

7 ECO ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENTS FOR SERIOUSLY LUXURIOUS LIVING



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It used to be that it was considered luxurious to have endangered woods, such as teak or mahogany, on the walls, with huge marble slabs imported from halfway around the world to act as kitchen countertops. Paints were full of lead, varnishes full of VOCs, and the bigger the home, the better – little thought was given to the real cost of heating and cooling the house.

Thank goodness our definition of luxury is finally changing! Today, the more eco-features a home boasts, the better – be they solar panels, fresh air filters, green walls or better yet, a LEEDS certification. In fact, having an eco friendly home is now a status symbol reserved for the lucky few – think Leonardo DiCaprio, Gisele, Johnny Deep and Orlando Bloom, for example. Even the White House in the USA has an organic garden now!

To further prove my point, I've found seven eco architecture developments that prove how energy efficiency, waste reduction and design are all aligning to create the new definition of sustainable luxury living.

5. Fifty Third and Eighth

Moving to the Big Apple in the neighborhood of Hell's Kitchen, the luxury condominium Fifty Third and Eighth offers breathtaking rooftop magic. The second floor terrace and roof deck, designed by landscape architecture firm *Terrain*, both feature a diverse mix of evergreen shrubs, flowers and native plants that thrive in every season. The residences, which range from one-bedroom to three-bedroom apartments, have an elegant decor that includes white wood with mosaic tile accent walls. Amongst the extensive suite of amenities, there's a fitness center with a yoga room cater to the wellbeing of your body and soul, and a private pup park, for the wellbeing of your four-legged companion.







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