



# NEWS

## *The New Cool*

Robert Bailey reprises his design role and breathes new life into Yaletown's hottest hotel.

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Set apart from the concierge desk, the Opus Hotel's new bar serves coffee by day and signature craft cocktails by night. Interior designer Robert Bailey says the space has "daylight glamour," achieved with subtly layered patterns and textures that impart an elegant atmosphere. »



Bailey's sophisticated design juxtaposes contrasting materials and finishes. Combinations such as the Venetian plaster wall behind the bar and the polished brass shelves, and the white Bertoia stools fronting the zebra-striped marble bar top, give the space its eclectic charisma. Playful touches such as neon artwork add just a bit of edge.



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Never one to let its interior stagnate, Vancouver's Opus Hotel has revitalized its lobby bar with an extreme makeover. For the revamp, the 12-year-old property turned to Robert Bailey, the hotel's original interior designer, and design consultant Craig Stanghetta.

Aiming to create a destination for Vancouverites and hotel guests alike, Bailey designed a glass partition with French doors to clearly separate the Opus Bar from the adjacent check-in and concierge area. The color scheme, a cool yet vivid palette of blues and grays with brass accents, contributes to an aesthetic that Bailey defines as new West Coast glamour: "It's got a casual chicness and irreverence," he says. White-wire Bertoia stools sidle up to the striking zebra-striped marble bar, backed by a polished Venetian plaster wall tinted ocean blue. A gray leather banquette runs the length of the room, which is peppered with small, round tables and velvet-upholstered armchairs. "I wanted to bring together beautiful things in our quirky West Coast way," Bailey explains. "It's like throwing an H&M sweater together with a Chanel bag. We can make our own rules." ✱

