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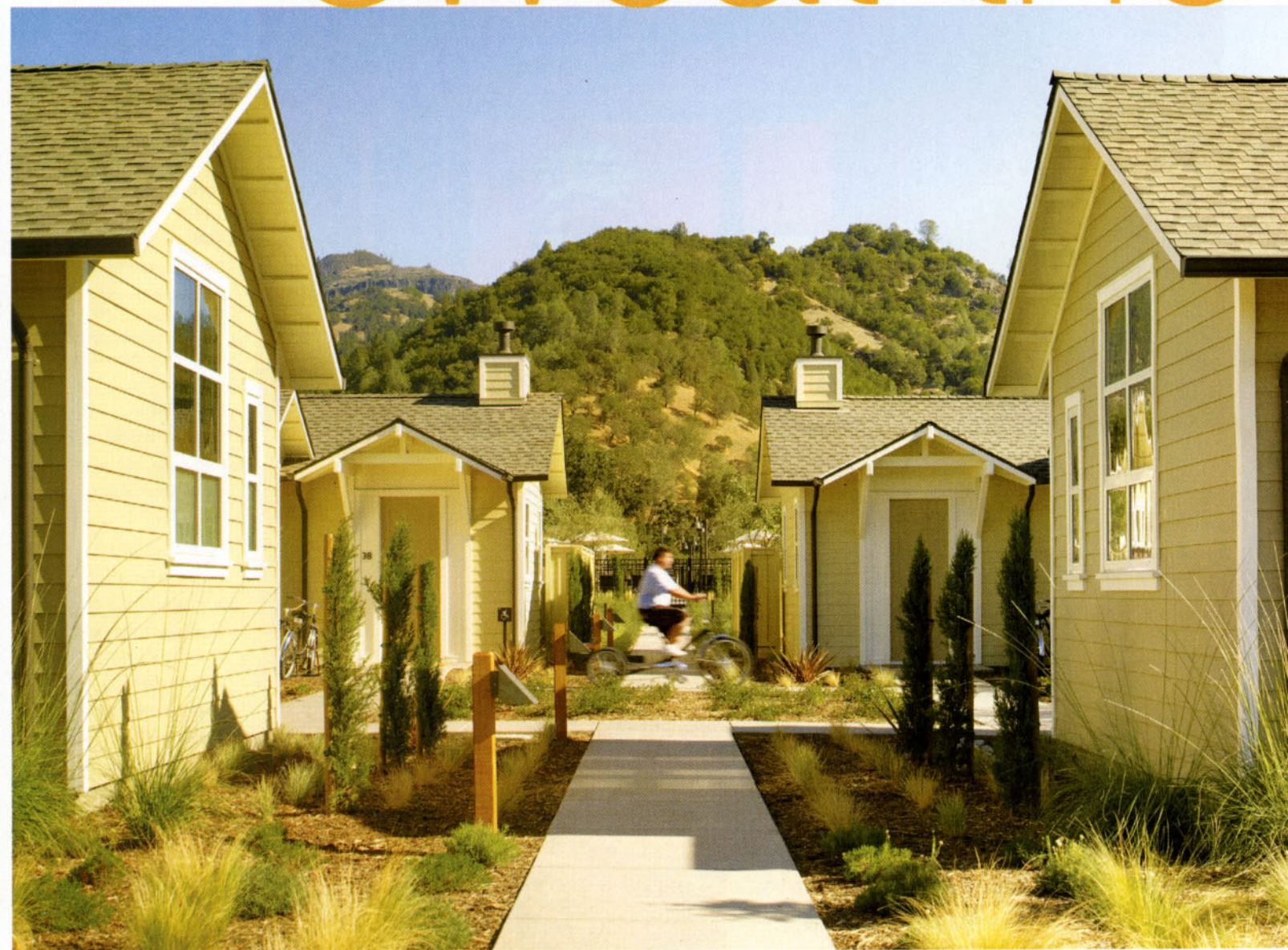
## the green issue



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**Auberge Resorts' newest brand  
pays attention to the sustainable details**

# small stuff



**To create a brand** for the young, urban set, Auberge Resorts turned to San Francisco interior design firm Dowling Kimm Studios. “They wanted it to be something that was hip and modern and young like the Delano in Miami, but something that was more pertinent to the area,” says lead designer Lorissa Kimm of Solage Calistoga, her firm’s first completed hospitality project.

“They also wanted it to be very green.” And though LEED certification turned out not to be a good fit with the layout, the 89-room cottage-style resort and spa does obviously value sustainability.

Thanks to local hot springs, geothermal energy heats various parts of the resort, including the floors and soaking pools at the 20,000-square-foot spa, and solar

*Opposite page:* Guests have complimentary use of bicycles to pedal around the cottage-style Solage Calistoga resort. *Above:* The spa’s exterior relaxation lounge.



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panels contribute to the resort's energy needs.

“We tried to use as many natural materials as possible,” says Kimm, noting natural wool upholstery, low-VOC paints, reclaimed lumber, hemp curtains in the spa, and a conscious effort to select manufacturers with green processes in place. “It’s a lot of little things.”

To meet the design brief “urban loft meets the country barn,” massive multi-function headboards (which include the minibar, closet, and vanity) separate the bedroom and bathroom in the loft-like guestrooms, and floor-to-ceiling sliding doors open onto an outdoor living room space.

Bathroom amenities are locally sourced and all natural; housekeeping products are non-toxic and biodegradable; an ozone-based system helps keep water clean and minimizes chlorine use in the pools; the restaurant serves locally sourced and organic produce; room service is delivered via bicycles; and guests have complimentary use of cruiser bikes to pedal around the resort and nearby Calistoga. **hd**

*For more info, visit [www.solagecalistoga.com](http://www.solagecalistoga.com) or [www.dowlingkimmstudios.com](http://www.dowlingkimmstudios.com)*



*Left, top to bottom: The wood-clad bar at Solbar, the hotel's organic restaurant and lounge; purple and green hues decorate the guestroom. **Opposite page, top to bottom:** A couple's treatment room in the spa; bamboo floors in the fitness room.*



## Solage Calistoga

Calistoga, California

**Owner** Auberge Resorts

**Architecture Firm** Backen Gillam Architects, Sausalito, California

**Interior Design Firm** Dowling Kimm Studios, San Francisco

**Interior Design Project Team** Lorissa Kimm, principal and project manager; and Julie Dowling, principal

**Contractor** Jim Murphy and Associates

**Purchasing Firm** The Cardy Group

**Lighting** Benya Lighting

**Landscape** George Girvin and Associates

### RECEPTION

**Artwork** Gary Edward Blum and Paul Schick

**Side Tables** Brent Comber and International Art Properties

**Seating** Sutherland

**Upholstery** Perennials

### RESTAURANT/SOLBAR

**Upholstery** Maharam, Valley Forge Fabrics, Dualoy Leather, and Perennials

**Lounge Furniture** Republic

**Dining Chairs and Barstools** Cherner Chair Company

**Carpet** InterfaceFLOR

### GUESTROOMS

**Artwork** Gary Edward Blum, Rick Chapman, and Douglas Davidovich

**Casegoods** Fleetwood Fine Furniture

**Lighting** Challenger Lighting Company

**Window Treatments** Valley Forge Fabrics and Fabricut

### SPA

**Artwork** Rick Chapman, Paul Schick, and Oberon Design

**Upholstery** Sina Pearson Textiles and Perennials

**Chaise Lounges** Smith and Hawken

**Area Rugs** Chilewich

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