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First Radisson Blu hotel in Gauteng achieves Green Leaf certification

The Radisson Blu Sandton in Johannesburg, Gauteng is the latest hotel in the Rezidor Hotel Group to achieve the Green Leaf™ Eco Standard. This newly built hotel includes the latest efficient technologies implemented to reduce the environmental impacts of the hotel and is complimented by the staff who have taken responsibility for the holistic energy management of the building.

Green Leaf™ Eco Standard is a global standard for measuring, managing and verifying sustainable business performance in an impartial manner. The Standard is designed to meet and exceed compliance with South African and international Codes of Good Practice and integrated reporting.

The standard is a blueprint for achieving a sustainable, profitable future that is “impact-neutral” and draws on the philosophy and 50-year track record in environmental leadership of its co-founder, the Wilderness Foundation.

Certification was achieved through a number of initiatives taken by the dynamic team at the Radisson Blu Sandton which was birthed out of the Think Planet program adopted by the hotel from the start.

Initiatives include:

- Waste recycling programme with a strong focus on not only where the waste ends up but also where the original product packaging goes
- All rooms have energy efficient taps & shower heads and low flow rate toilet systems installed as well
- A Key card system was introduced to reduce amount of lighting and air conditioning wastage in unoccupied rooms
- LED lights installed throughout the hotel

The Radisson Blu Sandton recognised that the staff are to play an important role in the certification & sustainability journey of the hotel and therefore included Responsible Business training to empower them to take ownership of the certification process.

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Radisson Blu Sandton

Located in the heart of Sandton, the hotel has 302 bedrooms including exclusive Penthouses, Suites, Business Class Rooms and Standard Rooms ranging from 32sqm and up. 400m from the Gautrain Station and walking distance to Sandton Shopping Centre. The hotel has a free shuttle which operates within a 3km radius of Sandton. Guests can enjoy the Aesthetic Elements Spa and complimentary access to the 5500sqm Platinum Planet Fitness Health Club. The hotel has an outdoor pool deck with a view of Sandton Skyline which is perfect for sundowners. Vivace Restaurant is the hotel's main restaurant and has a live kitchen. Bar and lounge also available. The hotel also has secure underground parking and 8 well-appointed meeting rooms