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**BATHROOM DESIGNER STYLES BY GLEN PELOSO**



Bamboo is also a great choice as hard surface flooring. Although most people think of bamboo flooring as being blonde with a tight stripe, it has moved from there since its introduction to the market place. You can find stain colours that are in medium browns to grey black. The variety of ways that the flooring is created with a cross cut grain gives bamboo a look similar to maple in terms of an un-complex grain detail. The other big advantage with bamboo floors is the fact that some are up to one hundred and twenty five times harder than oak. Pets and stilettoes pose much less of a threat to the surface of the floor.

Stone floors not only look spectacular, they have a natural beauty only found in the perfection of nature but they only have to be quarried as opposed to being manufactured. The life span is hard to compare as witnessed by the great churches of Europe which have endured centuries of traffic. They are kind of a gift from Mother Nature and the form is not altered from the original. They are equally fantastic in a wet application as a dry one. The eco component combined with endurance and natural beauty make them a great choice for most homes.

Linoleum is also a great product depending on application. It is created essentially from linseed oil and is very durable depending on the grade of linoleum that you buy. The ability to create pattern and the myriad of colours that are available make it a great product for laundry rooms, cottages, commercial applications etc. Over time, vinyl flooring and linoleum seem to be confused in the minds of consumers, however they are quite separate. They work very well where harder products like stone or porcelain might crack because of questionable substrate (subfloor); linoleum will last and look good for that application.

As the floor is going to be part of the room for a long time, it is well worth exploring some of the eco choices mentioned and explore other options while you are in the store looking for flooring. You will not only do something to enhance your home but you will also make an effort to enhance the world's ecosystem. - Text by Glen Peloso, celebrity designer of Glen Peloso Interiors

# Eco Floors

In every room we start with a floor. Making the decision about what to use as the flooring material will impact the feeling of the room for a long time, whereas wall colour and wall coverings and furnishings can change several times before we will change the floor.

Making an eco friendly choice is not only nice for the environment but is also a really great thing to do for the aesthetics of the space you are working on. The industry at large has worked diligently to be able to present more and more selections in this area. It is important to speak with your sales professional before getting too excited over a particular floor. I often recommend Carpet One stores because I am sure that product, installation and follow through will be well handled. Not all flooring will work well in every situation. For example, beautiful hardwood floors and large dogs don't mix well!

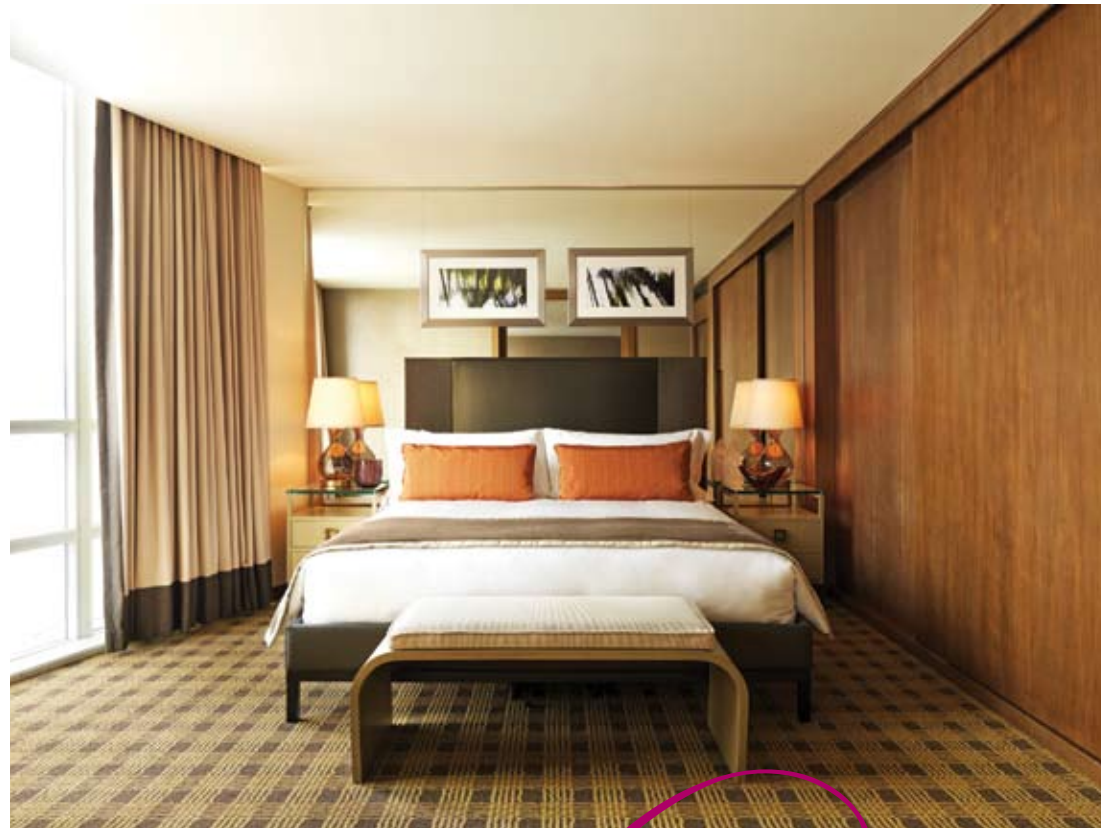
If you are going with carpet there is nothing more luxurious than to use a wool carpet. In fact, wool carpet has been around for a very long time and would most certainly be considered a forefather of the eco friendly choices. A simple sheep shearing (although if you have ever tried to shear a sheep, it's really not that easy or simple) and the sheep goes back to grazing in the fields. Very few products wear as well as wool and nothing compares to the look and feel of wool underfoot.

