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*GMBHA's Sustainable Hospitality Council with Jenny Rushmore and JoAnn Shearer. Susie Vega, Major Account Executive, Waste Management, Nancy Scanlon PhD CHE, Associate Professor, FIU School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Tanja Morariu, Director of Brand Development, The Palms Hotel & Spa, Wendy Kallergis, President & CEO, GMBHA, Jenny Rushmore, Director of Responsible Travel, TripAdvisor, GMBHA Sustainable Hospitality Council Co-Chair Peggy Benua, General Manager, Dream South Beach, Gabriole van Bryce, GMBHA Sustainable Hospitality Council Co-Chair, Brian Lomel, Principal, Sustainable Consultant, TLC Engineering for Architecture, and JoAnn Shearer, Green Lodging Program Coordinator, Florida Green Lodging Program.*

**Dear GMBHA Members and Partners,**

On Thursday, October 24, we honored hotels and allied businesses that are leading the adoption of sustainable hospitality practices at our 1st Annual Sustainable Hospitality Awards. Award winners were selected from nominated local hotels and businesses that are advancing sustainability practices through implementation, promotion and education of guests and employees.

The GMBHA recognized two Miami-Dade County hotels that have achieved Leadership

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in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Miami's first hotel to achieve LEED Silver certification, the Hampton Inn & Suites Miami Brickell Downtown, was honored along with the Clifton Hotel South Beach, the first LEED Gold hotel in Florida and the first carbon neutral hospitality company in the US.

The event featured keynote speaker Jenny Rushmore, Director of Responsible Travel for TripAdvisor. Rushmore developed and now leads the TripAdvisor GreenLeaders program, which launched in April 2013 and currently has over 1,800 enrolled properties.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and to Robert Hill, General Manager, InterContinental Miami, and his team for making our event a great success. We look forward to continued program growth as the adoption of sustainability practices gains momentum in the U.S. hospitality industry.

All the Best,



Wendy Kallergis  
President & CEO

**LEED NC Gold Recognition Award:  
The Clifton South Beach Hotel**



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**LEED NC Silver Recognition Award:  
Hampton Inn & Suites Miami Brickell Downtown**



*Eduardo Chapoval, General Manager, Hampton Inn & Suites Miami Brickell Downtown, and Howard Wolfson, VP of Operations, Hospitality America.*

### 1st Annual Sustainable Hospitality Award Winners

Energy Efficiency & Conservation (over 200 rooms):  
JW Marriott Marquis Miami

Water Efficiency & Conservation (over 200 rooms):  
Sofitel Miami

Water Efficiency & Conservation (under 200 rooms):  
Viceroy Miami

Waste Reduction & Recycling (over 200 rooms):  
InterContinental Miami

Waste Reduction & Recycling (under 200 rooms):  
Dream South Beach

Communication & Education (over 200 rooms):  
The Palms Hotel & Spa

Communication & Education (under 200 rooms):  
The Betsy South Beach

Overall Sustainable Hospitality (over 200 rooms):  
EPIC, a Kimpton Hotel

Overall Sustainable Hospitality (under 200 rooms):  
The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove, Miami

Green Product:  
Sleep on Green

Green Service:  
Waste Management

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