



Ablution, or ritual washing, of one's body parts is a common practice associated with meditation spaces. The basic process typically takes less than three minutes and involves the rinsing of the face, arms, and feet.

This project was prompted by UNC Charlotte students requesting a space for ritual washing near a spirituality suite in the Cone Student Center. Ritual washing, often referred to as ablution, is practiced in many religions, including Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and Hinduism, as a form of purification before prayer or worship. The project's intent is to create a space for spiritual reflection while celebrating inclusivity. Rich color, warm lighting, and carefully designed installations contribute to this vision.

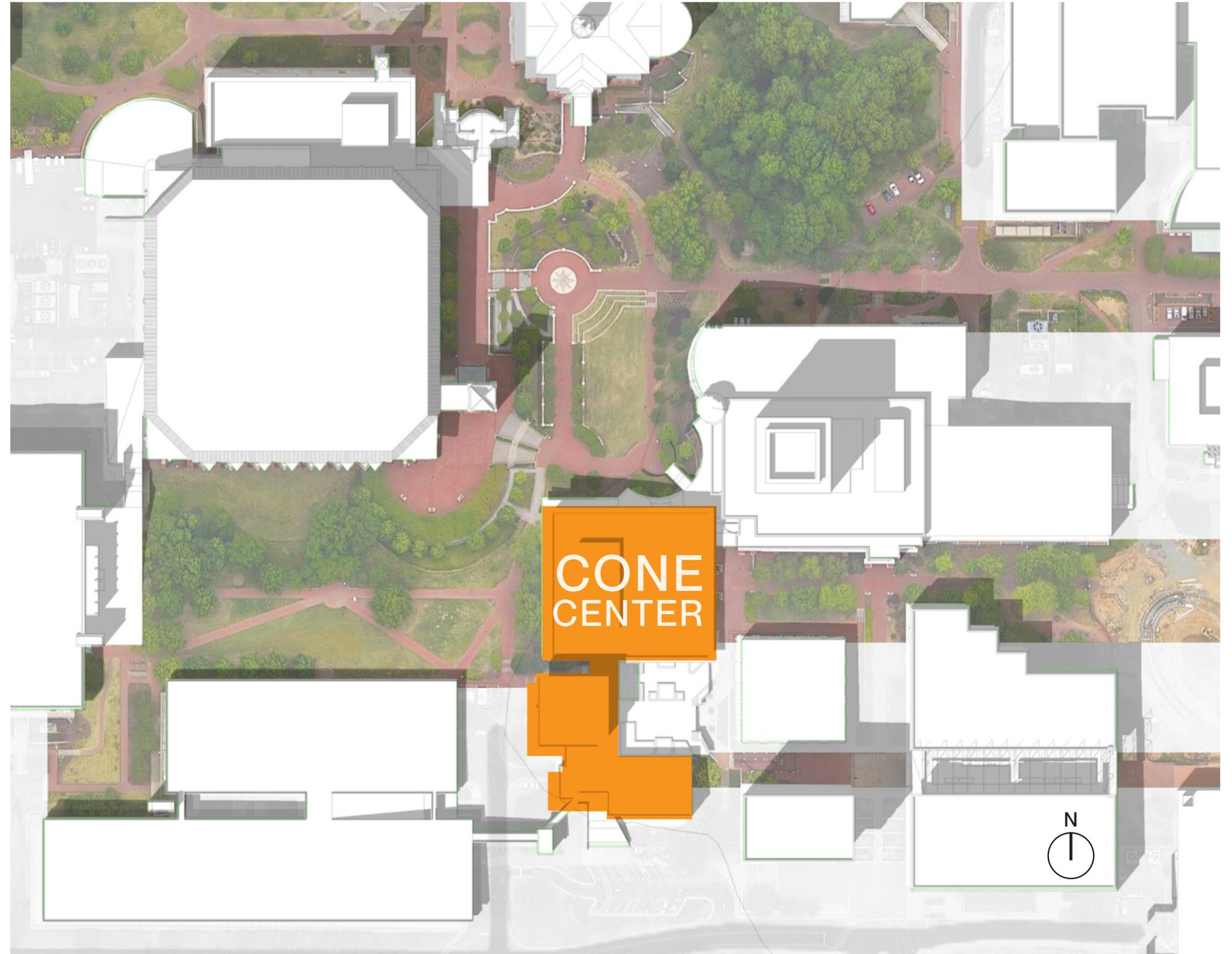
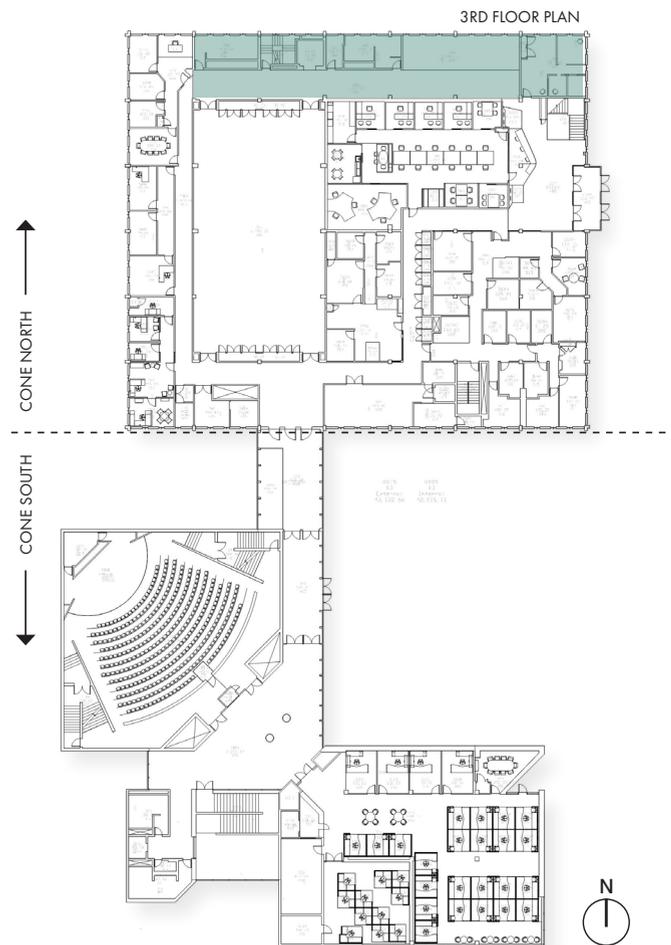
With no similar spaces on campus and few in the U.S., the design team engaged in a thorough process of study and iteration. They collaborated with UNC Charlotte students, individuals who practice ritual washing, and the university's accessibility director to ensure the space is both functional and respectful. The room features a custom wash basin designed to accommodate various bodies, postures, and abilities. The basin includes two faucets—one by a teak bench and the other near open floor space—for wheelchair accessibility. The bench, also meeting accessibility standards, offers flexibility in use and features integrated towel hooks and shoe storage.