Cork is a great choice on many levels as it is very warm and soft underfoot. It is often a great choice for people who have a hard time with standing on hard surfaces like stone or porcelain. The ability to stain and shape cork products has advanced dramatically. We are no longer forced into having to make a choice that looks as though it should come with push pins. The selection is vast both in terms of colour and style. There are planks; tiles and even strips of cork that are designed to look like hardwood. The latter is my favourite, and makes a fantastic eco choice for a young and active family.



The Loden in Vancouver, built in 2008 and made up of seventy-seven rooms, is not only an establishment of great service but also of exceptionally creative space planning. While I toured the eighteen hundred square foot penthouse suite, more than suitable for a lavish party or a family traveling with kids and a nanny, I stayed in a fantastic room that looked out over the city and the harbour. The surround sound system that allows you to enjoy music (your own on ipod or provided) in the bath or separate showers or water closet is just one of the features of this warm and woody room. The bathroom area was lush to say the least with fine stone tiles, a huge tub and equally large walk-in shower, plush towels and products by Molton Brown to spoil yourself. While the bedroom with its large wall-mounted television, seating area and built-in desk had a brilliant view out of the floor-to-ceiling operable windows, the bathroom was not to be outdone for lack of view. To take advantage of the view, the walls of the bathroom are on sliders so that they can be removed not only to enhance the natural sunlight in the space

but also to expose the view of the city and harbour beyond the floated mirrors and drop fixtures of the wash basin. The closets and dressers are built-in to create a seamless wrap of warm mid-toned wood. The very comfortable Sealy mattresses provides a great sleep so that you feel refreshed to get up to the 24-hour yoga channel (the room comes with a mat) or run down to the beautifully appointed on-site gym. The attention to detail from the turn down service with a special gift each night (massage oils, loose teas), fresh flowers, fruit bowl and personalized hand written notes does everything to leave you feeling pampered and cared for. You should plan to spend somewhere between two hundred and four thousand a night (penthouse) depending on the time of year. From a design perspective, I gave it very high marks for exceptional space planning and appointments and wouldn't hesitate to make a return trip. - Text by Glen Peloso, celebrity designer of Glen Peloso Interiors



