

# PLAZA BEACH HOUSE

GRECOTEL HOTELS & RESORTS

ESG REPORT 2024

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## SUSTAINABILITY

*Timeless hospitality.*

“Responsible choices in everything we do.”

**GRECOTEL**  
HOTELS & RESORTS



A FAMILY FROM CRETE



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Welcome  
to our  
family



NIKOS DASKALANTONAKIS





# WELCOME TO GRECOTEL

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The leading Hospitality Group in Greece, proudly celebrating **50 years of excellence**. Synonymous with iconic luxury hotels and resorts in breathtaking locations, Grecotel is deeply intertwined with the country's cultural landmarks and natural heritage – a collection truly unique in the world.

For half a century, we have been ambassadors of authentic Greek hospitality, a tradition carried forward by our founding family with passion and purpose. With an intimate knowledge of Greece, we offer our guests the very best of its history, culture, spirit, gastronomy, and people. Across 40 exceptional properties in 15 of the country's most coveted destinations, we curate experiences that inspire a true sense of belonging.

As we look to the future, our commitment extends beyond exceptional service, embracing sustainability as a core value in everything we do.



## ABOUT THIS REPORT

We are proud to present Plaza Beach House annual Sustainability Report; marking another milestone in our ongoing journey to shape a more responsible and inspiring future for luxury hospitality. 2024 has been a year of meaningful progress. Amid a constantly changing world, our focus has remained clear: to accelerate sustainable growth, lead with integrity, and deliver exceptional guest experiences while minimizing our environmental impact.

This report offers a comprehensive overview of our key performance data for the year, along with independent certifications. But beyond the facts and figures, it also highlights the everyday stories of our people—their dedication, creativity, and teamwork, that drive real change across our hotels.

Our commitment to sustainability is not just a strategy, it's part of our culture. We continue to invest in innovative solutions, strengthen partnerships, and embed sustainability across every layer of our operations.

To our loyal guests, local communities, colleagues, owners, investors and suppliers, thank you. Your support and engagement have been instrumental to our progress, and we look forward to building a brighter, more sustainable future together.

A woman with a long blonde ponytail, wearing a white polo shirt and plaid riding pants, is riding a white horse through the ocean waves. The horse is galloping, and water is splashing around its legs. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with warm, golden-hour lighting.

# 01 A SUSTAINABLE JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

At Grecotel, we offer more than luxury; we offer intention. Sustainability is part of how we think, act, and evolve across every level of our operations.

# GRECOTEL AT A GLANCE

Grecotel’s portfolio comprises 40 luxury hotels and resorts located in some of Greece’s most iconic destinations, including Attica, Crete, Rhodes, Corfu, Kos, Mykonos, Western Peloponnese, Larissa, Kalamata, and Alexandroupolis. Each property reflects the unique character of its location, while collectively they represent the essence of Greek hospitality. To better serve the diverse needs and preferences of our guests, the Grecotel collection is organized into 5 distinct product lines, each defined by its specific features, offerings, and target audience.

## ICONIC COLLECTION

A selection of landmark hotels and resorts across Greece, each with a unique character rooted in history and culture, offering refined hospitality and a deep sense of place .



THE DOLLI AT ACROPOLIS  
CAPE SOUNIO  
THE ROC CLUB  
MYKONOS BLU  
MYKONOS LOLITA  
CORFU IMPERIAL  
MANDOLA ROSA  
AMIRANDES  
CARMEL

## ALL INCLUSIVE RESORTS

Grecotel’s all-inclusive resorts provide carefree beachfront holidays with premium dining, entertainment, and family-friendly experiences in Greece’s top destinations.



MARINE PALACE & AQUA PARK  
MELI PALACE  
CASA PARADISO  
CASA MARRON

## LUXME COLLECTION

LUXME® – Luxury Made Easy – combines upscale all-inclusive living with stylish design, curated gastronomy, and vibrant experiences for modern travelers.