The result is a thoughtfully designed, beautiful, and equitable space that meets the diverse spiritual needs of the campus community.

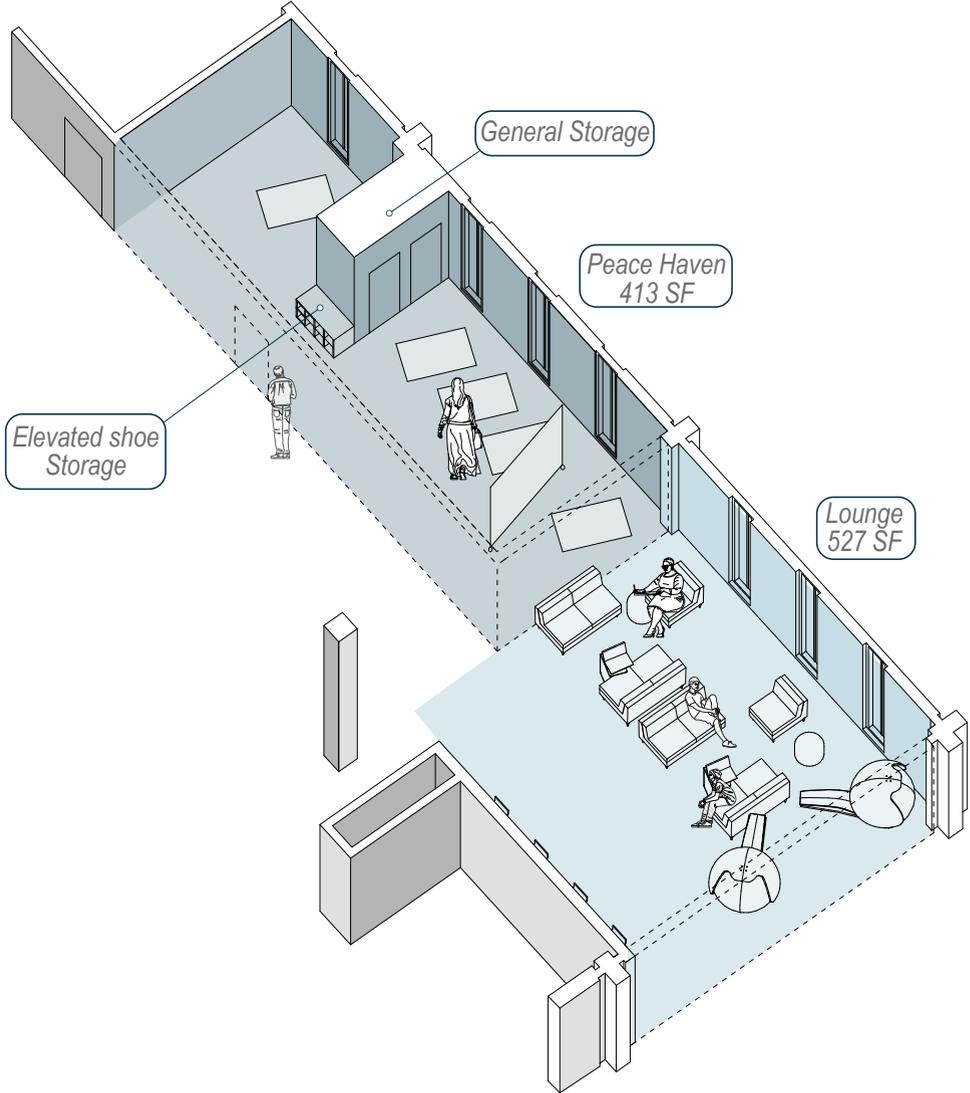
CAMPUS CONTEXT

The UNC Charlotte Space for Wellness and Ritual Washing was a renovation done within the **Cone Student Center** with the primary purpose of adding an ablution station in association with the Peace Haven meditation space, currently located on the 3rd floor of the building.

Until recently, the Cone Student Center lacked adequate facilities for ablution. The only public restrooms on the 3rd floor are the men's and women's group restrooms, which, for several reasons, do not meet ADA accessibility standards, not the least of which is a 2-inch transition at each door threshold. Though some individuals use the group restrooms for ablution, many others choose to ablate in the adjacent building, Colvard Hall, because that is the location of the nearest single occupant restrooms.