# THE Loden

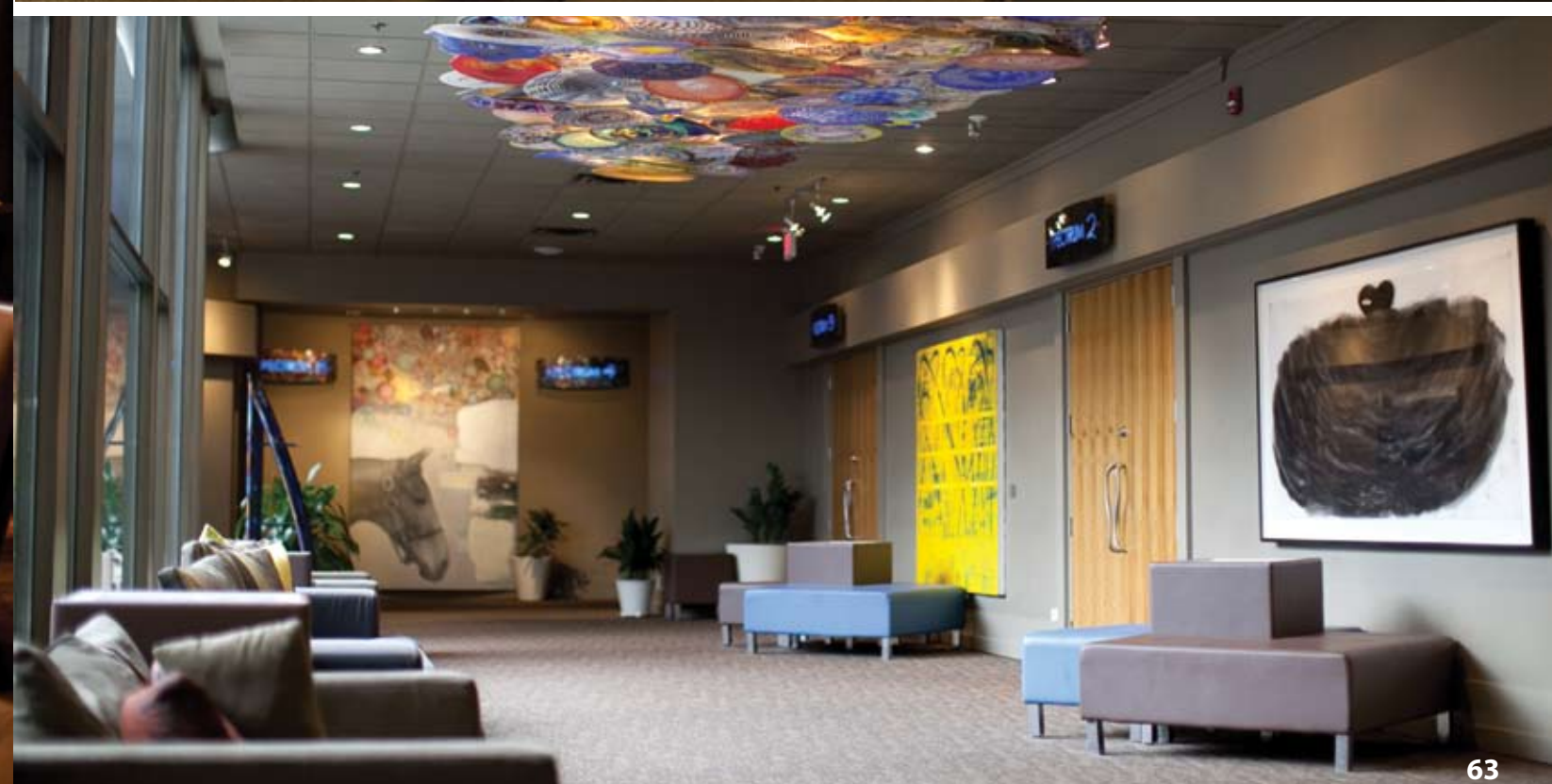
# HOTEL *Arts*

This was a great experience not only for the level of service that is shown to the guests but also because the concept of the hotel embraces the visual artists in that community. In fact the community in general is as pleased with the space and amenities as I was.

It is a nice feeling to be a traveler and know that it is as likely you will bump into a local as another tourist and we all know that the experience of a city is often improved from the knowledge of people who live there. The concept of the space was first the dream of the founder John Tribauld who began the investment group who has gone on to also acquire The Kensington in Calgary. (with a great restaurant called "Chefs Table" and headed up by the executive Chef of both properties, Duncan Ly.)

I was initially attracted to the hotel largely because it is a celebration of Canadian visual artists from the fantastic metal bull that is in the front lobby, to the brilliant hand blown glass chandelier that is in the entrance way. These pieces look out on to a courtyard and pool that would leave you thinking that you were happily sun bathing in Miami – (lucky for me the weather was great! –but the Hotel can't promise the sunshine and warmth).

Every floor is lined with the work of artists as are the individual rooms. The hand blown light fixtures that adorn each level of this 100 room hotel are as unique as the large fixture in the lobby. To walk through the public spaces of the hotel is a bit like walking through a gallery where each of the pieces bring a certain joy to the area you are in. The oversized Prada bag that flanks the elevator certainly attracts a great deal of attention. The interiors of the rooms are lined with sumptuous blue velvet draperies covering the windows and the head board wall. Most importantly the bed is like sleeping on a cloud across from the flat screen television mounted to be successfully viewed from the sofa and chairs. The bar area is appointed to feel as though you are Frank Sinatra in a Vegas hotel. This room felt elegant and comfortable in every regard. Again the attention to detail in service was fantastic and the fact that the art work throughout always allowed for a conversation with either a hotel patron or a local who had come to enjoy the pool restaurant or bar. It was like visiting a friend who owned a gallery and had a stunning guest room! - *Text by Glen Peloso, celebrity designer of Glen Peloso Interiors*



