

intelligent biophilic design



CLIENT NAME: Tyler Kent

STRATEGIC PARTNER NAME: Nelsen Partners, BBGM, Monogram Interiors

PROJECT NAME: The Leo Kent

AWARDS: Tropical Plant International Expo



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nurtured by nature

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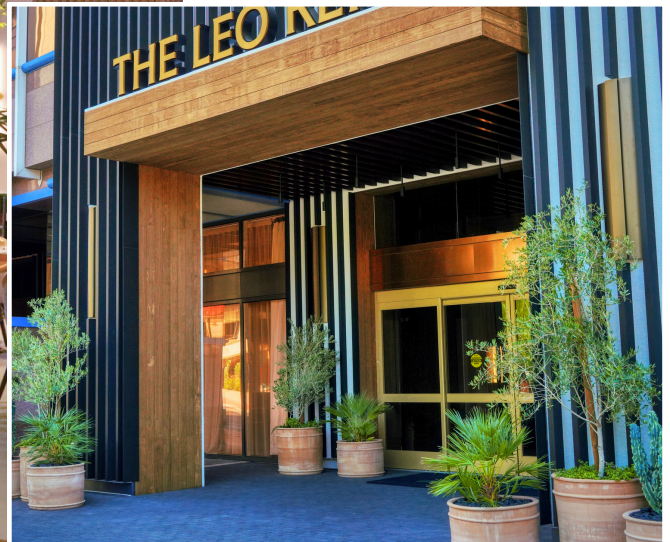
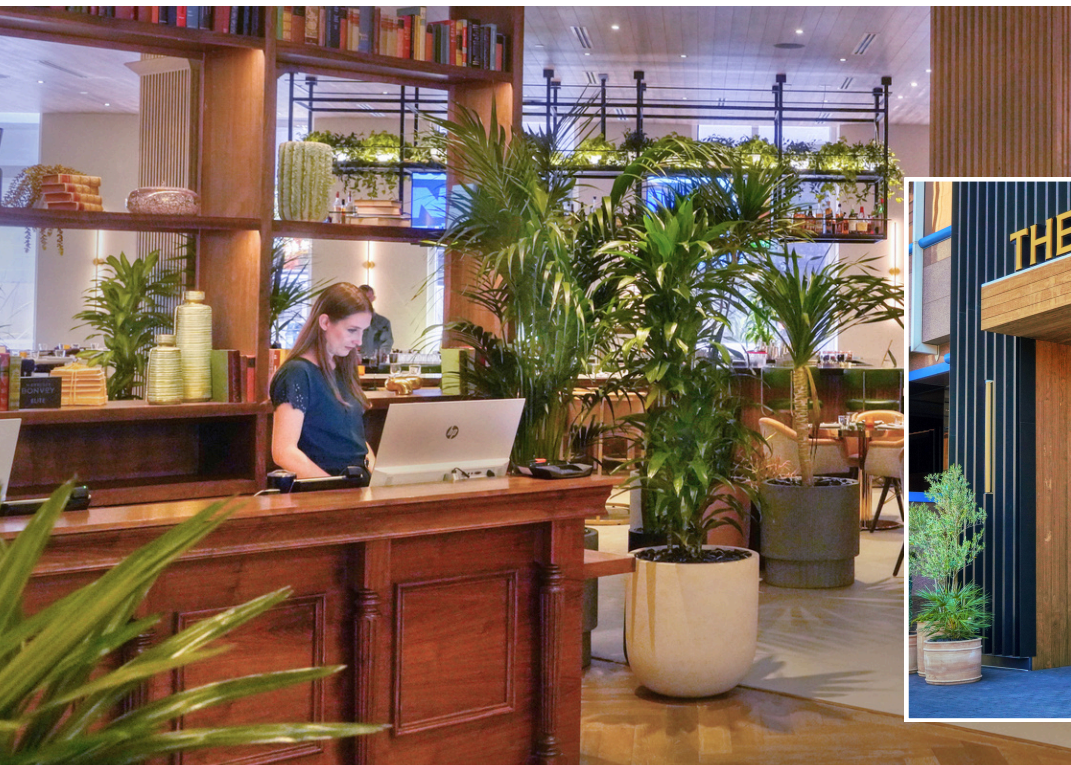
The Leo Kent, once a vacant high-rise office space, was transformed into a hotel that reflects Tucson's unique history and soul. Named in honor of Tyler Kent's grandfather, it is one of the only high-rise adaptive reuse conversions ever executed in Arizona. Our goal was to incorporate various plantscapes that seamlessly blend modern, classical Southwestern design with the tranquility of nature.

An array of indoor plants and art inspired the landscapes of Arizona included cactus, potted trees, custom botanical ceiling vines, and space dividers made of harvested yucca skeletons. Desert-inspired plants and custom-designed arrangements were locally sourced, bringing a layer of depth to the ambiance of each area.

The Leo Kent integrates nature's beauty into its architecture, from ornate potted plants framing reception areas and hanging gardens adorning the restaurant and meeting spaces. Artwork by Tucson native Jane Barton further immerses guests in the spirit of Tucson, creating an unforgettable fusion of luxury, nature, and history.

In collaboration
with our clients,
we created...

- > 30 harvested yucca poles to embrace authentic Pueblo ornamentation
- > 100 live plants in ceramic pots for a modern but classic southwestern design
- > Draping custom botanical vines of pothos glowing from the lounge bar ceiling
- > Unique arrangements that included unique plant species such as Hercules aloe, large gold star dracaena, preserved manzanita branch.



"Our work on The Leo Kent highlights our dedication to fostering community well-being and a deeper connection to nature. Collaborating with Nelsen Partners and other like-minded designers showcases our passion for creative innovation and meaningful interior artistry."

-Brad Heinicke, Lead Designer

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