

Graft

project K1160 Die Zahnarztpraxis, Berlin

standout To help ease patient anxiety at this dental clinic, the architects explored sand dunes with undulating walls, floors, and ceilings coated orange and silk-screened with beachscapes.

a healthy dose of design

While 2006 may have been a less-than-bonny year for many businesses, health-care design still provided a good source of revenue, what with technology advancing, boomers aging, and facilities getting overcrowded. Witness the numbers we gathered from the top *Architectural Record* Design Giants for 2007. Of those 100 firms, 49 did work in the health-care sector last year. While only the third-largest category for these firms, behind office and hospitality, health care managed to account for their highest hourly billing rates. What's more, these Giants reported a \$68 million increase in health-care fees from 2007. Also on the upswing is environmental consciousness, with roughly 60 percent of the Giants stating that health-care clients are receptive to green design. The 5,500-odd designers at these firms are more than ready to meet the challenge, as 63 percent are LEED-accredited.

The following pages show some of the innovative work that our Giants and other major firms are doing in health-care worldwide. Let the healing—and the greening—begin. —Shelie Kim James

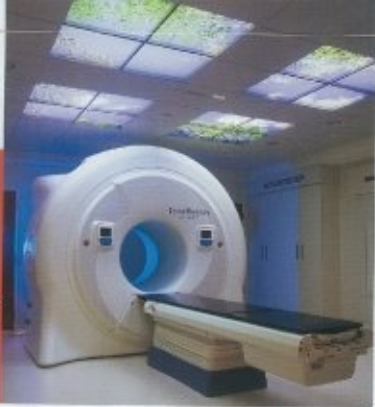
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RMJM

project University of South Alabama's Mitchell
Cancer Institute, Mobile

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panels with native imagery backlit by LED.



"Our team is committed to exploring creative solutions in response to the convergence of health care and medical research. Health care is already one of our strengths. In the current economy, we expect to expand our business."

—STEVEY GIFFORD, BY RMJM



Forma Design

project Obeld Dental, Chevy Chase, Maryland

standout Paperless and all-digital, this clinic has a reception area with a resin desk, pill-shape ceiling cutouts, and a Ross Lovegrove chair.

RTKL Associates

project Catholic Medical Center, Seoul, South Korea

standout Balustrades of clear laminated glass and bridges of steel and concrete add it wow to a five-story atrium lobby.