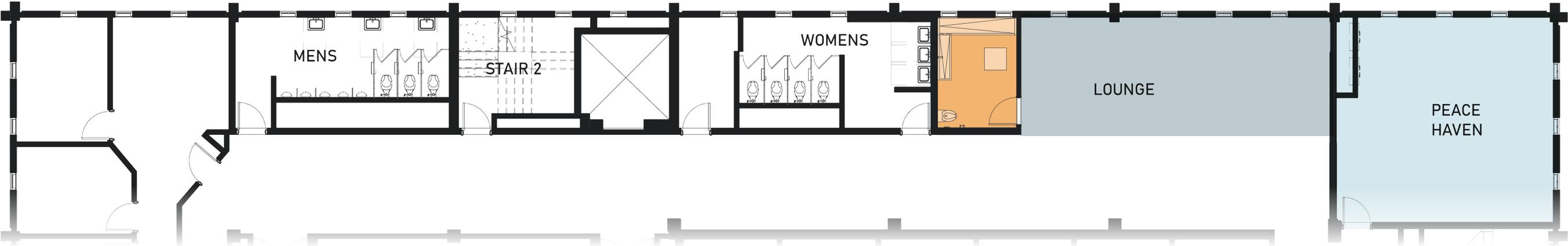
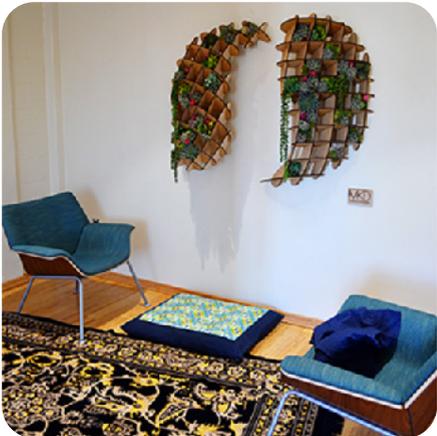
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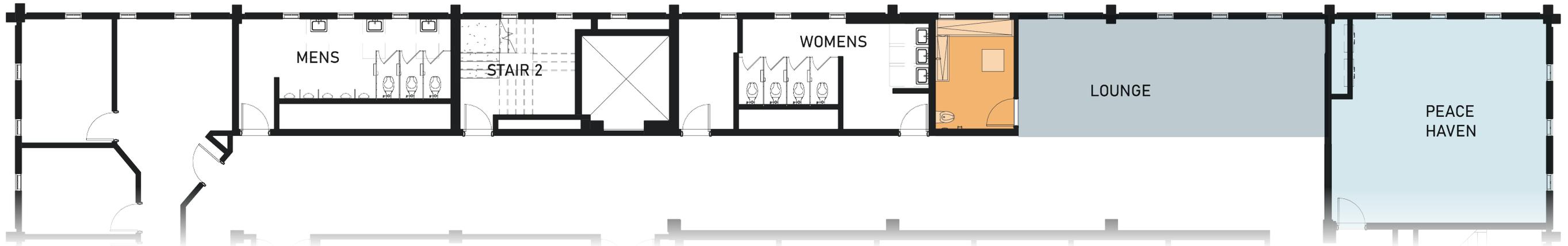
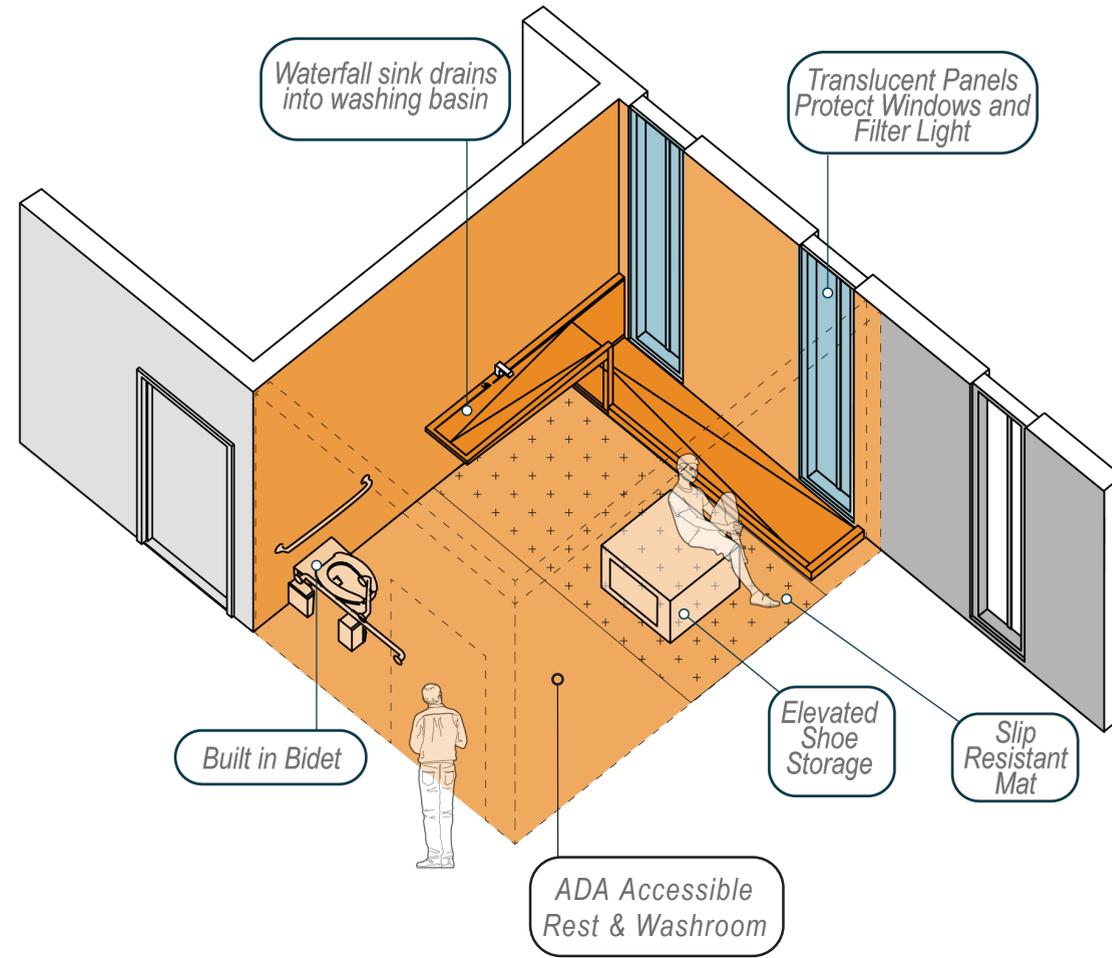


