



The plant-filled wall (inset) and bamboo flooring let Equinox members breathe a little easier.

## Lean and Green

A new fitness club in Chelsea gets environmentally conscious. No sweat.

The powers that be at Equinox Fitness Clubs have put their weight behind the green movement with the company's first eco-friendly gym, which officially opened on Earth Day, Apr. 22. So what makes a gym green? Located under the old High Line, at 17th Street and 10th Avenue, the facility has advanced air and water

filtration systems, formaldehyde-free cabinetry and a "living wall" filled with leafy plants to add oxygen and remove carbon dioxide naturally from the environment. Most of the club's glass tiling is made from recycled bottles, the wooden fixtures and flooring are either recycled or made from renewable resources like bamboo, and certified nontoxic cleaning products

are used. Equinox is planning for its future outposts to be eco-friendly and its existing clubs to be converted by 2010. This sophisticated method of decreasing the company's carbon footprint "gives us a unique opportunity to bring sustainability into our members' lives every day," says CEO Harvey Spevak.

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