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FRAME

Simple material gestures and colour palette allowed SIVAK+PARTNERS to design a striking centre point for THE KULT STUDIO

ODESSA — Combining a unisex barbershop with a tattoo parlour and a nail salon, The Kult Studio is the ultimate self-care space in Ukraine's famed seaside resort. The client's brief called for a unified and contemporary approach, eschewing the clichéd vintage look of many salons. In addition, the architecture studio Sivak+Partners was given only 3 months from starting the design to delivery.

Instead, the architects have created a space that resembles a minimalist yet sophisticated boutique store. The main vaulted room has been designed in rough grey plaster, which creates a restrained atmosphere with matching angular barber chairs taking centre stage. The reception at the back of the space features a black polished marble desk, which adds luxury and

creates a focal point, while a stainless-steel wall with custom-made shelves allows hair-care products to be displayed. Together, these three elements create an aesthetic of strong contrasts within a highly restricted palette.

A small waiting area located on top of the mezzanine, featuring low slung sofas, gives customers a view of the hair salon, but also keeps the main space free of obstructions. The other spaces – the tattoo studio and nail parlour – are in the smaller, more closed off rooms to the side. The black and grey colour palette unifies the project, but crucially, given time constraints, allowed the architects to concentrate on designing the central reception area, which forms the centrepiece of the whole project.



The barbershop's restricted palette and angularity allowed the project to be completed within a tight deadline.

Right Black-coloured details create dimension while remaining within the barbershop's theme.

Opposite The reflective stainless-steel wall displaying various hair products adds light and contrast to the monochrome space.

Below Angularity is recalled in the overhead lighting fixtures.



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