

Montage Hotels & Resorts Recognized for Sustainability Leadership:
MONTAGE BEVERLY HILLS AWARDED LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION



¶ GREEN LEADERSHIP ¶

Montage Beverly Hills is the first hotel in Southern California and one of just four hotels worldwide to be awarded Gold level certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership Energy and Environmental Design) for New Construction program. Montage Beverly Hills is also the first newly constructed mixed-use hotel and residential project to be LEED certified as a single development, denoting it as a high performance green building that is a responsible, efficient and healthy place to live and work.

"Montage Beverly Hills' LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council.

¶ PRESTIGIOUS BENCHMARK ¶

LEED is a third-party rating system started in 2000 to encourage the design, construction and operation of more sustainable buildings worldwide. It is administered by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit coalition of building industry leaders. Currently more than 20,000 projects in 91 countries are LEED registered in pursuit of this benchmark that showcases a project's sustainability.

With the 2009 LEED Gold Certification awarded to Montage Beverly Hills, a total of 18 hotels worldwide have achieved LEED Certification at Certified Silver, Gold or Platinum levels. Specific LEED certification designations reflect assessments of such factors as site selection, water efficiency, energy efficiency, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

¶ TOTAL COMPLETE SUSTAINABILITY ¶

A Montage Commitment

"The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and Montage Beverly Hills serves as a prime example of just how much we can accomplish," said Fedrizzi of the USGBC.

All future Montage Hotels & Resorts projects are being designed and constructed with the same commitment to sustainable principles, a commitment that is passionately embraced by all of the company's associates and that is guided by Director of Sustainability, Mark Slymen. Other projects under development include Montage Deer Valley in Park City, Utah, scheduled to open in 2010, and an oceanfront resort and residences with championship golf course coming soon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

As Alan J. Fuerstman, CEO & Founder of Montage Hotels & Resorts, whose vision inspired the company's commitment to sustainability, said, "We're gratified to have created and be operating Southern California's first hotel and residential project to obtain Gold level LEED Certification. It's a fitting tribute to our development team, our construction team, the City of Beverly Hills and the ongoing efforts of the entire Montage Beverly Hills staff that luxury and sustainability can be synonymous."

❧ MONTAGE BEVERLY HILLS GOLD LEED CREDITS ❧

Each project certified under LEED for New Construction V2.2 rating system earns credits for factors that are assessed by the USGBC against desired performance criteria in six environmental categories.

Montage Beverly Hills earned a total of 39 credits in these environmental categories:



8 credits for Sustainable Sites, including access to local public transportation, bicycle storage and alternative transportation incentives for employees



1 credit for Water Efficient Landscape, installing an irrigation system that reduces potable water consumption by 54%



12 credits for Energy & Atmosphere, including selection of highly efficient mechanical equipment and installing refrigeration systems that minimize or eliminate emission of compounds that deplete ozone or contribute to global warming



5 credits for Materials & Resources, including effective construction waste management, use of recycled building materials and use of materials from within 500 miles of the project site



8 credits for Indoor Environmental Quality, including use of eco-friendly and low-VOC paints, sealants and adhesives; and specific thermal and lighting controls that ensure personal comfort



5 credits for Innovation in Design, including adopting an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Plan, an Integrated, Environmentally Preferred Landscape Management Plan and developing a Green Housekeeping Program

For additional information on Montage Hotels & Resorts sustainability initiatives or new hotels and residences in development, please visit www.montagehotels.com.

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