

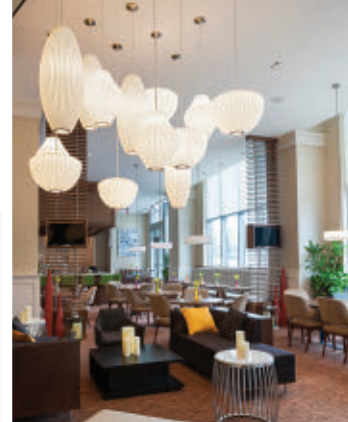
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Hilton Garden Inn LIC

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Hot off the presses, the Hilton Garden Inn LIC was completed just this past April. Located one subway stop from Manhattan in order to produce fewer carbon emissions from guests, this LEED Silver property calls one of the fastest-growing neighborhoods in the Queens borough home.

AJC Design focused on combining local construction materials and high-efficiency technologies, such as recycled heating and cooling created with an enthalpy wheel (which exchanges heat and humidity from one air-stream into another and helps provide fresher air to all spaces).

A tight building envelope prevents energy leakage, and helps the

building use and waste less energy with the added benefit of uber-quiet guestrooms. The hotel also features a green room that reduces heat absorption, and has sedum plants to absorb rain volume and reduce city storm flow, protecting the city river from pollutants (not to mention absorbing carbon dioxide and providing a distinct visual enhancement to the building).

While a commitment to sustainability is evident in every detail, painstaking work was spent on ensuring the space was beautiful and welcoming as well. "I love the wooden ceiling at the reception area, and the artwork from Peter Glassford. Both add texture, warmth, and color to the space," said Alicia Cannon, principal with AJC Design. The team brought in furniture with bright pops of yellow and orange and developed custom pieces like built-in casegoods to add luxury and space to small guestrooms.

Sounds like the Hilton Garden Inn offers a quiet respite that maintains the look—but not the chatter—of similar up-and-coming New York City neighborhoods. **LS**

This space proves again that sustainability and aesthetics don't have to come at the expense of one another.

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