



DESIGN 2: L'ASTRALIA, CITÉ DE L'ESPACE, TOULOUSE, FRANCE

Part of a space museum and planetarium, this area was created in 2004. Artificial light is used to help sustain the plant life in this glazed lobby area. Patrick also opts for plants that can survive in shade, such as *Anthurium*, *Begonia*, *Hoya*, *Ficus* and *Schefflera*. "It shows that plants will adapt to even the most inhospitable of places," says Patrick, who has also created plant walls in shops and even a car park.

DESIGN 3: HÔTEL DU DÉPARTEMENT, NANTERRE, PARIS, FRANCE

Planted in 2004 on a 'floating' 14m-high block attached to government offices, this feature shows just how big plant walls can be. The planting weighs less than 30kg per square metre and the mix of species includes the *Carex* grass streaking up the centre. According to Patrick, the vertical aspect of this project was a bonus in that smaller plants weren't swamped by larger ones. "I learned this while observing how plants grew up the sheer rockface of a tropical waterfall."