



Each of the capsule bedrooms runs on renewable energy



THE DETAILS

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INSPIRING SPACE

Wren Urban Nest, Dublin

Check in at Ireland's first 'Net Zero Carbon' hotel where eco sustainability meets style

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THE SPACE

Stepping away from the bustling crowds of Wicklow Street and onto the quiet of Andrew's Lane, you can already feel your shoulders drop. A few hops and you are down the steps and into the reception area of Wren Urban Nest, which impressively is the first hotel in Ireland to comply with the World Green Building Council's definition of 'Net Zero Carbon'. The building runs on 100 per cent renewable energy which is created using a combination of air source and heat pumps. The kitchen uses electricity-powered induction hobs and has a menu that is locally and responsibly sourced, with a no-waste policy. The 137 rooms, set over nine stories come in three compact sizes: Snug Nests (9.5 sq m), Cosy Rooms (12 sq m), and Roomy Nests (18 sq m), each fitted with high-speed WiFi, rain showers, handmade toiletries and electronic blackout curtains ensuring a super comfortable night's sleep.



IDEAS TO STEAL

With its clean lines, wooden accents and natural, cocooning colours, Wren Urban Nest offers the perfect blend of form, functionality and Scandinavian influenced design. The narrow footprint of the site means each of the bedrooms have to utilise the most of their space, so every detail has been carefully thought out and considered. There's so much to inspire small space design here, including the clever built-in beds, drop-down desks, walk-in shower rooms and under-bed storage. There's also a lot to take away in terms of Irish design - we love the dried floral displays by Be Floral in Athlone (BeFloral.ie) and wall hangings by Mourne Textiles (Mournetextiles.com). **H**