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(1) Guests at the Oasia Hotel Downtown
(2) Foliage covers the distinctive exterior

PROBLEM 3:
Too little greenery
Woha Architects, *Singapore*

Few cities understand the challenges brought about by a scarcity of space more than Singapore. Yet this island nation is surprisingly verdant, with greenery crammed into parks and rooftop gardens.

Architects Woha built the sky gardens of hotel Parkroyal on Pickering and residential tower Newton Suites, which features one of the world's tallest green walls. In 2016 it launched Oasia Hotel Downtown, a building with prominent red cladding designed to support green creepers. There are also four pocket parks built into the hotel for guests, office workers and the public. "We're losing nature at an incredibly fast rate as cities expand so we need to protect and enhance it," says founder Richard Hassell.

Augustine Tan, executive director of Far East Organization, the developers behind Oasia, is proud of the "living" facade. "It not only provides a soothing ambience but restores the diverse ecology, mitigates heat and reduces noise pollution," he says. Hassell adds: "Now there is measurable data to justify this investment. The health and wellness benefits of urban trees is equivalent to earning SG$10,000 [€6,700] more a year." — ZZ
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