LUXME WHITE  
LUXME KOS  
LUXME COSTA BOTANICA  
LUXME DAPHNILA BAY  
LUXME DAMA DAMA  
LUXME OASIS  
LUXME PALMS

## LUXURY RESORTS

Extraordinary beachfront resorts nestled in stunning landscapes, offering exceptional amenities, tailored services, and authentic Greek hospitality for every guest.



CORFU IMPERIAL  
EVA PALACE  
AMIRANDES  
CARMEL  
CRETA PALACE  
MANDOLA ROSA  
LA RIVIERA  
FILOXENIA

## HOMES & VILLAS

A refined collection of private beachfront villas and homes, offering bespoke experiences, personalized service, and the comfort of a summer house by the sea.



CORFU  
CRETE  
MYKONOS  
SOUNIO  
ATHENS RIVIERA  
PELOPONNESE  
KOS ISLAND

# TRADITIONAL FARMS & VILLAGES

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Grecotel is part of the N. Daskalantonakis Group of Companies, which includes among others city and resort affiliated hotels, the Agreco traditional farm and line of products from Crete and the Danilia traditional village and museum in Corfu.

## DANILIA CORFU

The village of Danilia is a traditional theme park. An entire Corfiot village with its own museum and traditional small shops.

<https://www.grecotel.com/el/greece-destinations/corfu/danilia-village.html>

## AGRECO FARM

At Agreco Farm in Rethymnon, visitors revive traditional Cretan life and participate in agricultural activities.

<https://www.agreco.gr/>



# TIMELESS HOSPITALITY

## RESPONSIBLE CHOICES IN EVERYTHING WE DO.

Grecotel was the first hotel group in the Mediterranean to link hospitality with environmental and cultural stewardship, long before sustainability became a global imperative. Driven by the vision of our founder, N. Daskalantonakis, we embrace our responsibility to actively safeguard the diverse ecosystems and cultural heritage of our destinations, ensuring their resilience for conscious travelers today and tomorrow.

## VISION

We aim to offer authentic guest experiences that highlight Greece’s natural beauty and cultural richness, while actively supporting a sustainable future for our destinations.

## MISSION

Our mission is to deliver exceptional hospitality while preserving the natural beauty, biodiversity, and cultural heritage of our destinations. We are committed to empowering local communities, promoting equal opportunities, and continuously investing in the growth and development of our people every step of the way.



## INTEGRATING ESG INTO OUR OPERATIONS

We recognize that our long-term prosperity is deeply intertwined with the well-being of our guests, our team, and the destinations we call home. This commitment is reflected in three key pillars:

- **Sustainable Practices:** From minimizing waste and conserving water resources to supporting local communities and preserving biodiversity, we are dedicated to creating a lasting, positive impact.
- **Ethical Operations:** We uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and respect in all our interactions—with guests, employees, partners, and local communities.
- **Community Investment:** We actively support and celebrate the unique cultures and traditions of the regions where our hotels are located, fostering vibrant communities and enriching the travel experience.

By placing responsibility at the core of our philosophy, we aim to be more than just a hotel chain. We aspire to be stewards of Greek hospitality, leaving a **legacy of care, respect, and sustainability for generations to come.**



Global Compact  
Network Greece



SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT **GOALS**  
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

# COMMITTED TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Grecotel champions sustainable development, blending luxury with environmental and social responsibility. Our commitment is clear, to create a sustainable future through responsible hospitality and strong community partnerships.

As a proud member of the UN Global Compact, we embrace its principles on human rights, labor, environmental protection, and anti-corruption, while supporting the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Across our hotels, we reduce waste, support local producers, and raise environmental awareness. We actively engage guests, staff, and local communities in volunteer actions, education, and social initiatives.

## Our Focus Areas

Grecotel celebrates Greek traditions and diversity, ensuring guests, employees, and local communities feel welcome and included. We showcase seasonal, locally sourced products, reduce food waste, and create culinary experiences that respect both people and the planet.

