

two for one

Reflecting Vienna's long-held cultural esteem as the imperial hub of the former Hapsburg Empire, JOI-Design's renovation of the Hilton Vienna Danube (shown) capitalizes on the



hotel's riverside location. "We conceived an open fluidity between spaces to balance the heaviness of the structure's angular architecture in the public areas," says JOI's managing director, Peter Joehnk. Transparent glass balustrades, a chandelier composed of handblown "floating" Murano glass bubbles,

backlit panels studded with multi-hued wine bottles, and a "glowing" onyx bar all introduce a luminosity, which subtly references the glints of light reflected by the river's surface. In the

lounge, a two-way fireplace creates a warming focal point, while Viennese Secession-styled joinery is made modern with splashes of colorful upholstery.

Meanwhile, for the suites at the Le Méridien Stuttgart, the firm took inspiration from the panoramic views of the 10th century and Baroque castles in Schlossgarten Park's 650-year-old palace garden as well as the city's vibrant, artistic heritage. Says Corinna Kretschmar-Joehnk, JOI's managing director: "With traditional moldings, a working Carmen red granite fireplace in the living room, and majestic mirrors that capture the daylight and verdant surroundings, the Diplomatic suite mixes residential comforts with modern art and materials such as a disc-shaped

'floating' chandelier crafted from perforated metal, which scatters ethereal twinkles of light across the dining room. In the bedrooms, floral wallcoverings in tone-on-tone gray hues along with fresh white furniture and millwork create a delightfully feminine feel."