

GREAT RENOVATIONS!

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**KATHARINE  
HEPBURN'S  
ESTATE**

**T&C'S NEW  
PENTHOUSE  
SUITE**

**THE  
ULTIMATE  
KITCHEN**

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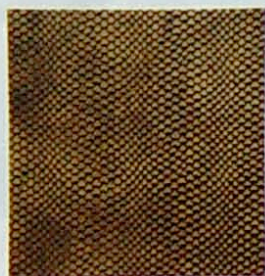
The T&C Suite  
at the Lowell Hotel

Renovating? Leap ahead of the curve with these upgrades.



**Greener surfaces.** These eco-friendly materials are also great performers. Clockwise from top left: Bamboo flooring comes from a quickly renewable source and takes stain beautifully (to the trade, [archsystems.com](http://archsystems.com)). Plantation-grown palm wood has mahogany's rich color ([durapalm.com](http://durapalm.com)). Eco-Terr terrazzo for flooring or countertops is made of 80 percent recycled stone and glass (two options shown; [coveringsetc.com](http://coveringsetc.com)).

**Smoother sinks.** Integrated bowls and tops are all the rage—and so easy to clean. Kohler has four new cast-iron designs (including the one below; [kohler.com](http://kohler.com)). If glass is more your style, check out Vitraform's sinks in eye-popping colors ([vitraform.com](http://vitraform.com)).



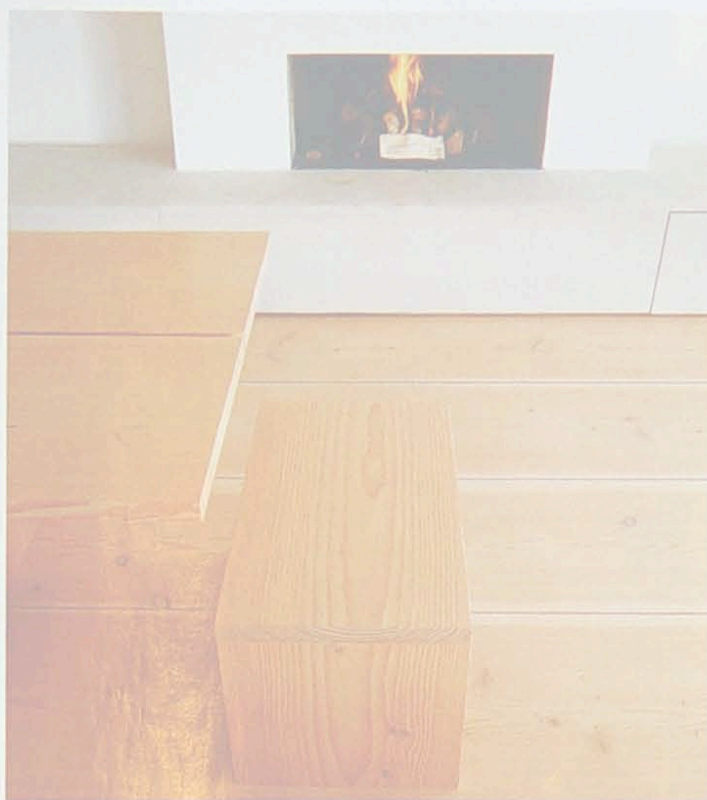
**Softer walls.** Leather has a long history as a floor covering. Now the surprisingly durable material is being used on walls, too, where its sound-muffling quality really makes a difference. Edelman's leather tiles for walls and floors include ones stamped with a python pattern (above). [edelmanleather.com](http://edelmanleather.com).



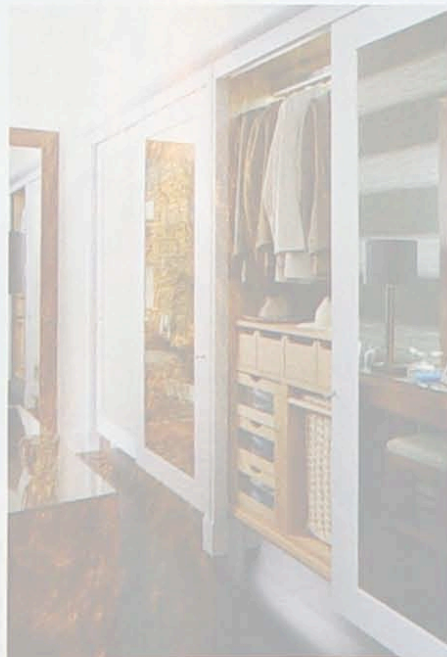
**Brighter hardware.** Streamlined crystal knobs by Nanz (below) dazzle on doorways old and new. Available in six styles and sixteen metal finishes. [nanz.com](http://nanz.com).



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**Wider floorboards.** The design world has fallen for wide-plank flooring, and it's easy to see why. Dinesen Danish floors (above), in farmed Douglas fir or white oak, are a favorite of John Pawson's. Planks can be ordered up to 35 millimeters wide and 450 millimeters long ([dinesen-floors.com](http://dinesen-floors.com)). Herzog & de Meuron have used Mafi Austrian oak in their 40 Bond condominium project for Ian Schrager in New York City ([mafivideplankfloors.com](http://mafivideplankfloors.com)).



**Bigger closets.** Following the trend toward open kitchens, the master bedroom is becoming one with its closet and bath, yielding a single, ever-roomier space. Kitchen designer Smallbone now makes bespoke closets, as well (left; [smallbone.co.uk](http://smallbone.co.uk)), while Poliform continues to be an innovator in loft-style fitted closets ([poliformusa.com](http://poliformusa.com)).