

# ATELIER RZLBD 2

DON RIVER RAVINE  
TORONTO  
CANADA

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## Project Credits

Client: RZLBD  
Program: Atelier  
Location: Toronto, Canada

Structure: Concrete, Steel & Wood Framing  
Lot Area: N/A (part of an office building)  
Size (GFA): 85 m2 (900 sqft)

Design: 2017  
Completion: Summer 2017

Architects: Atelier RZLBD / Reza Aliabadi  
Construction: HYZ Construction Inc.  
Architectural Photography: Sebastien Beauregard

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In the greenbelt next to the Don River Ravine and the Betty Sutherland Trail, RZLBD builds its new fort as a condensation of the architectural values that have defined all the works of the atelier—geometry, order, materiality, detailing, lighting, etc. Derived from the existing central entrance that imposes a central axis, symmetry dictates the spatial order. Workstations custom-made with hot-rolled metal are pushed to the two side walls, in order to create a large empty space in the center. The central area is designed to be flexible and adaptable; defined loosely by the surrounding symmetrical passages and the fabric curtains running in the center and at the far two ends, it is a space that mind sees—invisible and intangible yet capable of infinite configurations. On a bare concrete floor and under a grid of ceiling spotlights, the entire space permeates across functions. The ephemerality of the curtain dividers betrays the eyes, maintaining the sense of being in one empty room.