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In The News



On My Boards: Hospitality's Green Shoots

* **Eco- and sustainable products.** Ask Diana Dobin, senior vice president, Valley Forge, what's new, and her first answer is, "We haven't had to cut a single job." Next, she's talking about green -- both as a direction for the industry and for the Pompano Beach, Fla.-based fabric company. "We, as a society, are addicted to cotton," she says, and the entire process that gives us our 400-plus thread count sheets and other cotton must-haves is taking a big toll on the environment. Valley Forge is making a difference with its new Living Fresh bedding made from Tencel+Plus, a blend of eucalyptus and cotton. It's an eco-friendly product with ripple-effect benefits. Since it dries faster than cotton, it requires less energy--think 90 minutes for a traditional duvet insert versus 30 for a Tencel+Plus version.

CoveringsETC, based in Miami, has found a way to recycle airplane bodies into surfacing without a negative environmental impact. New York-based textile company Stacy Garcia Inc. is partnering with Colorep Inc. to introduce AirDye technology. In association with LebaTex, AirDye technology will be used on a range of new product offerings for the hospitality industry. The process dyes fabric without using water.