



↑ EMERALD VALLEY VILLA

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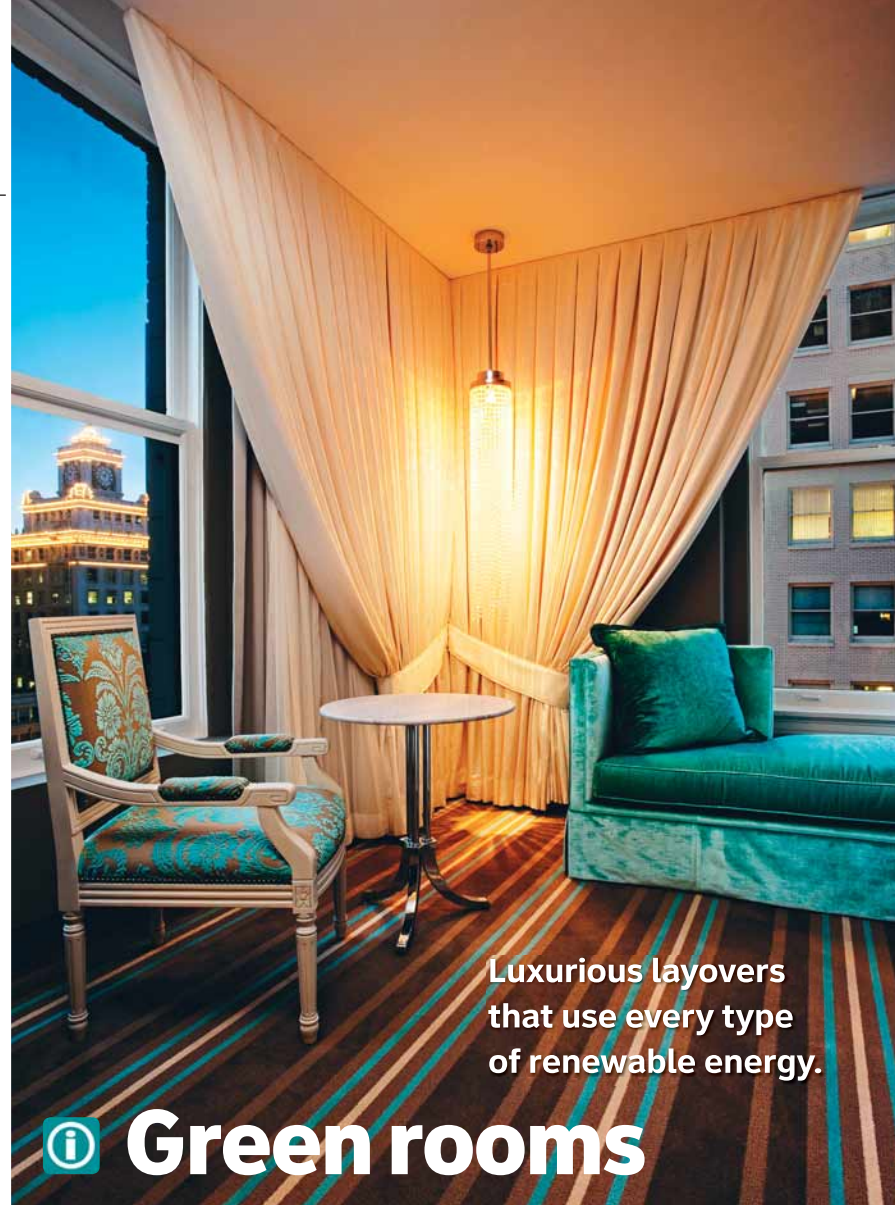
Secluded in the Byron Bay hinterland, this sprawling five-star retreat is as much a luxe chaser's delight as it is an eco-warrior's ecstasy. Besides marble bathrooms and open-air spas, the property is 100 per cent water self-sufficient, most of the furniture is made from recycled timber, and you can even rent "climate-neutral" Range Rovers. From \$1000.



↑ GOOD HOTEL

112 7th Street, San Francisco, USA.
+1 (415) 621 7001. www.jdvhotels.com

Fresh from an eco-refurbishment, the Good Hotel in San Francisco's SOMA enclave is positively green. All 117 rooms are kitted out with furniture made from reclaimed and recycled materials, and each has light fixtures that were once glass water bottles. From \$US89 (\$124).



Luxurious layovers
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Green rooms

↑ THE NINES

525 SW Morrison, Portland, Oregon, USA. +1 (877) 229 9995. www.thenines.com

Eco-consciousness and luxurious surrounds are at one at Portland's new Nines hotel. Situated in the historic Meier & Frank building, The Nines claims to use 100 per cent renewable energy and only Green Seal certified cleaning products. Through smart design it aims to save some two million litres of water a year. From \$US129 (\$180).



GREEN NEWS

A \$3 million building-mounted solar panel system – the largest in Australia – will soon rest atop **Crowne Plaza Alice Springs.**

The 13 solar arrays will service 40-80 per cent of the hotel's power requirements. From \$195.

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GRAND HYATT NEW YORK

"In my favourite city in the world – New York – the Grand Hyatt is centrally located next to Grand Central Station. It is also the only Manhattan hotel to complete a comprehensive compliance audit of eco initiatives, including energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling and environmentally safe cleaning. The hotel has undertaken 31 eco initiatives, has a Green Team Leader and is focused in its efforts to create a more sustainable travel future, reducing its impact on the environment."

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