Through sustainable design and sustainable amenities, our rooms and interiors combine comfort with minimal environmental impact. (Linked SDGs: 3, 5, 8, 12, 13)

## Our Focus Areas

We are committed to continuously improving our hotel operations by investing in sustainable practices and efficient technologies, engaging local suppliers and property owners, minimizing waste, conserving water, and reducing our carbon footprint. (Linked SDGs: 6, 7, 11, 13)

## What We Contribute to Society

Grecotel actively supports local communities, protects cultural heritage, and contributes to biodiversity conservation. We foster partnerships, volunteer initiatives, and educational programs that create shared value and strengthen social cohesion across Greece. (Linked SDGs: 8, 10, 15, 17)

A nighttime photograph of a modern, two-story building with a central courtyard. The building has white walls and blue accents around the windows and doors. A swimming pool is in the foreground, reflecting the lights. Several tall palm trees are scattered throughout the courtyard. The sky is dark with some stars visible.

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# WELCOME NOTE FROM GENERAL MANAGER

## PLAZA BEACH HOUSE

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Dear Guests, Partners, and Friends,

At Grecotel, our legacy is rooted in a deep respect for people, culture, and the natural beauty of Greece. As our industry evolves, we remain true to these values—shaping hospitality that is both luxurious and responsible.

In 2024, we strengthened our commitment to sustainability across multiple areas. At Plaza Beach House we focused on reducing our energy and water use, protecting local biodiversity, and expanding partnerships that support our community and promote local sourcing. These efforts reflect not only operational improvements, but a culture of care and purpose.

Behind every initiative is the dedication of our people—from chefs designing seasonal menus with local producers to engineers implementing more efficient systems, and colleagues giving back through volunteering and awareness campaigns.

We know there is more to be done, and we remain committed to continuous improvement. Sustainability is an essential part of our long-term strategy and a key driver of how we create value for our guests, partners, and future generations.

Thank you for being part of this journey.  
Together, we are building a more thoughtful and resilient future for hospitality.

Warm regards,  
Michael Gioulountas

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Michael Gioulountas', is placed next to the typed name.



# PLAZA BEACH HOUSE

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## Overview & Accommodation

- **Resort Size:** 6.000 sq. m, is perfectly positioned in Rethymno, between the sparkling Aegean Sea and Crete's imposing mountains.
- **Atmosphere:** Family-friendly. A captivating town where Venetian-inspired charm, Greek heritage, and the vibrant energy of modern Cretan life blend seamlessly.
- **Surroundings:** Step outside the resort and wander through the enchanting old town, brimming with historic landmarks, bustling markets, inviting tavernas, and golden sand beaches.:
  - 77 km from **Chania Town**
  - 78 km from **Heraklion Airport**
- **Accommodation Options:**  
Elegantly refreshed to suit every style and need:
  - Apartment : 39
  - Lofts: 45**Total Units:** 84



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# WHAT IS INCLUDED

**APARTMENTS:** Exquisite Corfu-inspired Summer Houses set in colorful gardens, just steps from the natural beach. Families enjoy private pools and the essence of beachfront living. The nearby Beach Club offers shaded lounges, light bites, and lively barbeque nights. Designed for relaxation and togetherness, these Summer Houses ensure a memorable escape.

**DINING:**At the heart of the Beach House, the restaurant offers all-day dining with seasonal menus and summer favorites in a vibrant open-air setting. Guests enjoy beachside cuisine with vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options, alongside a tempting ice cream kiosk and patisserie. Mornings begin with a gourmet American buffet, lunch features farm-fresh Cretan ingredients, and evenings celebrate the rich flavors of the Mediterranean

**BEACH & POOLS:** Set along a stunning golden beach that stretches for miles beside crystal-clear waters, **Grecotel Plaza Beach House** offers the perfect coastal escape. Guests unwind on sunbeds with refreshing cocktails or enjoy serene sunset walks by the sea. The new pool promenade invites relaxation from morning to evening, with vibrant spaces for lounging. Families delight in the main pool, while children play safely in the shallow paddling pool. With sea-view pools, spa facilities, and complimentary amenities, every detail ensures a carefree and elegant stay.

