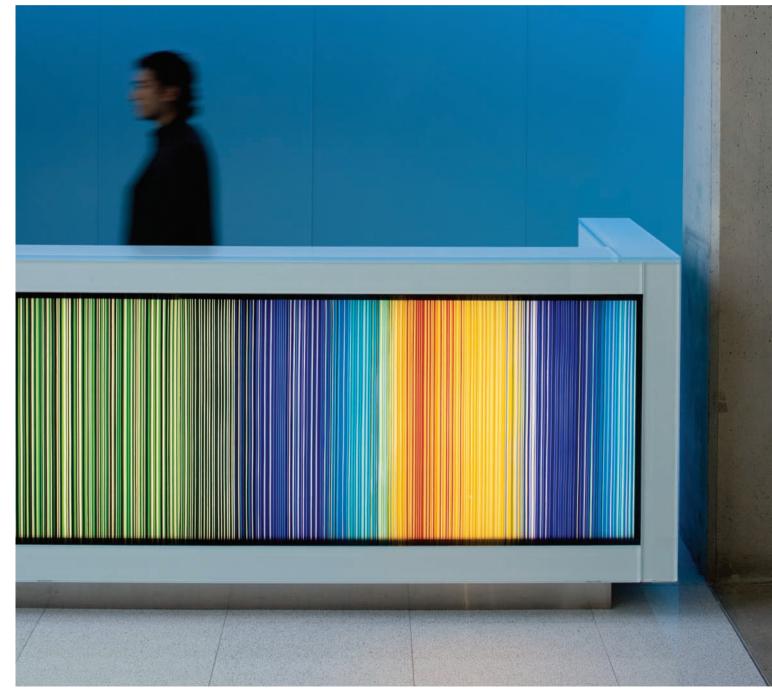
Meeting of Minds

Hotel Murano

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Tacoma is the centre of the US glassmaking industry and home to the Museum of Glass and the Pilchuck Glass School. Accordingly, the redesign of this hotel - the fifth in a chain developed to showcase local creative culture - has focused on transforming the venue into a celebration of glass art and artists. The hotel's collection of glass sculpture, displayed throughout the public areas and guestroom floors, has been selected by a dedicated curator and includes the work of over 40 of the world's most renowned contemporary glass artists.



The 21 floors are each named after emerging or established glass artists, chosen by the curator as notable leaders in the international industry across a range of glassmaking techniques. The landing areas and hallways outside the elevators have become small galleries showcasing the featured artist's work, alongside etched glass murals that outline biographic details and display portraits, quotes and artwork inspiration. Pictorial narratives showing the artist at work begin on the display wall and continue throughout the floor and guestrooms, which feature original sketches from the artists.

Featured artists include Dale Chihuly from Seattle, Masayo Odahashi from Japan and Vibeke Skov, from Denmark, whose large glass Viking ships are suspended in the lobby.

In the spirit of being a creative and community-oriented venue, the hotel runs a blog site discussing local cultural news, while fans of the venue and artwork can visit the dedicated Facebook page.







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