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Marriott Headquarters Wins the Gold Medal for Green Buildings



From left: Jim Young, Senior Director, Corporate Facilities; Chris Smith, COO USGBC; Arne Sorenson, President and COO; Ike Leggett, Montgomery County Executive; and Kathleen Matthews, EVP, Global Communications and Public Affairs.

On April 7, Marriott's Green Council Co-Chairs, President and COO Arne Sorenson and EVP of Global Communications and Public Affairs Kathleen Matthews, hosted a celebration for the nearly 3,000 associates of Marriott's Headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. The celebration was to commemorate the building's award for LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Existing Building Status by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The 30-year old building was honored following a three-year campaign to maximize operational efficiency while minimizing environmental impact. Special guests included USGBC COO Chris Smith, who presented the plaque that will be displayed in the Headquarters' lobby. The event also celebrated Marriott's commitment to grow its current LEED portfolio of 40 hotels to 300 over the next five years.

Boston Marriott Long Wharf Helps Fight Climate Change in Haiti

Deep Stream Designs, a business that provides recycling bins to the Boston Marriott Long Wharf (Massachusetts), recently planted 200 trees in Haiti on behalf of the hotel as a gesture of appreciation for the hotel's business. The planting was done through the organization Trees for the Future, which was created to save the homes and way of life of people in Haiti whose country has been devastated by deforestation and global climate change. These fast-growing trees will help to protect the fragile and eroded lands. Each year, they will remove nearly three tons of pollution from the global atmosphere and replace it with life-giving oxygen. To learn more about Trees for the Future, visit plant-trees.org.



GM Victor Aragona (left) and Dir. of Engineering Kevin McLaughlin (right) with a Deepstream Audobon recycler.

Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre Earns Hospitality Sustainable Tourism Award



Hotel Mgr. C. McNeillie (2nd fr. left), Cluster Dir. Engineering J. Furness (center) and Asst. Chief Engineer G. Cox (2nd fr. right).

The Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre (United Kingdom) recently won the Bristol Hospitality Sustainable Tourism Award for 2010. The award was earned for the hotel's continued environmental efforts including installing LED lights and introducing "Green Wednesdays" for conferences and events. The hotel has just completed the first phase of installing 700 LED lights in all guest corridors and plans to replace a further 3,000 later this year. In addition, the hotel serves as the test site for many UK Marriott energy initiatives. The hotel continues to strive to find more ways of becoming "green" at the request of its associates, customers and owners.

Green Tip of the Week: Using cold water can save up to 80 percent of the energy required to wash clothes.

Find tips from the "Green Daily Basics" and other resources on [Marriott Global Source](#) (keyword: Environmental Awareness Month).

New York Marriott Marquis 'Lights Up' for Autism Awareness

On April 1, the New York Marriott Marquis was literally turning blue – but for a good cause! The exterior of the hotel was lit up in blue lights, along with other landmarks across the globe, as part of Autism Speaks' "Light It Up Blue" campaign. The campaign's purpose was to raise awareness of autism as a growing public health crisis. The hotel participated in support of World Autism Awareness Day and Autism Awareness Month in April.



New York Marriott Marquis

Congratulations 2009 Supplier Diversity Champions!

Based on their contributions to Marriott's continued success within supplier diversity, the following properties from each region in the United States and a corporate business area were selected as the 2009 champions: New York Marriott East Side; Milwaukee Courtyard (Wisconsin); JW Marriott San Francisco; and Global Human Resources. In addition, M.F. Foley Company, Inc. of New Bedford, Massachusetts was selected as Diverse Supplier of the Year, recognizing their outstanding service and superior customer satisfaction.