**FITNESS, WELLNESS & SPORTS: GRECOTEL Plaza Beach House** offers a dynamic mix of fitness and leisure options, including yoga, aqua workouts, water sports, biking.

**SPA:Plaza Spa** is a serene sanctuary of relaxation and rejuvenation. Guests unwind in the shaded pool, sauna, and hammam, with tailored treatments in private massage rooms. The exclusive salon completes the experience with elegant manicure and pedicure services

**ACTIVITIES:** For wellness and inspiration, explore curated experiences that connect you with nature, creativity, and adventure. Choose from a selection of complimentary and paid activities designed to enhance your vitality and sense of balance (bookable through Concierge, Guest Services, or your Villa Manager)

**KIDS:** Grecoland Kids Activities, Grecobaby pre-arrival order of baby equipment and baby food. Kids free dining. Children up to 14 y.o. stay free in the parent's room.

**FACILITIES & SERVICES:** Concierge services, Guest Portal online guests services, What's app services. Free of charge full WiFi coverage in all hotel areas and guest rooms. Jewellery, clothing & holiday boutiques.



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# HOSPITALITY BEYOND SERVICE

Rooted in a deep sense of responsibility, we integrate sustainability into our operations, striving to deliver authentic experiences that honor the culture, community, and natural beauty of Crete. Our approach is guided by a comprehensive ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) strategy that informs every decision we make.

We continuously invest in initiatives that promote social inclusion and environmental stewardship. From honoring cultural heritage and embracing inclusive practices, to advancing environmental stewardship and supporting local organizations that empower women and protect vulnerable communities, we are committed to creating meaningful impact through equity, sustainability, and respect for diversity.

Our commitment goes beyond targets — it is a way of life. With integrity, transparency, and consistency, we continue to redefine luxury hospitality by offering experiences that respect and uplift the people and places we serve.



## A Truly International Destination

Plaza Beach house welcomes guests from around the world, reflecting our global appeal and commitment to cultural exchange. In 2024, we recorded a notable increase in visitor numbers compared to 2023, highlighting the growing trust and recognition of Grecotel’s exceptional hospitality.

- **Greeks:** 658 visitors (*up from the previous year*)
- **Europeans:** 5859 visitors ( *up from 2023* )
- **Americans:** 389 visitors (Stable since 2023)

This diversity not only enriches the resort’s vibrant atmosphere but also fosters cultural understanding, strengthens cross-border connections, and supports the local economy through increased tourism activity.

Plaza Beach House continues to attract a broad mix of repeat guests and new travelers, proving that authentic Greek hospitality, sustainability practices, and premium experiences resonate across different cultures and markets. The resort’s strategic location, unique experiences, and commitment to personalized service have positioned it as a preferred destination for discerning travelers seeking both relaxation and cultural discovery.

TRAVELIFE GOLD  
CERTIFICATE



H.A.C.C.P  
CERTIFICATION



TRIPADVISOR  
TRAVELLER'S  
AWARD CHOICE 2024



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# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

At PLAZA BEACH HOUSE, excellence in sustainability, safety, and guest experience is at the heart of everything we do. We are proud to have received several prestigious certifications and awards that reflect our continuous efforts to operate responsibly and deliver exceptional service.

These recognitions validate the positive impact of our work—from environmental stewardship and food safety to sustainable hospitality and guest satisfaction.



