



Hello Friends,

As we settle in to Autumn, we find ourselves reflecting on seasons of growth in our work, our communities, and within La Union Studio itself. October marked our **7 year business anniversary**, a milestone that fills us with deep gratitude for everyone who has walked this

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Seven years in, and our purpose remains the same to create spaces that nurture belonging, and inspire connection. Thank you for being part of our story — and for helping us build not just spaces, but shared legacies.

With gratitude,

**Sonia-Lynn + Sergio Max**

Founders of La Union Studio

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

# La Union Studio Turns 7!



Last month, we hosted a studio open house to celebrate **seven years of design, collaboration, and community**, and what an unforgettable evening it was. Our space came alive with the laughter and warmth of clients, partners, and friends who have shaped our journey from the very beginning.

The night was filled with stories shared over light bites and wine, moments of reflection on how far we've come, and excitement for what lies ahead. We're deeply grateful for everyone who joined us in marking this milestone and for all who continue to believe in the power of design to connect people, culture, and place.



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Thank you for being part of our story. Here's to the next seven years of creating spaces that inspire belonging.

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From heartfelt toasts to spontaneous reunions, these moments capture the joy and community spirit that define La Union Studio. Scroll through a few of our favorite highlights from the evening below each one a small reflection of the relationships that make our work possible.

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## PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS



## FROM SEATTLE TO NEW JERSEY

# Our First Visit to Ayala Coffee!

This month, our team traveled across the country to finally step inside *Ayala Coffee*—a space we help bringing to life from afar!



*Photo: Mike Hom*

Warmth meets modern craft in this Filipino-owned coffee shop nestled in Union Township, New Jersey. But beyond its beautiful finishes and thoughtful textures, what struck us most was the energy of the place—the laughter, the aroma, and the sense of belonging that filled the room.



For us, this visit was more than a site walk—it was a moment of reflection. Designing from Seattle for a community across the country taught us so much: how to listen deeply, communicate with trust, and design through the lens of shared values even when miles apart.

We're endlessly grateful to our clients, Matthew and Trixie, for their vision and trust, and to our collaborators who helped bring this space to life. Here's to more spaces that bridge distance through design, and to the stories that remind us—home can be built anywhere.

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## CLIENT SPOTLIGHTS

### Laro Tayo

“Laro Tayo” — Tagalog for *let’s play!* is Kent’s newest indoor play space.





Photo: Meredith Charaba

Designed in partnership with founder **Joysha Fajardo**, Laro Tayo is a vibrant, light-filled environment that celebrates imagination, connection, and Filipino culture. Every detail from hand-painted murals by artist **Shayla Hufana** to custom-built wooden playhouses was designed to foster creativity while honoring the Filipino value of *bayanihan*, the spirit of community and shared care.



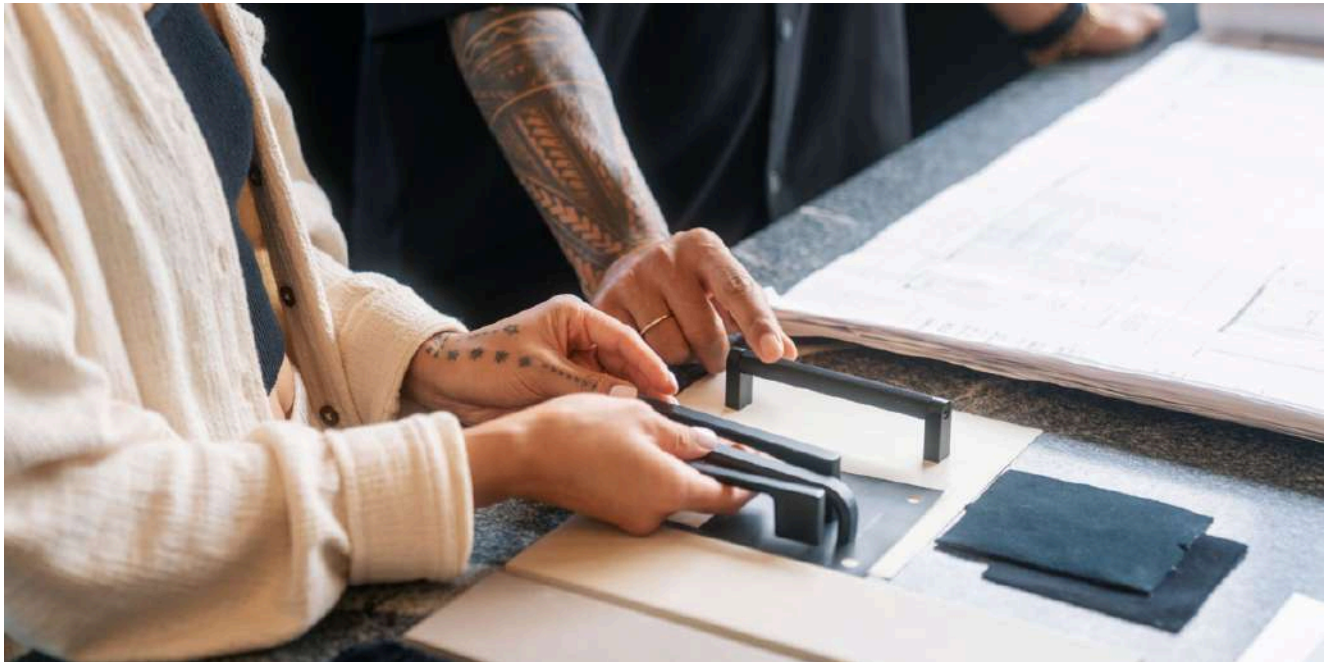
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quiet play. Beyond a place for children to explore, Laro Tayo serves as a cultural gathering space for families offering workshops, pop-ups with local makers, and opportunities for community connection.

For La Union Studio, this project embodies our mission to design spaces that nurture identity, joy, and belonging, where every corner tells a story of culture and care. We're proud to see our client, **Laro Tayo**, featured on **ParentMap.com**, celebrating spaces that bring community and creativity together.

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