Peace Haven





Ablution + Restroom





Ablution for Muslims, also known as **Wudu**, is a ritual washing that prepares Muslims for prayer. It's a vital part of cleanliness and purity in Islam.

1. Intention & Say Bismillah

Prepare yourself to perform wudu and begin by saying "Bismillah"

2. Wash hands

Wash your hands three times, starting with your right hand and then left

3. Rinse mouth

Rinse your mouth three times

4. Sniff water

Sniff water into your nostrils three times



5. Wash face

Wash your face three times

6. Wash arms

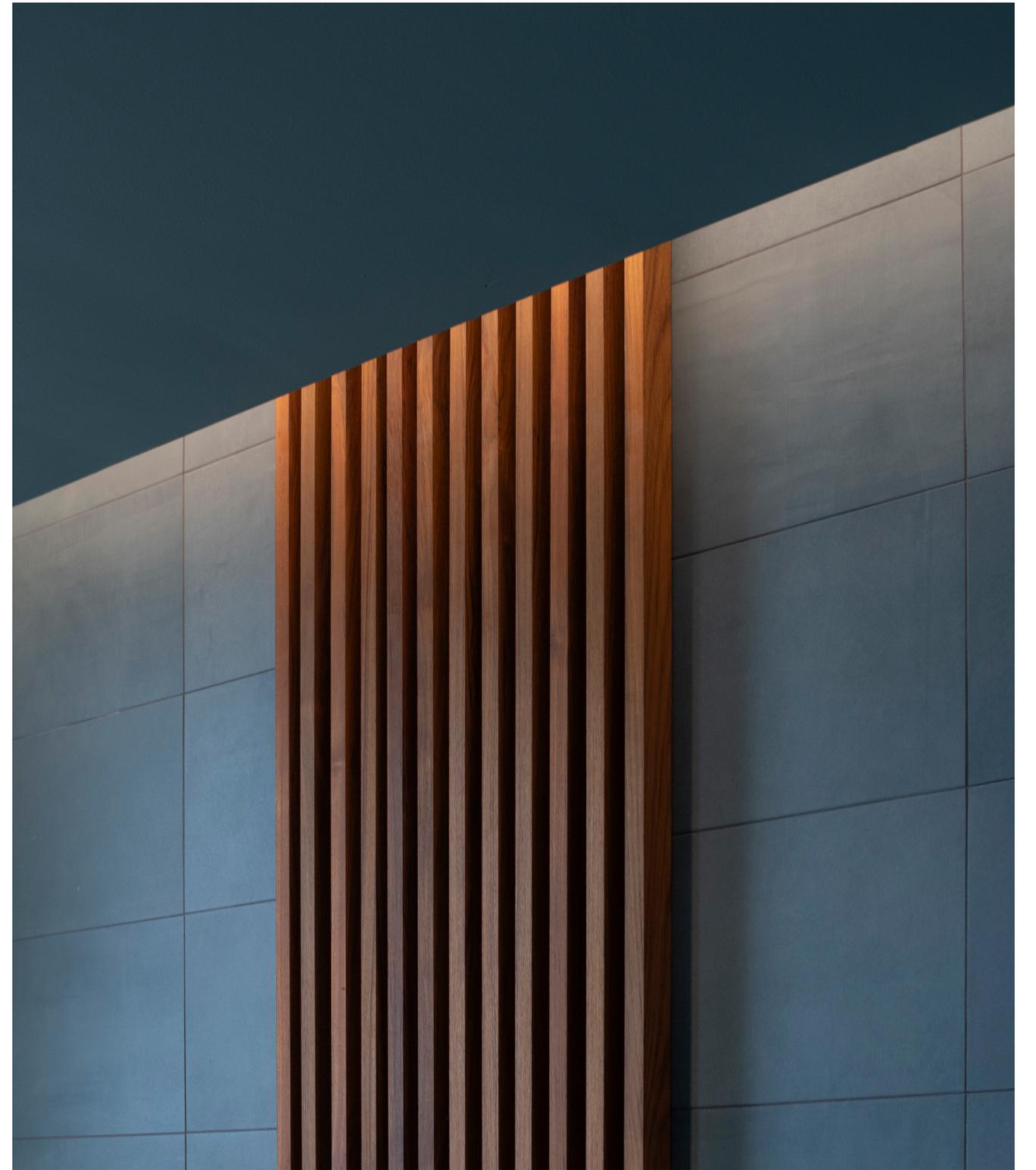
Wash both arms, including the elbows, once or twice

