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Fish Tank

Alataş Architecture

'There's plenty of fish in the sea' is an understatement when you're in Istanbul. Turkey's most fascinating city has direct access to two major bodies of water: the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara. Asked to tackle the branding of local fast-food restaurant Dardenia Fish + Sushi, Alataş Architecture crafted an interior that emphasizes Dardenia's reputation as a trustworthy eatery. By making a section of the floor upstairs transparent, the designers put the ground-level kitchen on display, inviting diners to look down and watch the cooks in action. The see-through portion of the floor also allows light to filter through to the space below. The overall result is a light, airy interior with interesting contrasts, particularly cool versus warm and the balance between formality and informality. — NB

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