

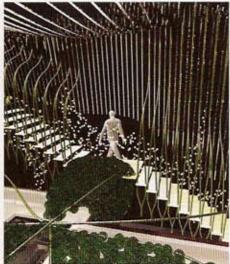




Renewed Focus

Oahu, Hawaii is now home to Hotel Renew, a new boutique hotel that offers touches of green design throughout the space. Designed by interior and product designer Jiun Ho, the 72-room hotel was inspired by the earth's natural elements and uses tranquil colors and clean lines to portray a balanced environment.

Guests get to enjoy organic juices and teas on driftwood sculptures upon arrival. Each guestroom has organic products, 500-thread count sheets, and dark wood furnishings. The hotel is part of the Planet Renew Environmental Program, a pledge to be an eco-friendly establishment, following such guidelines as installing energy-efficient lighting and low-flow faucets, using key cards made from recycled plastic, and hiring a certified green landscaper. The space is also working with Hawaii's Green Business program along with other local organizations. www.hotelrenew.com



Green Groovin'

To create Greenhouse, a New York City nightclub planning on LEED certification, Antonio Di Oronzo, principal of local firm Bluarch, decided to bring the outdoors into the double-height space. "I decided to stay away from re-creating a greenhouse, and opted to transpose the notion of landscape to an interior space," says Di Oronzo.

Because the space is long and narrow,