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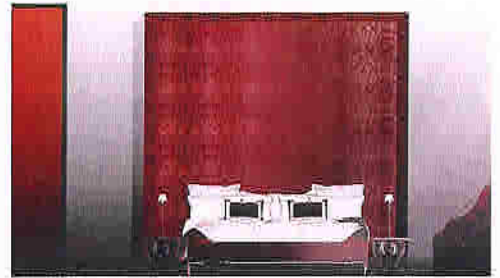
THE PEOPLE AND IDEAS BEHIND TODAY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL DESIGN

# Hotels. New openings blend ways to save Mother Earth with high design and a place to lay your head



## Verdura Golf & Spa Resort • Sicily

The newest addition to hotelier Rocco Forte's expanding empire, Verdura—opening in May—sits on 1.2 miles of coastline and has all the trappings of a five-star resort. But unlike most luxe havens, Verdura uses solar panels to generate hot water and electricity and double-glazed windows to conserve energy, and it has banned cars from the grounds, opting instead for electric buggies. [verdurasort.com](http://verdurasort.com)



## The NoMad • New York City

Interior designer Jacques Garcia—of Paris' Hôtel Costes fame—is readying the NoMad to reopen this fall, made over in his signature French style and loaded with plenty of eco-conscious features like automatic window shades, organic mini-bars, high-efficiency bathroom fixtures and a green roof. [thenomadhotel.com](http://thenomadhotel.com)



## Bardessono • Napa Valley, Calif.

It may be small—just 62 rooms—but from the vertical garden in the entry to 82 geothermal fields for heating and cooling to 100,000 sq. ft. of reclaimed wood, this hotel packs a lot of green for the punch. [bardessono.com](http://bardessono.com)



## Hotel Shangri-La • Santa Monica, Calif.

Sometimes it's the little things that add up. While the newly revamped Hotel Shangri-La uses important energy-saving fixtures like dual-flush toilets, the focus at this Art Deco-style hotel is on discreet changes like biodegradable packaging for bath amenities and recycled-paper stationery. [shangri-la-hotel.com](http://shangri-la-hotel.com)



## Estancia Vik • José Ignacio, Uruguay

This sprawling 4,000-acre estate boasts luxuries like a private polo field, a granite pool and artwork in every suite. But the retreat's best assets are the windmill, solar panels, organic garden and locally sourced fish, eggs and organic meat that help make the property self-sustaining. [estanciavik.com](http://estanciavik.com)



## Hyatt at Olive 8 • Seattle

Not a typical big-city hotel, the Hyatt at Olive 8 embraces nature. It has an 8,355-sq.-ft. living rooftop, and with an all-glass façade, 75% of its interior spaces are graced with daylight. The hotel's Elaia spa uses all-natural ingredients for treatments like Olive Therapy and Market Fresh. [olive8.hyatt.com](http://olive8.hyatt.com) —By Betsy Kroll