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Embassy Suites Hotels: Sustainability Practices

Embassy Suites Hotels – the full service, all-suites hotel brand known for giving guests more during every stay including spacious two-room suites, free cooked-to-order breakfast and complimentary beverages and snacks at the nightly Complimentary Evening Reception – strives to incorporate sustainable practices wherever possible. As a member of the Hilton Worldwide portfolio, Embassy Suites participates in the following corporate initiatives:

- **LightStay™** is a proprietary measurement system that analyzes performance across 200 hotel operational practices, such as housekeeping, paper product usage, food waste, chemical storage, air quality and transportation, to reduce overall environmental impact and improve hotel performance. Hilton Worldwide is the first multi-brand hospitality company to make sustainability measurement a brand standard and recently earned ISO 9001 and 14001 certifications for quality and environmental management - one of the largest volume certifications awarded for commercial buildings. It is also one of the top 10 on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency list of Green Power Partnership organizations using renewable electricity.
- **Good360** and Hilton Worldwide collaborate to connect hotels donating high-quality used goods to charitable organizations that can repurpose and serve needs within their communities. By utilizing LightStay, hotels are able to enter goods available for donation into a tracking system that links to Good360's online product donation marketplace and its more than 22,000 charities.
- Hilton Worldwide brands donate soaps to **The Global Soap Project**, a non-profit organization that recovers and recycles soap from hotels by sanitizing, melting and remolding it into new bars for shipment to vulnerable communities abroad. Hilton Worldwide is also investing \$1.3 million to help the organization expand its operation.
- **The Center for Sustainable Procurement** helps global business procurement managers integrate sustainability into their purchasing decisions, providing a unique set of research and information that will help make sense of the increasingly available product sustainability data. Hilton Worldwide launched the Center in collaboration with BSR in 2012.

Aside from these corporate-level initiatives, Embassy Suites implements sustainable practices at both the brand and property levels in an effort to help minimize environmental impact and protect the world we live in.

- All Embassy Suites properties are committed to reducing waste by offering only re-usable dishes and silverware – not paper or plastic – at hotel restaurants and Complimentary Evening Reception.
- The **Embassy Suites Denver-Downtown/Convention Center** is the first hotel in Denver and the first within the Embassy Suites brand to earn **LEED Silver certification** for sustainable building design, construction and operations, as recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The hotel features a solar reflective roof, which lowers the energy required to cool the building, and all plumbing, mechanical equipment and lighting systems at the property were selected to help conserve water and use less energy.
- The **Embassy Suites Houston-Downtown** is the second hotel within the brand and the first hotel in downtown Houston to achieve **LEED Silver certification**. Sustainable features include "smart switches" that turn off all the lights when a guest leaves the suite, a hotel-wide recycling plan and water and energy conservation programs.
- The **Embassy Suites St. Louis-Downtown** is another hotel within the brand to receive **LEED Silver certification**. Located within the historic Laurel Building originally constructed in 1906, sustainable renovations made to the building include the use of low-VOC paint and flooring systems, low-flow toilets and other plumbing fixtures and a white roof that reduces the urban heat effect.
- The **Embassy Suites Nashville-South/Cool Springs** utilizes the country's first and only all-electric limousine, the **Nissan LEAF Limo**. This new zero-emission vehicle transports guests to and from nearby destinations.
- The **Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown/Lakefront** features a 720-square-foot **eco-friendly living green wall** in the hotel's sky lobby. The green wall - also referred to as a living wall or vertical garden - employs a tray system featuring an energy-efficient computer-controlled irrigation system. It reduces noise levels (as plants absorb sound) and improves energy efficiency by moderating indoor temperatures and humidity levels, and the oxygen it provides is equivalent to that produced by 16 fourteen-foot-tall trees.