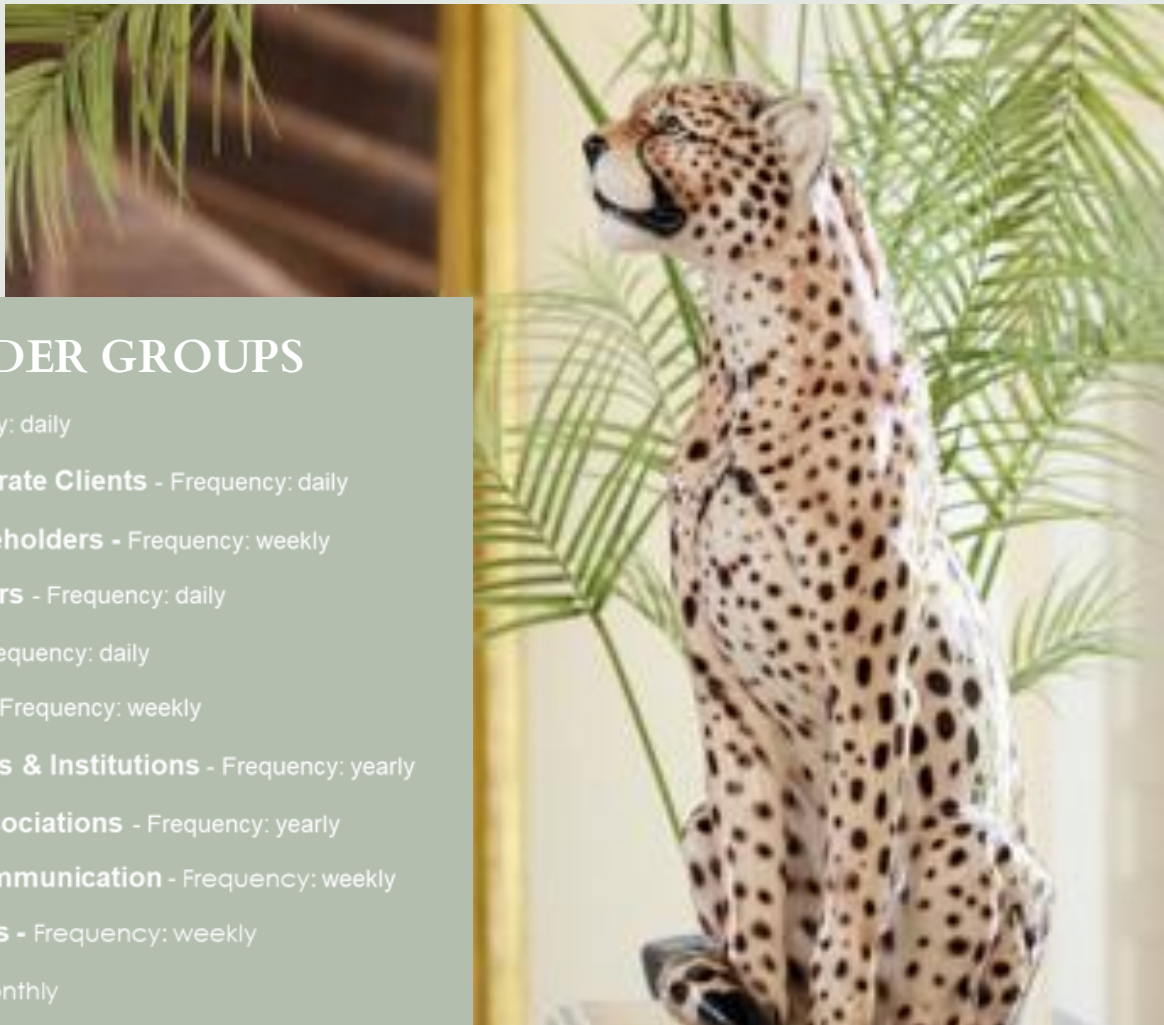
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## 03 SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE & RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Sustainability is leadership in action—guided by integrity, transparency, and care for future generations.

# SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE

At Grecotel, sustainable governance is the foundation of our long-term success. We are committed to embedding responsibility, transparency, and ethical practices into every level of decision-making—from group strategy to daily hotel operations.



## STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

- Employees - Frequency: daily
- Individual and Corporate Clients - Frequency: daily
- Management & Shareholders - Frequency: weekly
- Suppliers and Partners - Frequency: daily
- Tourism Partners - Frequency: daily
- Local Communities - Frequency: weekly
- Government Agencies & Institutions - Frequency: yearly
- Tourism Industry Associations - Frequency: yearly
- Public Media and communication - Frequency: weekly
- Academic institutions - Frequency: weekly
- NGOs - Frequency: monthly

PLAZA BEACH HOUSE engages with both internal and external stakeholders to seek their expertise, set expectations and align priorities for the development of ESG programs.

At PLAZA BEACH HOUSE, sustainable governance ensures that environmental, social, and ethical principles are embedded in our decision-making and daily operations. We operate within the Group’s sustainability framework, guided by internal policies, certified standards, and compliance with national and international regulations.

Our on-site Sustainability Coordinator works closely with hotel management to track performance, coordinate audits, and ensure alignment with group-wide ESG goals. Key focus areas include energy and water efficiency, biodiversity protection, waste reduction, health and safety, and staff engagement.

We engage regularly with key stakeholder groups—guests, employees, suppliers, community partners, and government bodies—to understand expectations, share progress, and ensure transparent communication. Feedback is gathered through meetings, surveys, and day-to-day interactions, helping us to continuously improve and adapt our strategy in a collaborative way.



# MATERIAL TOPICS FOR PLAZA BEACH HOUSE

The topics are presented above are classified into three categories: Environment (E), Social (S), and Governance (G). Detailed information on Grecotel Plaza Beach House approach and performance for each of these material topics is presented and analyzed in the corresponding sections of this Report.

ESG Category	Material Issue	Main Impacts	Type of Impacts	Sustainable Development Goals
Governance	Creating shared value - Social product	Creating economic and non-economic value for the benefit of all stakeholders, such as employees, local communities, shareholders, the government, suppliers, the tourism sector, and others.	+	
Social	Contribution to Local Communities and Responsible Procurement Practices	Contribution to the prosperity and development of local communities and economies in the areas where Grecotel operates, through job creation and sourcing from local suppliers.	+	 
Social	Employment and Work practices	Providing significant employment opportunities in various sectors and implementing responsible employment practices.	+	
Environment	Energy Management	Energy consumption to meet the needs of our Hotels, and actions for energy conservation and efficiency improvement.	+ / -	
Social	Training and Development	Providing opportunities for personal and professional development and training for employees.	+	 
Social	Destination Promotion	Attracting visitors to the areas where Grecotel operates and contributing to the promotion of the tourism product.	+	
Environment	Emissions and climate change	Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) due to the operation of our Hotels and the supply of products and services.	-	 
Environment	Waste management and circular economy	Waste production and management of the entire activity of Grecotel.	+ / -	  
Environment	Water consumption	Water consumption for the needs of our Hotels (including pools and irrigation). Implementation of desalination and water conservation practices.	+ / -	 
Social	Health and safety of employees and guests	Protection of the health, safety, and well-being of workers and clients.	+ / -	 
Governance	Compliance and business ethics	Smooth operation of the Group and creation of value for society through compliance with the applicable framework and regulations.	+	
Governance	Personal data and privacy	Implementation of practices and regulations for the protection of client's data privacy.	+	 
Environment	Protection of biodiversity and ecosystems	Effects on ecosystems and biodiversity (protected species) at the local level and participation in biodiverse protection.	+ / -	  
Social	Diversity, inclusion, and human rights	Shaping a work environment of equal opportunities for all and supporting diversity.	+	

## SUSTAINABILITY POLICIES

At Grecotel, we recognize that the challenges of climate change, social equity, and responsible governance are deeply interconnected. The Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework guides the development of our policies across destinations and supply chains, shaping a more resilient and inclusive hospitality model.

