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# Toby's Estate

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Australia's love affair with artisanal third-wave coffee is no secret, and a newly opened cafe at Sydney's Darling Square is set to become a showpiece for the best that the country has to offer. Toby's Estate, a Woolloomooloo-founded coffee roaster, has opened its fourth physical space in the sweeping foyer of the recently completed, Wood Bagots-designed Commonwealth Bank of Australia headquarters. Melbourne design firm Studio Tate was tasked with creating a luxurious space that was congruent with the rest of the building. The result is an interior that references the opulent materials used in historic Old World treasuries of yore—cue heavy black marble walls and a patchwork of lighter colored marbles used for the flooring. Meanwhile, tables were rendered in a dark green marble, while booth seating made

of timber and upholstered in light pink velvet act as a counterpoint to the wealth of stone. Standing counters that call to mind those that were used to write cheques on can be found affixed to the back of these booths for patrons looking for a quick caffeine fix.

The eponymous Toby Smith—a former lawyer who founded Toby's Estate in 1997 after stints living in coffee communities around the world—sources the cafe's beans primarily from his farm in Panama. The beans have become a black gold of sorts, funding the growth of the company into Asia, the Middle East and the United States, and making the vault-like vocabulary of this latest location strangely apt, in a country where coffee has become its own type of cultural currency.