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## Plants' secrets

IT'S an \$18 million state-of-the-art hotel with the most advanced facilities in the world.

The CSIRO has officially opened its "plant hotel" in Canberra, which will be home to thousands of plants, trees, ferns and grasses as scientists develop ways to deliver healthier foods, better crops and more sustainable growing methods.

The hi-tech Australian Plant Phenomics Facility will keep Australia at the forefront of research into the metabolism and physiological process within plants, the CSIRO said. Scientists will explore plant genes and the potential for food and fuel crops.