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The **COCOON Hotel**, is one of the Philippines' environmentally responsible and sustainable boutique hotels situated in one of the affluent communities in South Triangle, Quezon City. This 40-room boutique hotel boasts of 5-star amenities and services derived from a vision from its owners, Atty. Rafael and Regina Vinzon to be green and design sustainable hotel.

Partnering with SL+A Manila, the owners are committed to saving the environment by making use of reclaimed wood and other renewable building materials. With the installation of dual piping system for grey and potable water and an underground water stream, this enables rain and ground water harvesting and the water harvested is used for toilet flushing, plant irrigation and general house cleaning. It also made use of water saving bath fixtures such as faucets with aerators and Siphonic jet toilet flushing. Energy efficient lighting fixtures and other green building initiatives were also used in this project.

It is the plan of the owners to have their hotel building accredited for Green certification in the near future.

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Our Services:

- Interior Design Consultancy,
- Design and Build,
- Feasibility and Strategic Space Studies,
- Project Management,
- Environment a Brand: Brand Application to Interiors,
- Sustainability Advisers, based on USGBC's LEED Accreditation

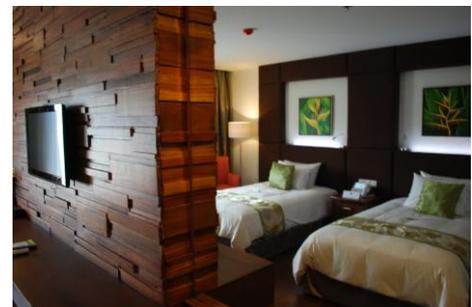
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The Cocoon Hotel, Quezon City

Location : Scout Tobias corner Scout Rallos, Quezon City
 Net Floor Area : 2,327 square meters
 Scope of Services : Interior Design
 Project Manager : Bob Sanchez
 Targeting Completion : September 2011

The Cocoon Hotel has a high ceiling ballroom that can accommodate 250 pax or it can be converted into two separate function rooms for 100 pax each. For a romantic dining experience, there is The Deck Bar and Breakfast Venue.



Ben's 79th Birthday



Still working the daily grind here at SL+A Manila, Ben Hughes turned 79 years old this July 22. Happy Birthday to you Mr. Hughes as it pleases us to no end to tell you that it is an honor and pleasure to work with you. You have inspired us to do better just by your mere presence. May you have more wonderful and creative years to come!

Hari Raya Card Design Competition



Congratulations to Andika Putra (Designer from SL+A Kuala Lumpur) for winning this year's Hari Raya Card Competition. His compelling and inspiring design is being used to convey our personalized festive wishes to our valued clients, family and friends. The following winners are Ikhwan Razali (3D Visualizer), Rostam Abdullah (Documentation Manager) and Shahrizal (Designer). The festive card competition is an annual tradition in our local office to initiate creativity, inspire each other and to celebrate this season's festivity.

Management would like to say big "Thank You" to all the participants for taking the time and effort to come up with their designs!



Congratulations to the winner, Andika Putra!

Excerpts from "Consumer Reports" magazine - May 2011

An Allergen-free Room is Nothing to Sneeze-at!

First came smoke-free hotel rooms, then rooms reserved for pets and their owners. And now, special rooms for allergy and asthma sufferers.

Major chains, including Hyatt, Hilton, Marriott, Sheraton, and Fairmont, are setting aside "hypoallergenic" rooms, which they say have fewer airborne particles and irritants bothersome to guests with seasonal or environmental allergies.

Creating a hypoallergenic hotel room (handled in many hotels by a company called PURE Solutions) is no small task. It involves, for example, installing a powerful air purifier (listed as a medical device by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration); scrubbing carpeting and upholstery with a solution designed to remove imperceptible dirt, bacteria, and mold; treating surfaces with an antibacterial shield; and wrapping mattresses and pillows in cases fine enough to block the passage of dust mites.

Hypoallergenic rooms are usually available only at the chains' high-end locations, such as the Hilton San Diego Bayfront and the Marriott Cincinnati River Center.

However, Hyatt says it plans to offer about 2,000 such rooms at all 125 of its full-service properties. The price for those spic-and-span digs is \$20 to \$40 higher per night than for a comparable conventional hotel room.

Hotel-industry expert Bjorn Hanson, Dean of New York University's Tisch Center for Hospitality, says he doubts the trend in hypoallergenic guest rooms will trickle down to most lower-priced lodging, because of the expertise required to maintain the standards.

"No hotel company wants to get involved in a dispute or the bad publicity of a room advertised as being allergy-free that turns out not to be, and a guest experiences a medical problem," Hanson says.

If you book an allergy-free room but wheeze anyway, can you get your money back? "If we were unable to meet this demand for whatever reason," says Mike Taylor, public relations director at Fairmont Hotels, "then I'm sure we would look at refunding the guest for any additional investment that was made to secure this type of room category."