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## CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

A coastal-inspired color palette and mid-century modern touches star in Southern California's Hotel June, where the summer vibes shine in all seasons.



**F**or an extra dose of California cool when staying or playing in the Golden State, pay a visit to the charming, 250-room Hotel June, which opened this past spring in Los Angeles. The boutique lodging from LA-based Proper Hospitality is located in a mid-century modern building by celebrated LA architect Welton Becket, who's known for designing significant structures including the Beverly Hilton Hotel. LA design agency Studio Collective honored »



**TOP:** Custom white-oak shutters filter sunlight in the lobby of LA's Hotel June. **LEFT:** Guest rooms are decorated in coastal tones for a very California feel.



Sandy-hued terrazzo tile accents the reception desk and flows onto the matching floor.  
A colorful abstract mural steals the show.

Becket's original creation with its design for Hotel June, exposing the building's structural columns and textured breeze-block walls on the ground floor, and adding mid-century-inspired elements including geometric shapes and forms, color-blocked patterns on corridor walls, terrazzo-topped tables in guest rooms, and white-oak daybeds upholstered in deep, sea-blue fabric. The aesthetic is balanced by a more playful, summery California spirit (think: road trips along the state's super-scenic Highway 1), captured by materials including white oak, green quartzite, textured and green-glazed terra-cotta tiles, emerald-green powder-coated metalwork, and terrazzo tiles in sandy shades. Striking, full-height white-oak shutters, custom made by LA-based Agave Designs, do double duty in the lobby and restaurant by filtering the afternoon sunlight and blocking less-than-desirable views of the nearby busy street. But the lobby's brightest star is the colorful abstract mural by Brooklyn artist Alex Proba. In guest rooms, a sisal-like floor-covering evokes the feeling of a traditional seaside casita, while ceramic tiles color the showers with sea-glass hues. California love, indeed. —LM

Woven pendant lamps create a relaxed, beachy vibe at the bar, which is clad with terra-cotta tile.