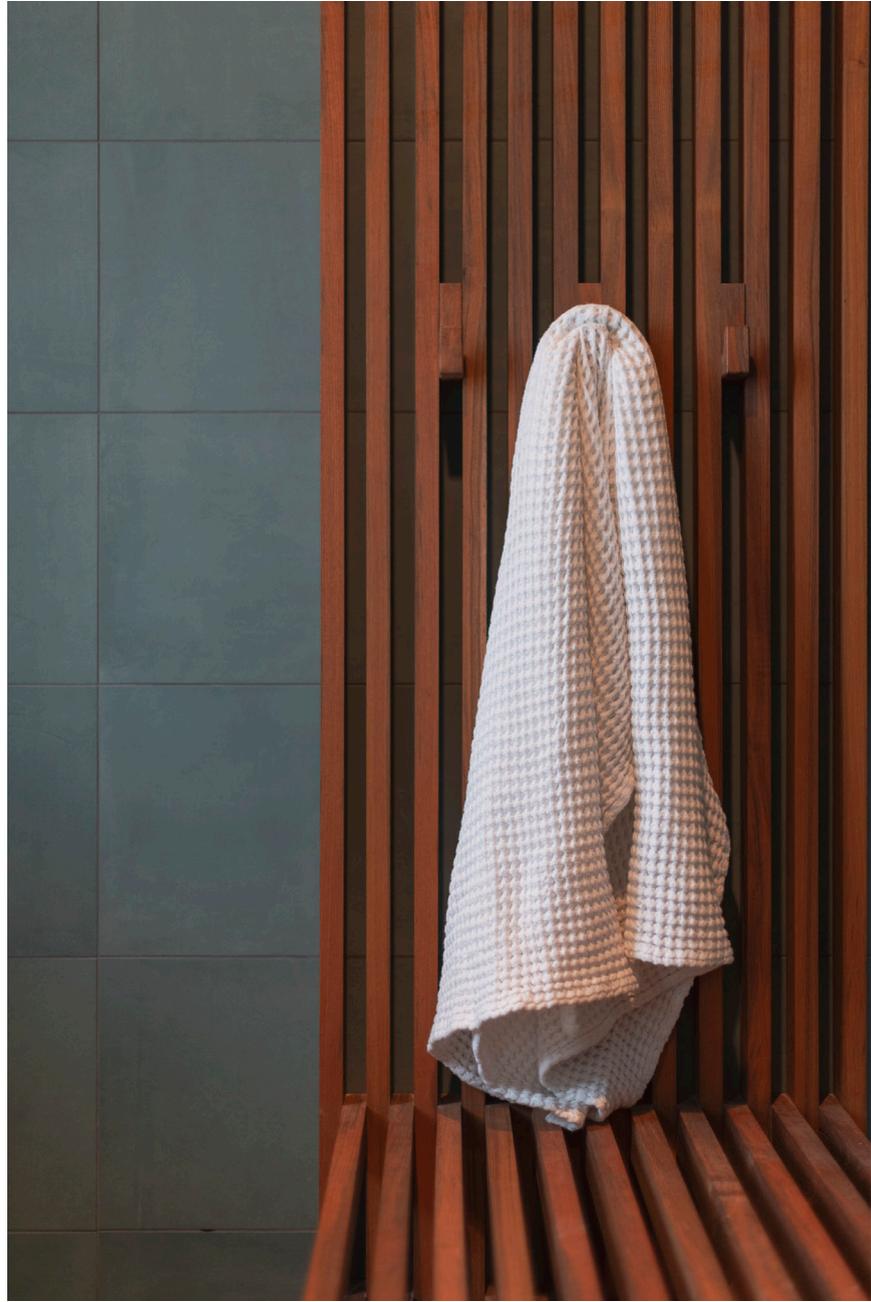
7. Wipe head & ears

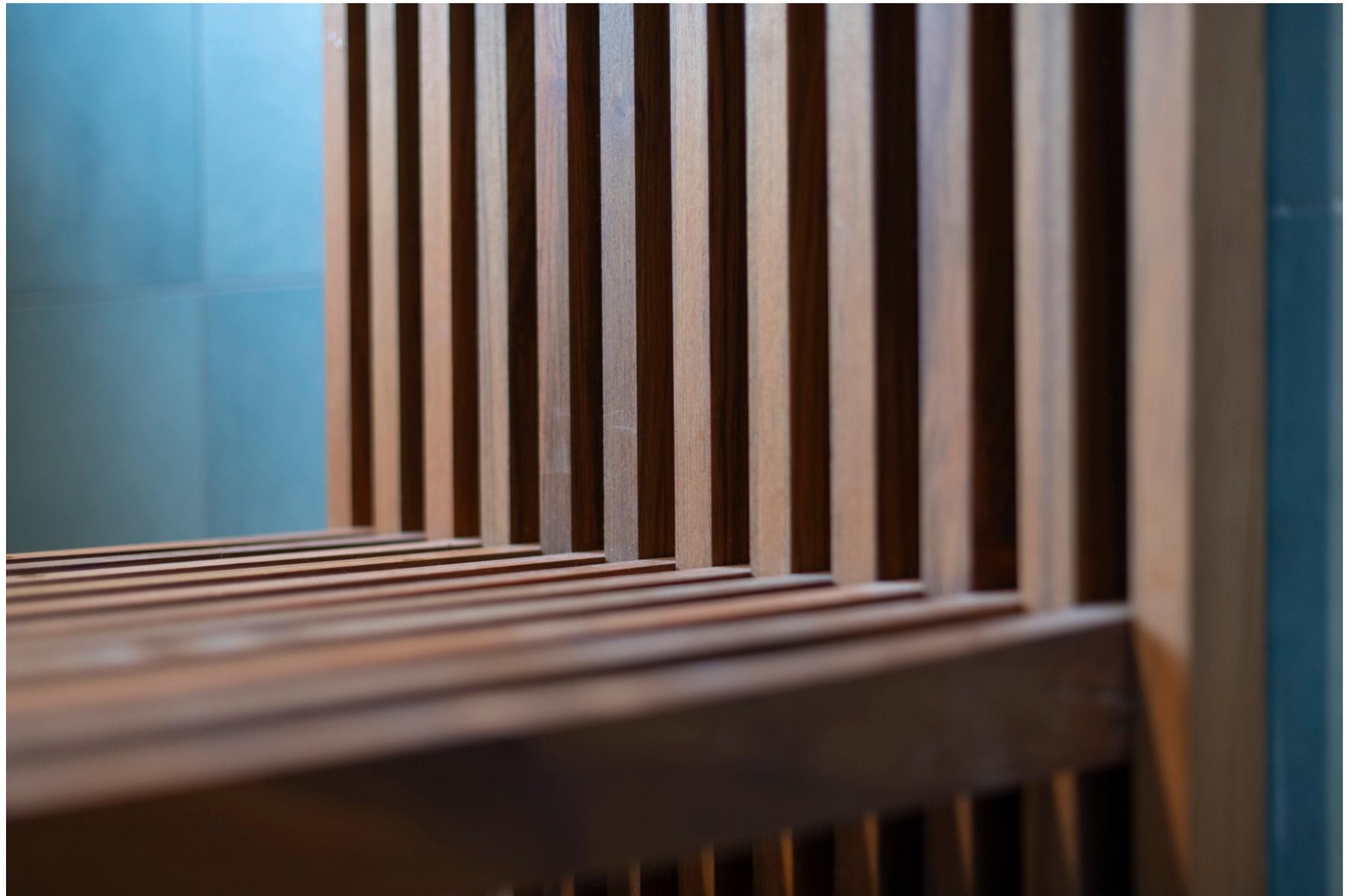
