

# MDT Mobilier



## Osmo X Marusan Café

### A multiuse brutalist space

MDT Mobilier, a well-known Montreal steel furniture design and production studio, is proud to unveil its concept for the new Osmo X Marusan café-terrace, formerly known as Café Osmo. Owners Hideyuki Imaizumi and David Schmidt wanted to change the venue's vocation and transform the café into a hybrid collective space that serves as a café, bar, boutique and event space.

Inspired by the space's brutalist style and historical details, the team wanted to preserve its unique character while playing up the style to make it even more iconic. With the direction set, the interior design and furniture were made entirely to order. Long, galvanized-steel communal tables at the centre of the space create the desired unifying tone. Running along the angular walls, a brick bench echoes the exposed foundation of the adjacent bicentennial building. The result is a versatile, sober space that adapts to the multiple dimensions of the company.

The materials – galvanized steel, brick and polycarbonate – were chosen for their suitability in a streamlined production process, involving little manipulation, in order to respect both the limited budget and the minimalist spirit inherent to the modernist style. Once assembled, these three materials do not require a finishing or protective layer and can be used as is.

The reflective quality of galvanized steel, used for most surfaces, tables, counters and fixtures, brings the space to life throughout the day and from season to season. Over time this raw, responsive material will change under the surrounding environment and develop a patina to give it a slightly more matte look. The chairs, which were custom designed for the space, are finished in a sandstone red powder coat to create a link to the bricks in the foundation and bench. The existing base of the service counter, which was retained to avoid wasting material, is overlaid with polycarbonate and dimmable LED strips. In order to imbue the semi-basement café with a sense of grandeur, the ambience and furniture were designed to keep the focal point low, leaving the large concrete ceiling, with its three skylights, unobstructed.

The new design of the communal space emphasizes the uniqueness of the Osmo X Marusan experience, both through the bespoke furniture and use of raw, adapted materials, which pair harmoniously with the existing architecture.

## Technical sheet

Year Built  
2021

Clients  
David Schmidt  
(Fleurs & Cadeaux, Club Pelicano,  
bar Mal nécessaire, Denise)  
Hideyuki Imaizumi  
(Fleurs & Cadeaux)

Location  
51, rue Sherbrooke Ouest,  
Montréal, Qc.

Size  
interior / exterior  
149m<sup>2</sup> (1600 pi<sup>2</sup>) / 149m<sup>2</sup> (1600 pi<sup>2</sup>)

Interior Design  
MDT Mobilier  
Mathieu Domingue Trempe,  
Eliott Légaré

Furniture  
MDT Mobilier

Construction  
NAT Mobilier Urbain

Photographs  
Eliott Légaré

## About MDT Mobilier

MDT Mobilier is a steel furniture design and manufacturing studio founded by Mathieu Domingue Trempe.

Specializing in seating and storage, its sought-after collection is sold in Canada and other countries. In addition to its products, the studio has positioned itself as a reference in steel furniture with more than 30 commercial and residential projects to its name, all designed in close collaboration with its partners or clients. MDT Mobilier's vision is reflected in each one of its creations: simple, durable lines that are finely crafted at its Montreal workshop.

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