!

"DON'T BOULDER MY GOLDEN"

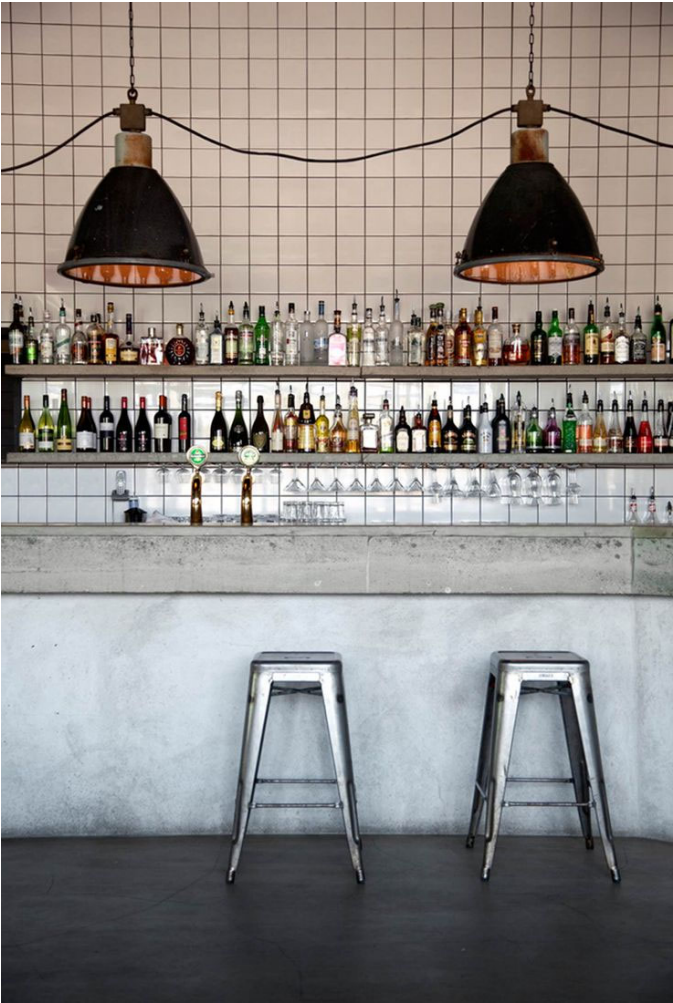
LOOK AND FEEL : HONEST MATERIALS, GENUINE TEXTURE



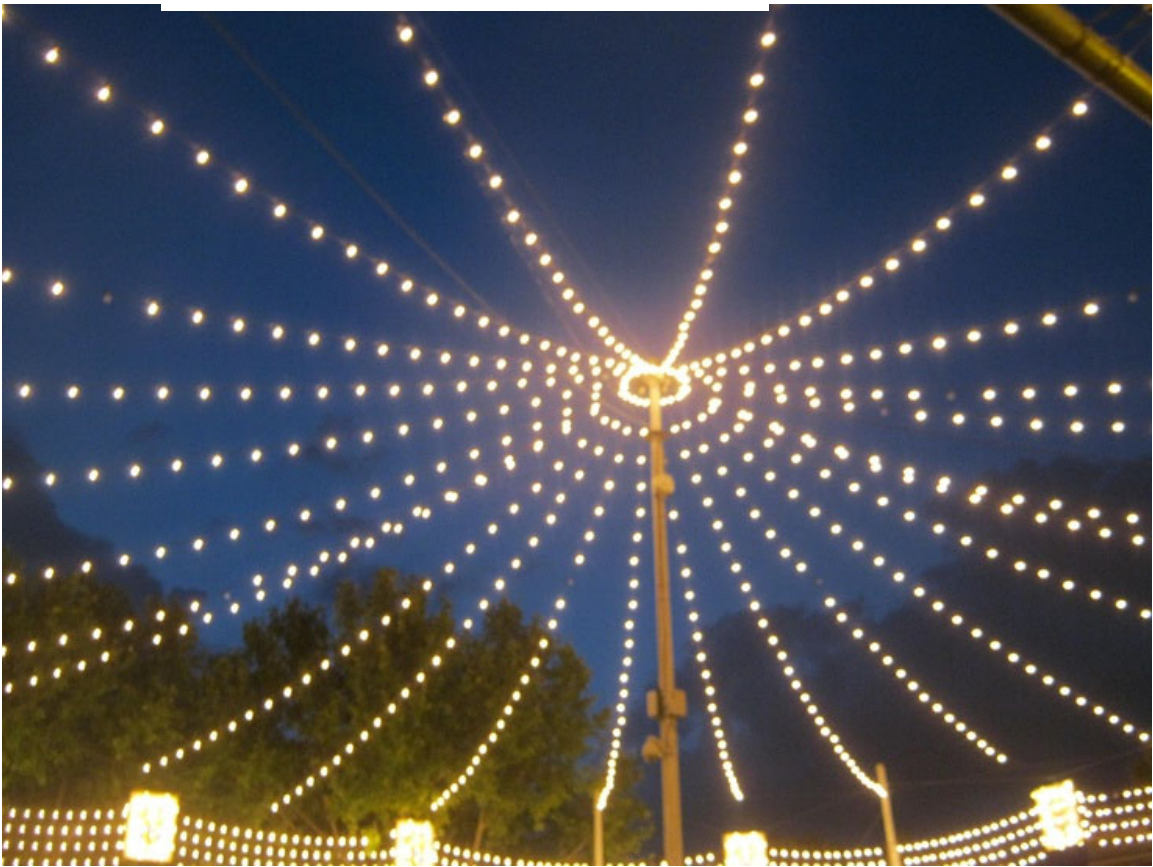
LOOK AND FEEL : COMMUNITY



LIGHTING



LIGHTING : UNIQUE AND CUSTOM



LIGHTING : LARGE SCALE CUSTOM