Our ESG strategy is rooted in compliance and driven by impact. By reporting through ESG metrics, we transparently communicate our efforts to maximize positive environmental and social outcomes.

These policies are publicly available on the official Grecotel website, within the Sustainability section, reinforcing our transparency and accountability to all stakeholders.

## BUSINESS CONDUCT & COMPLIANCE (BCC)

Our BCC policies guide our people and partners in upholding the highest standards of ethical conduct, fully aligned with national laws, international norms, and Grecotel’s core values. They serve as a framework to ensure that every decision we make reflects integrity, transparency, and accountability.

From anti-corruption, anti-bribery, and data protection, to human rights, labor standards, and environmental responsibility, these policies demonstrate our commitment to responsible business practices. Regular reviews and updates ensure our policies remain relevant and reflect evolving regulations and stakeholder expectations.



## SUSTAINABILITY RISK MANAGEMENT

Grecotel has identified the key sustainability issues most relevant to its operations and stakeholders through a materiality assessment, taking into account economic, social, and environmental impacts as well as stakeholder concerns. Climate-related risks are included as a dedicated category in the resort’s integrated risk register.

At Plaza Beach House, our Crisis Management Manual and Risk Assessment Study guide our approach to sustainability risk management.

- **Crisis Management Manual:** Outlines procedures and protocols to prevent, respond to, and recover from incidents that could affect resort operations or the safety of guests and staff. It defines clear roles and responsibilities, communication flows, and measures to minimize potential impacts in the event of natural disasters, environmental events, or social crises.
- **Risk Assessment Study:** Systematically evaluates potential threats and regulatory changes—while setting priorities and mitigation actions to ensure resilient and sustainable operations.

This approach enables proactive planning and effective risk management, reinforcing Plaza Imperial’s commitment to long-term sustainability and guest well-being.

# SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE & TEAM LEADERSHIP

At Grecotel, sustainability is embedded in a structured, hotel-wide system. Each hotel has a dedicated Sustainability Coordinator, supported by on-site teams and guided by a Regional Sustainability Lead.

*At Grecotel, sustainability isn't a program—it's our way of leading, operating, and inspiring.*

**Nikolaos Charalampakis**  
Regional Sustainability Lead



## MEET OUR SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

At Plaza Beach House, our sustainability governance is led by a cross-functional team that ensures the integration of environmental and social responsibility into every aspect of our operations. Regular internal audits, monthly performance monitoring, and active leadership engagement ensure continuous improvement and alignment with Group strategy.

Hotel Manager	Operations Manager	HR Manager	Executive Chef	Maintenance Manager	Housekeeping Manager	Guest Services Supervisor	Entertainment & Communications	Sustainability Coordinator
Leads overall sustainability vision, builds partnerships, and drives community engagement.	Aligns food & beverage sourcing and operations with sustainability priorities and waste reduction.	Ensures fair labor practices, employee welfare, and staff sustainability training.	Minimizes food waste, designs low-impact menus, and supports local, seasonal sourcing.	Improves energy and water efficiency, ensures responsible facility operations.	Implements sustainable housekeeping standards and resource-conscious practices.	Engages and educates guests about Grecotel's sustainability initiatives.	Creates programs and messaging that highlight sustainability and local culture.	Oversees sustainability planning, coordinates actions, and ensures implementation of sustainability goals.

A photograph of a resort building with arches and palm trees at sunset. The building is a long, two-story structure with a series of arches on the ground floor. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. In the foreground, there is a swimming pool with lounge chairs and a row of palm trees. The overall atmosphere is warm and relaxing.

# 04 RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR PLANET

At Grecotel, our operations are deeply rooted in the natural beauty of Greece, and we strive to protect and enhance this heritage through conscious practices, regenerative hospitality, and a deep respect for biodiversity.



