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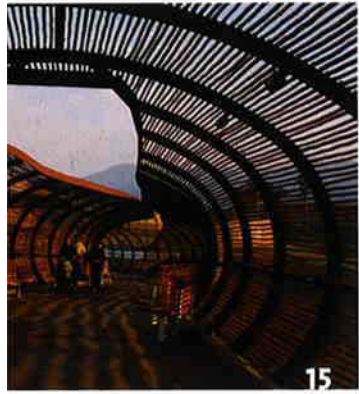
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## Trilogy Spa

LOCATION: Manhattan Beach, California

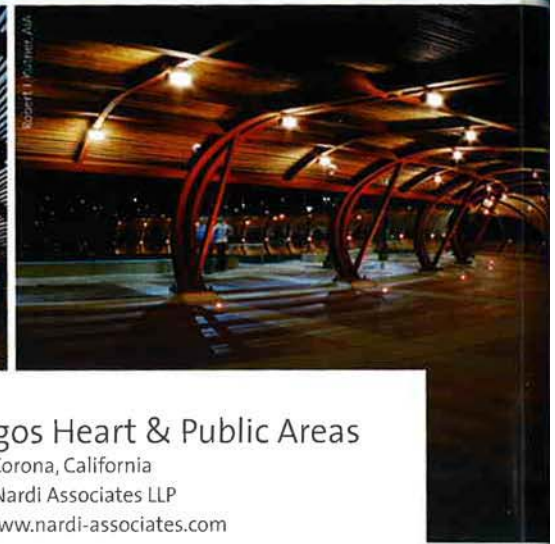
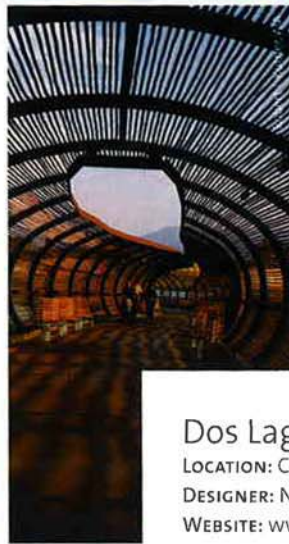
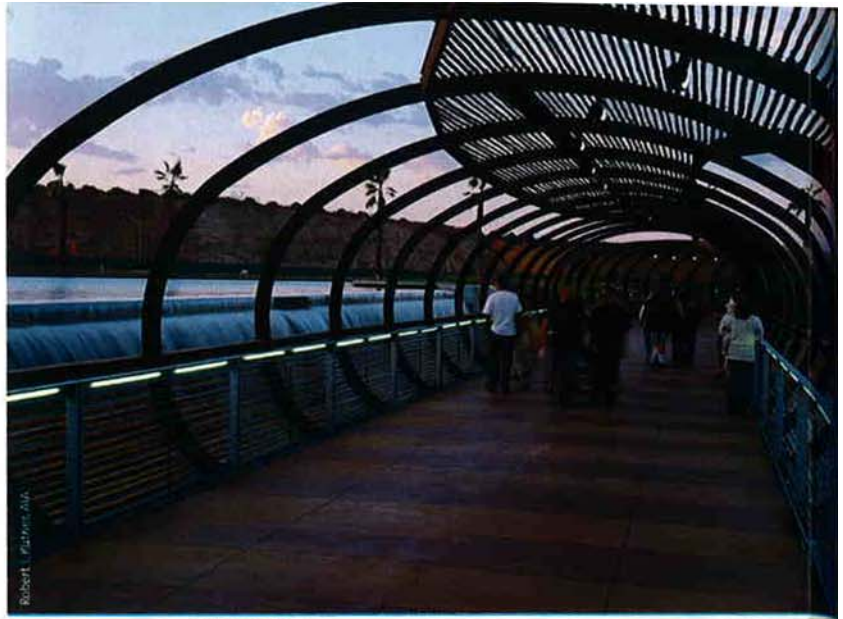
DESIGNER: (fer) studio and Belzberg Architects

WEBSITE: [www.fermercier.com](http://www.fermercier.com)

[www.belzbergarchitects.com](http://www.belzbergarchitects.com)

*Trilogy Spa reflects owner Chandra Shaw's Hawaiian upbringing while maintaining a contemporary feel. The project was in the final drawing phases with Belzberg Architects when (fer) studio was recruited to address the interior layout and finishes for the first and second floor retail and reception spaces. To give the space a relaxing and inviting atmosphere, it was softened with warm wood walls, dimly lit corridors with cork flooring, trickling water, and various tropical plants.*

*(fer) studio's conceptual approach was to compose a warm, enveloping feel to the space using a honey-colored Alder wood finish on the display walls, custom furniture systems, and staircase. The horizontal wood slats fold around the 1,000-square-foot first-floor reception/retail space, creating a backdrop for the central staircase leading to the spa rooms above. Upstairs, the wood display wall surrounds the reception desk, which is also fabricated from Alder wood. The display wall is punctuated with white rectangular boxes. These punctuations, with their bright light and reflective surfaces, help to accentuate the various products and create a high-end boutique aesthetic. Trilogy Spa functions include wet and dry treatment and massage rooms, a sauna and steam room, Vichy and waterfall showers, and a deep-soaking tub and relaxation room.*



## Dos Lagos Heart & Public Areas

LOCATION: Corona, California

DESIGNER: Nardi Associates LLP

WEBSITE: [www.nardi-associates.com](http://www.nardi-associates.com)

*The community of Dos Lagos is a 543-acre mixed-use development that includes residential, entertainment, recreational, commercial, hospitality and light-industrial areas, as well as an open-space preserve. Within that area, developer Ali Sahabi's goal was to harmonize the land uses and create a focal point for the community. The resulting "Heart" is the centerpiece of the community and consists of 12 acres of privately maintained open recreational and entertainment areas.*

*In collaboration with landscape architect, Ken Kammeyer, Nardi Associates conceived and executed a built environment that can be experienced by walking through it and, in this case, over it—one of the features of this design is a suspension bridge that traverses the two lakes.*

*The butterfly-shaped lakes are on different elevations and separated by a nine-foot waterfall, which can be viewed by pedestrians on the suspension bridge. Tying the community together is the snaking pedestrian promenade, which features intimate seating alcoves, water features, dramatic vistas and concession kiosks. The pedestrian promenade is shaded by a garden armature made of renewable bamboo, structural steel and light-weight concrete, and covered with American roses. This element endeavors to physically structure the identity of place, moving between the two lakes on the suspended bridge.*