FURNITURE :



FURNITURE :



FURNITURE : SEATING



FURNITURE : SERVICE



SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING



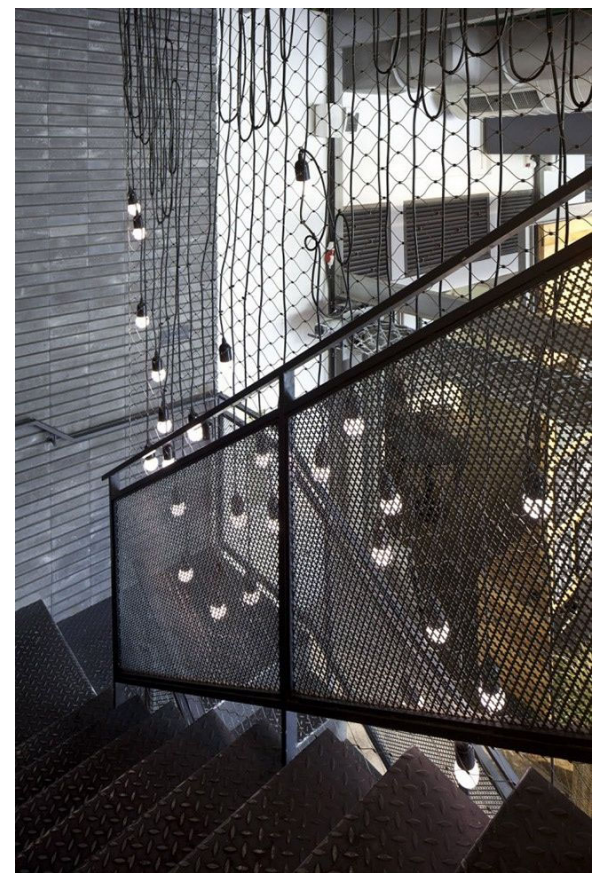
MATERIALS AND FINISHES



MATERIALS AND FINISHES : WOOD



MATERIALS AND FINISHES : METALWORK



DETAILS

