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Hilton Worldwide Becomes the First Hospitality Company to Achieve U.S. Department of Energy's Superior Energy Performance Certification

Three Hilton properties achieve recognition for energy efficiency programs

MCLEAN, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Hilton Worldwide](http://www.hilton.com) (NYSE: HLT) announced today that it is the first hospitality company to achieve Superior Energy Performance® (SEP™) certification from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for leadership and improvement in energy management and productivity at three landmark hotels. This recognition follows Hilton's system-wide ISO 50001 Energy Management certification across its entire hotel portfolio in 2014.

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Washington Hilton achieves Superior Energy Performance (SEP) Platinum Certification (Photo: Business Wire)

Washington Hilton,
Hilton Hawaiian
Village Waikiki Beach
Resort and Hilton

Union Square San Francisco are the first commercial buildings to achieve the SEP certification, which adds third-party verified energy performance requirements to those under ISO 50001. This achievement marks a major milestone in the company's commitment to preserving the environment as well as its leadership in energy management.

Energy savings at Hilton's SEP certified hotels include:

- **Washington Hilton** (site of the [2016 Better Buildings Summit](http://www.betterbuildingsummit.com)): SEP Platinum Certified (15.85 percent verified reduction from 2011 baseline);
- **Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort**: SEP Silver Certified (8.4 percent verified reduction from 2011 baseline); and
- **Hilton Union Square San Francisco**: SEP Silver Certified (6.3 percent verified reduction from 2011 baseline).

"We are proud to not only be the first hospitality company, but also the first company outside of the manufacturing sector to achieve certification through the DOE's SEP program," said Maxime Verstraete, vice president of sustainability, Hilton Worldwide. "SEP provides us with performance metrics to drive continuous improvement in energy management that are

aligned with our goals to reduce our carbon footprint and increase cost savings across our global portfolio of more than 4,500 properties. We look forward to continuing to work with the Department of Energy to expand our participation in the program.”

“We are excited to recognize Hilton as the first company in the hospitality sector to achieve SEP certification for several of their hotels,” said Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy Efficiency at the U.S. Department of Energy. “The SEP certification demonstrates Hilton’s commitment to improving energy productivity and achieving meaningful savings.”

Energy is typically the second or third largest cost for the average hotel, and there are strong financial and performance incentives in reducing overall usage and driving greater efficiencies. Through LightStay, its proprietary measurement platform across more than 4,500 hotels globally, Hilton has gathered data across its global portfolio to analyze how hotels are managing energy performance and driving improvements over time.

In addition to energy, the company has set targets in the areas of water conservation, waste diversion, carbon reduction and social impact. Hilton has also partnered with the U.S. Department of Energy through the [Better Buildings Challenge](#) to achieve a 20 percent energy savings goal over the next ten years.

About Hilton Worldwide

Hilton Worldwide (NYSE: HLT) is a leading global hospitality company, spanning the lodging sector from luxury and full-service hotels and resorts to extended-stay suites and focused-service hotels. For 96 years, Hilton Worldwide has been dedicated to continuing its tradition of providing exceptional guest experiences. The company's portfolio of twelve world-class global brands is comprised of more than 4,500 managed, franchised, owned and leased hotels and timeshare properties, with more than 745,000 rooms in 97 countries and territories, including Hilton Hotels & Resorts, Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts, Conrad Hotels & Resorts, Canopy by Hilton, Curio – A Collection by Hilton, DoubleTree by Hilton, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton by Hilton, Homewood Suites by Hilton, Home2 Suites by Hilton and Hilton Grand Vacations. The company also manages an award-winning customer loyalty program, Hilton HHonors®. Hilton HHonors members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to benefits including free standard Wi-Fi, as well as digital amenities that are available exclusively through the industry-leading Hilton HHonors app, where HHonors members can check-in, choose their room, and access their room using a Digital Key. Visit news.hiltonworldwide.com for more information and connect with Hilton Worldwide at facebook.com/hiltonworldwide, twitter.com/hiltonworldwide, youtube.com/hiltonworldwide, flickr.com/hiltonworldwide, and linkedin.com/company/hilton-worldwide.

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