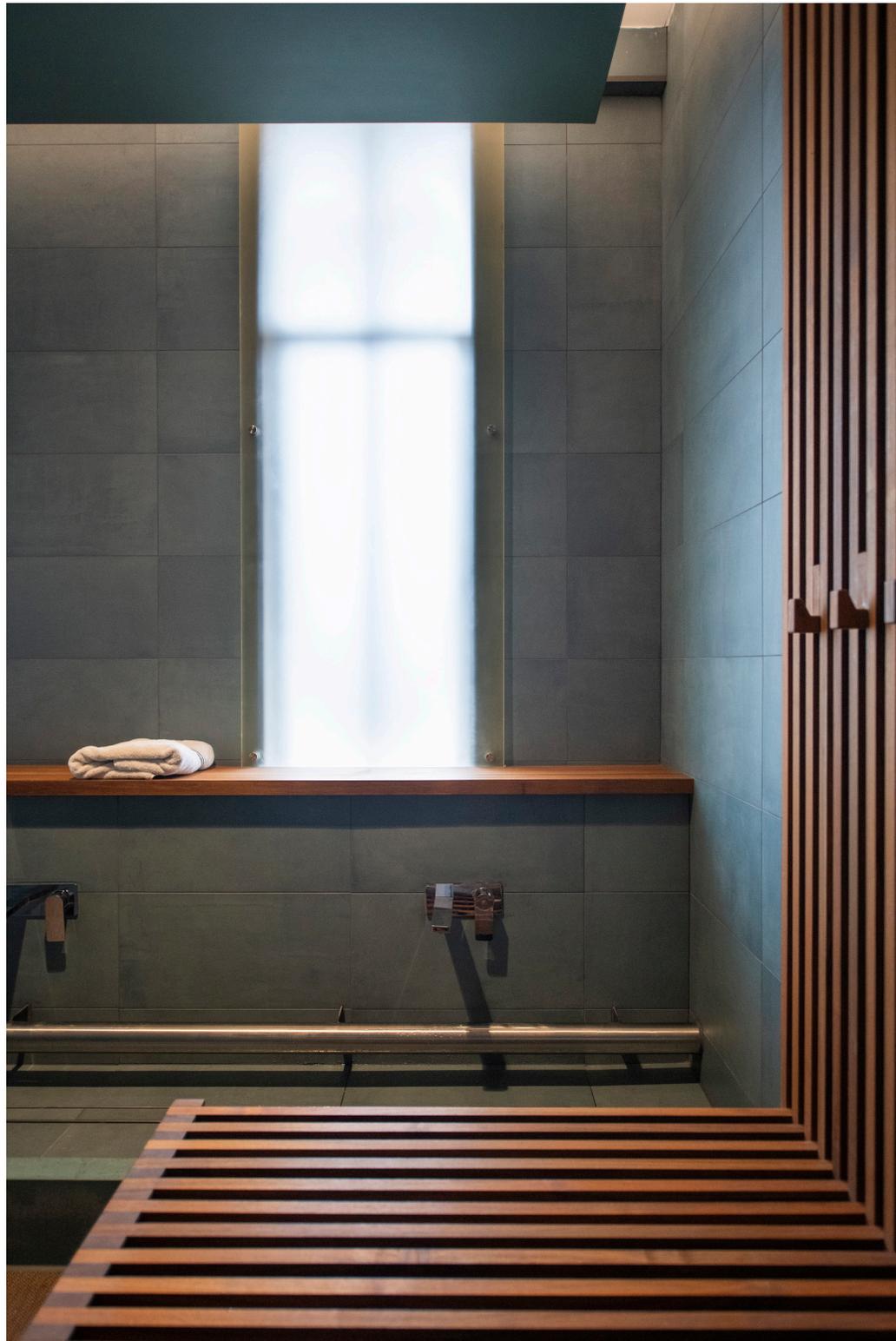
Wipe a fourth of your head and ears with the water left on your hand

8. Wash feet

Wash both feet once













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