



## GREEN CONFERENCING EFFORTS AT THE SANDTON SUN

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Across the globe there is a movement amongst corporates, hotels and individuals who are striving to minimise their impact on the environment. As an active member of the Heritage Programme, “greening” our hotel is of fundamental importance to us. As we embark on this journey, we have implemented various efforts with regards to conferencing at the hotel, including the following:

#### WATER

- Mineral water is provided as part of our day conference packages, however, we encourage delegates to choose jugs of safe tap water provided instead of bottles to reduce wastage and preserve our mineral water reserves – this is tomorrow’s water!

**DID YOU KNOW?** It takes about 3 litres of water and approximately 3.4 megajoules of energy to produce and sell a single litre of bottled water. While recycling the bottles offers moderate environmental benefits, drinking tap water has a MUCH lower carbon footprint than drinking bottled water. That makes drinking tap water one of the best and easiest things we can do to reduce global warming! Joburg water is deemed one of the cleanest water supplies in the world

#### RECYCLING

- We offer the option of placing a paper recycling bin in your conference venue; please advise your co-ordinator should you wish to make use of this. Also ask us to recycle any unpacking material and or boxes from your event collateral

#### PAPER & COLLATERAL

- To reduce paper wastage, we prefer to email copies of our marketing and promotional collateral so all hotel information is available in electronic format
- As you know, pencils are a much greener option than pens. In lieu of this, we have replaced our pens, where feasible, with pencils in our boardrooms and conference set-ups.
- Should you wish to order green stationery for your conference, please speak to your co-ordinator so we can put you in touch with the relative suppliers

#### ENERGY

- In an effort to conserve energy, we ask you to permit us to dim the lights during your tea and lunch breaks.
- Our air conditioning is set to 22°, which is the recognised comfort zone. Please let us know if this is too cold as we can then switch it off. Similarly, we try to avoid using the heating function and request that you wear appropriate clothing in the colder winter months

#### SUSTAINABLE FOOD

- All our seafood is selected from the approved SASSI (Southern African Sustainable Seafood Initiative) listing – send a sms to FishMS on 079 499 8795 to check the species’ endangered status
- We are also able to source organic, local or carbon neutral wines when required



- We support “Meat-free Monday” – our Monday tea breaks and chef buffet choices offer more vegetarian options and minimise the quantity of red meat served

**DID YOU KNOW?** Meat production creates more carbon emission (17%) than all the transport on earth, including planes, trains, cars and ships (11%)

- Should you wish to opt for “greener catering”; we can customise a menu for you with more eco-friendly choices. These products would be seasonal, local and organic and so have fewer food miles (distance the food travelled from the field to the plate) and a lower GI (glyceamic index). These foods have the added benefit of regulating delegate’s energy and concentration levels. Please note that the menu is subject to change pending the availability of the freshest ingredients on the day
- Should you wish to forego tea/coffee breaks, the San Market is located on the 6<sup>th</sup> level outside the banqueting centre as you enter the hotel. With recycled packaging, local coffee and fresh pastries and sandwiches made by our in-house bakery, it ties-in with our sustainable offering

#### CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Our hotel is located just 1km from and within easy walking distance of the Gautrain. Where appropriate, please encourage your delegates to make use of this transport option when attending your event. Alternatively, set-up car pools or a bus that will assist in reducing the carbon footprint of your event
- Our receiving bays and porte cochere are “no idling zones”. Please switch off your engines while off loading any deliveries

There are numerous other green efforts underway at our property. We understand that we are only gaining momentum with this process and recognise that we are at the beginning of our journey. With this in mind, we encourage any feedback or suggestions you have to further assist us in providing a more sustainable offering.

Kind regards,  
The Sandton Sun Green Team