



Policy Statement

Southern Sun Hotel Abu Dhabi is committed to operating sustainably, reducing our environmental footprint, and promoting responsible tourism in line with the principles of the **Green Key eco-label**. Through continuous improvement, employee engagement, and community collaboration, we aim to enhance guest experiences while preserving the environment for future generations.

Objectives

- Achieve and maintain **Green Key certification**.
- Minimize environmental impact in areas of **energy, water, and waste**.
- Promote **eco-conscious behaviour** among staff, guests, and suppliers.
- Support **local culture, economy, and biodiversity**.
- Comply with all relevant **environmental regulations** in the UAE.

Scope

This policy applies to all departments, operations, suppliers, and stakeholders associated with Southern Sun Hotel Abu Dhabi.

Key Focus Areas

a. Energy Efficiency

- Monitor and reduce electricity consumption using LED lighting, motion sensors, and efficient HVAC systems.
- Promote the use of **renewable energy sources** where feasible.
- Maintain energy-efficient equipment and appliances.

b. Water Conservation

- Install **low-flow fixtures**, dual-flush toilets, and promote towel/linen reuse programs.
- Use treated greywater for landscaping.
- Regularly check for and fix leaks.

c. Waste Management

- Implement **waste segregation and recycling** practices in all departments.
- Reduce single-use plastics by offering alternatives (e.g., refillable bottles, paper straws).
- Compost organic waste where possible.

d. Sustainable Procurement

- Prioritize **local and eco-certified products**.
- Work with suppliers who comply with sustainable practices.
- Reduce packaging and encourage bulk purchasing.

e. Guest & Staff Engagement

- Educate staff through **sustainability training** and regular workshops.
- Provide guests with information on how they can contribute (e.g., energy-saving tips).
- Encourage participation in **eco-friendly activities** and local conservation efforts.

f. Community & Cultural Responsibility

- Support **local businesses, artisans, and food suppliers**.
- Respect and promote **Emirati heritage and customs**.
- Engage in **CSR initiatives** that benefit the Abu Dhabi community.

Monitoring & Reporting

- Establish **KPIs** for energy, water, and waste usage.
- Conduct **internal audits** and submit annual reports as part of the Green Key certification.
- Review and update this policy annually.

Communication

This policy is communicated to all staff and made available to guests via our website, in-room materials, and public areas. Suggestions for improvement are welcomed and encouraged.

Responsibility

The **Sustainability Manager**, in collaboration with the hotel's **Green Team**, is responsible for overseeing the implementation and continual improvement of this policy.

Approved by:

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General Manager



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