# TRANSITIONAL Space



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This space has the details of a traditional bathroom with a twist making it a transitional space. The combination of black and white and the very strong vein cut marble tiles provide a striking statement on first approach to this room. The room is divided up into a water closet, shower combination and a bathtub and vanity area. The details of the vanity are traditional with legs and a combination of doors and drawers in a warm wood stain of medium brown. Above that is a large mirror with internal LED lighting giving the space that twist toward something more modern. The mirror reflects the curved wall, with mirrored ends in black and white tiles installed to give us the feeling of running water and hugging the tub and floor mounted faucet. The chandelier above the tub is a twist on the modern version in laser cut chrome and crystals to provide a contrast to the strong statement of the curved wall. Beside that is a bright window covered in long flowing simple draperies from floor to ceiling. Where the water closet might be completely closed I have installed a partially frosted glass panel and barn door slider. The view through to the shower where the vein cut marble is maintained on the back wall keeps the space looking cohesive and dramatic. All of the elements of this room have a traditional feel but each element has a slight twist making it a lovely transitional space.



# MODERN *Space*



Metal coloured floor tiles combined with solid surface walls, a rain shower head combined with a light, a doorless shower and floated tub give this space a more modern feeling. The dark blue grey walls make the space romantic and warm while maintaining a slight feeling of mystery. Because the space was tight, I played with a single palette of colour in greys, blues and white. The porcelain tiles give us the feeling of a plate metal floor and the reflective nature works well for light play. The shower head by Jaclo offers a great sense of magic as we rarely expect that the light source and the water source will be one. The glass walls of the shower and the maintenance of a single surface into the shower assist in making the space feel undefined into areas. The modern vanity in bamboo by Umbrella cabinetry with under mount sink and stone top maintains the warmth of the space with long flat handles and complete drawers without doors is a twist on the image we are used to.



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# TRADITIONAL *Spa*



This ensuite bathroom has all the bells and whistles that a bathroom could ever want while maintaining a simple spa-like feel. The wallpaper and art works maintain a traditional feel for this spa bathroom; however the art works hide an in-wall television for those long soaks in the stainless steel Japanese soaker tub. In order to maximize the space and provide both a tub and shower the exterior walls of the soaker tub make the interior walls of the glass enclosed shower. The stone tiles, in a golden travertine, used throughout the space also give us the feeling of a traditional bathroom in a fine hotel. The rich dark brown wood vanity, with surface mounted sink and faucets and long towel bar pulls, provides a warm contrast to the stainless steel mirror and overhead light. The addition of florals in deep purples adds a rich pop of colour. The toilet bidet combination by Toto provides all of the luxury of a beautifully appointed spa, with heated seat, auto open and close and built-in bidet with a dryer unit, although it remains a simple structure in the space. Finally the wall colour of warm sand provides this room with the look of a traditional bathroom but with all of the comforts of a much more state-of-the-art ensuite. It is the perfect compliment to the traditional bedroom with fireplace.





Sometimes you want to feel as though you are in a fine boutique hotel but you don't really want to leave home. That was the case with this client who wanted to have a little sanctuary to pull up the blanket, light the fire, and enjoy a nice glass of wine and a good film or book.

The light metallic leaf motif wallpaper that is featured on the headboard wall is contrasted with the warm wood tone of the bed frame and the neutral fabric of the head board. The two night side tables with larger square lamps provide great storage for reading materials, good lighting, as well as a functional surface! The bedding and duvet in high quality cotton with tone-on-tone coverlet and shams provide the room with a sense of luxury. The breakfast cushions repeat the metallic motif of the wallpaper.

The picture rails allow for a great display area for photos of the children that have since moved on to their own families. The writing desk, surrounded by an articulated mirror make for a perfect place to do makeup or pen a simple note.

The blackout lined silk draperies flank the new fireplace which houses a vent-free ethanol firebox in stainless steel. The sheer stone face provides strong visual focus to the room and the television provides entertainment. The comfortable chair and ottoman end the line of closets in back-lit French doors.

The small but luxurious bathroom with stainless steel Japanese soaker tub, separate shower, automated bidet toilet seat, vanity, mirror storage and hidden television provide a full spa experience for this client.

If this room came with room service – aside from Mother's Day – why would she ever have to leave!



# Boutique BEDROOM

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