

Swiss Concept Valencia, Spain

An ash wood-paneled reception desk complemented by soft lighting makes it clear that Swiss Concept, a facial surgery and dental clinic in Valencia is not a typical medical center. “The wood narrative marks the entire project, giving it a sense of calm,” says Barcelona-based architect Francesc Rifé. “The space features colors and materials that are typically applied throughout meditation spaces in Asian countries like Japan.” A walkway leads from the lobby area to the treatment rooms, which are located behind backlit frosted glass panels in the center of the space and accessible by sliding doors on either side to facilitate the flow of doctors and patients. Across from the treatment rooms, a long, ash wood bench integrated into the millwork creates a simple, nontraditional waiting area, while large windows with sliding panels allow light to softly filter inside. “Usually, when a patient goes to the doctor, they do it with fear, and we wanted to provide a calming space,” Rifé says. “The translucency of the rooms and the use of both natural and artificial light make this a very poetic project.”



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