

# DEL PASO BOULEVARD



# **Retro chic oasis** offers more than room

### The Greens Hotel makes Del Paso the place to stay

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nless you happen to look up and spot the sign on Del Paso Boulevard that reads "The Greens," across the street from King Cong Brewing Co., you can drive past this independently owned boutique hotel and not have a clue to what it is.

That's because the oasis is hidden from the world by a rolling gate, and noise-suppressing 9-foot-high hedges and ivy-covered walls.

This latest incarnation of The Greens — offering "retro-chic lodging," as it proclaims — opened two years ago under the ownership of Dhruv Shah and Abhi Shah, not brothers but family members. (A sister Greens is on Stockton Boulevard.)

They've done a remarkable renovation of the 25-room property. "We've brought back what the [North Sacramento] community deserves," Abhi Shah said.

Guest rooms are finished in sleek simplicity with custom touches and quality bedding, flooring, lighting and art, along with polished stainless-steel Dutch doors. There are no room numbers on those doors; instead guests can't miss the superlarge "sculptures" of letters in front of the rooms, serving as pieces of outdoor art.

The heated pool and garden areas are common grounds for relaxing with a glass of wine.

"We capitalize on our personal touch, with a lot of interaction between the staff and guests," Shah said. "We have music playing during the day, guests sitting in the garden having picnics."

Another draw is the convenience of getting to Midtown Sacramento. The Globe Avenue light-rail station is nearby, there's easy freeway access and there's always Uber. "We're close to downtown, but we don't have downtown pricing," Shah said.



The Greens Hotel on Del Paso offers plenty of places to gather in comfort including its lobby. PHOTO BY ANNE STOKES

Plus, he pointed out, "Having a brewery across the street, and Shift Coffee House, Southpaw Sushi and Art Space 1616 art gallery next door, guests are able to stay in one spot and (patronize) businesses they might not see unless they stayed here."

Winter room rates range from \$79 to \$89, with summer at \$119 to \$139. "But there are always discounts and seasonal promotions, (such as) buy two nights, get one night free. When one promotion ends, another begins," he said.

As for clientele, "most of our demographic is between 20 and 45 years old, people open to trying different things," Shah said. "Many of them are here for concerts at the Golden 1 Center or other events, and we're at full capacity in the summer. People are booking with us for the Capital Beer Fest (March 7) and the Aftershock Festival (Oct. 9-11). Once the Major League Soccer stadium is built..."



#### THE GREENS HOTEL ON DEL PASO

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