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Bells + Whistles-Designed “Social Wellness Club” Remedy Place Debuts in L.A.



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A lounge at Remedy Place in Los Angeles, designed by Bells + Whistles. Photography by Madeline Tolle.

What’s a “social wellness club”? Los Angeles is set to find out with the opening of a facility billed as the first. The brainchild of Dr. Jonathan Leary (<http://drjleary.com/>), a doctor dedicated to natural healing, Remedy Place (<https://www.remedyplace.com/>) in West Hollywood features a dark and moody interior by L.A.-based interior design firm Bells + Whistles (<https://www.allthebellsandwhistles.com/>) geared towards a unique blend of self-care and social interaction.

With a focus on “maximal texture and refined detailing,” according to Jason St. John, co-founder and creative director of Bells + Whistles, the 4,000-square-foot space invites lingering with three lounge areas—one outdoor—and soft, upholstered furnishings such as custom velvet-upholstered lounge beds.



Velvet lounge beds at Remedy Place in Los Angeles, designed by Bells + Whistles. Photography by Madeline Tolle.

Slatted wood distinguishes the reception desk and the wellness bar, both custom. Open to the general public, the wellness bar aims to lure a regular clientele with health-conscious meals and alcohol-free drinks using locally sourced ingredients. It incorporates a variety of seating niches, which generate a buzz “evocative of every client’s favorite hotel lobby,” notes St. John.

Among the health facilities are a plunge pool area offering a brisk temperature shock, three sauna rooms, a glass-enclosed meditation room, changing rooms, and 18 treatment rooms. Under its unique business model, the center offers both membership and open classes starting at \$30 per session. Those suffering with anything from a hangover to a headache should make a beeline for the hyperbaric chambers, where capsules tap oxygen therapy reputed to increase circulation and oxygenation.



Hyperbaric chambers at Remedy Place in Los Angeles, designed by Bells + Whistles. Photography by Madeline Toll.

A rich material palette is dominated by “natural stones, concrete, greyed walnut, venetian plaster, smoked glass, and plenty of greenery,” says St. John, while hues range from subdued cognac and charcoal to a deep emerald green.

“The biggest challenge of this project was familiarizing ourselves with all of the different treatments and what goes into creating the right environment for each,” says Barbara Rourke, co-founder and creative director of Bells + Whistles. “Remedy Place is really pushing boundaries in the social health and wellness space with offerings and an environment that hasn’t been executed before.”



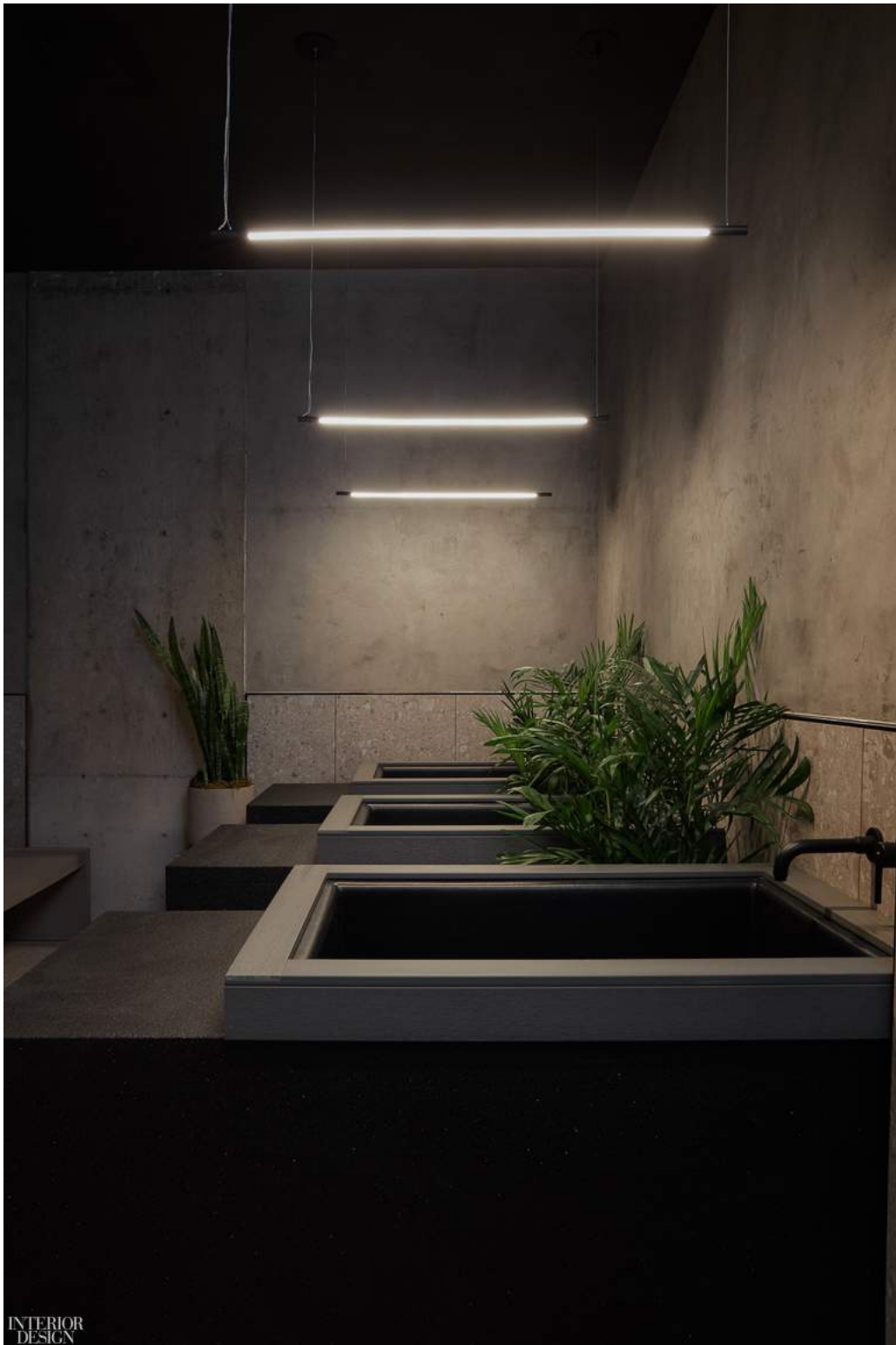
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A view of the front desk at Remedy Place in Los Angeles, designed by Bells + Whistles. Photography by Madeline Tolle.



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The plunge room at Remedy Place in Los Angeles, designed by Bells + Whistles. Photography by Madeline Tolle.



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