# ENVIRONMENT

From coastal conservation to energy efficiency, our environmental strategy is designed to harmonize luxury with ecological integrity. We believe that true sustainability is not only about minimizing harm, but about actively restoring balance—ensuring that the landscapes we cherish today remain vibrant and resilient tomorrow. We’ve tracked energy, emissions, water, and waste since 2019, and we disclose our progress transparently through our sustainability report.

Category	Indicator	2030 Target	Notes
Water	Avg. water use (L/guest-night)	-10% vs 2019	Use low-flow fixtures, smart irrigation etc.
Energy	Energy use (kWh/guest-night)	-10% vs 2019	Includes electricity, LPG, diesel, etc.
Energy	Renewable energy (%)	50 %	Expand solar or REC.
Emissions	CO <sub>2</sub> e per guest-night	-10% vs 2019	Factor in Scope 1 & 2.
Waste	Recycling rate (%)	≥60%	Expand recycling programs and engage staff/guests.
Waste	Food waste (kg/guest-night)	-10% vs baseline	Portion control, food donation, composting.
Purchasing	Local/seasonal sourcing (%)	≥70%	Strengthen local supply chains.
Plastics	Single-use plastics eliminated	100% phase-out	Switch to reusables and compostables.
Employees	Sustainability training (%)	≥75%	Include onboarding + refreshers.
Community	Local engagement events/year	≥5	Beach clean-ups, cultural events, etc.



Tracking energy, water, and waste is only the beginning—restoring balance is how we ensure the landscapes we cherish remain vibrant for generations.

# DECARBONIZATION & CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is one of the main greenhouse gases and is directly linked to global warming and climate change. Recognizing the critical role of carbon emissions in environmental degradation, we are committed to implementing sustainable practices that contribute meaningfully to their reduction.

In our commitment to reducing our environmental impact, we have established a structured approach to monitoring and managing carbon emissions across our operations. Each month, we systematically record our Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, which include direct emissions from fuel combustion and indirect emissions from purchased electricity, respectively. In 2024, we undertook a Scope 3 quantification exercise to better understand this hidden impact.

Using internationally recognized emission factors, we convert energy consumption data into quantifiable carbon emissions. This process allows us to accurately assess our carbon footprint and identify the most emission-intensive areas of our operations.

Our primary objective is to gain a clear understanding of where improvements are needed. By analyzing trends and performance indicators, we can make targeted investments in energy-efficient technologies, operational upgrades, and staff training. These actions are designed to help us minimize emissions, enhance sustainability, and align with broader climate goals such as net zero targets and climate resilience. This data-driven approach not only supports transparency and accountability but also empowers us to make informed decisions that contribute to a more sustainable future.

## AVOIDING HARMFUL REFRIGERANT GASES

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we have completely eliminated the use of refrigerant gases that contribute to global warming and harm the ozone layer. This initiative reflects our broader goal of minimizing our environmental footprint and promoting eco-conscious operations.

### ACTIONS:

- We have excluded the use of equipment containing CFCs, HCFCs, or high-GWP HFCs, ensuring our operations do not contribute to their negative environmental impact.
- All systems and machinery we procure comply with our environmental standards and are free from the gases we have pledged to avoid, reinforcing our commitment to responsible and sustainable practices.





## ENERGY AT PLAZA BEACH HOUSE

Energy powers the experiences we create, but it also comes with a climate cost. Acknowledging this balance, we’ve made energy efficiency a cornerstone of our sustainability strategy. Energy consumption remains a leading contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, significantly impacting climate change.

By combining strategic investments with smart design and consistent action, Plaza Beach House is advancing toward a low-carbon future, ensuring that sustainability enhances, not compromises, the guest experience.

By pairing innovation with accountability Plaza Beach House transforms energy savings into meaningful climate action; proving that comfort, elegance, and responsibility can thrive together.



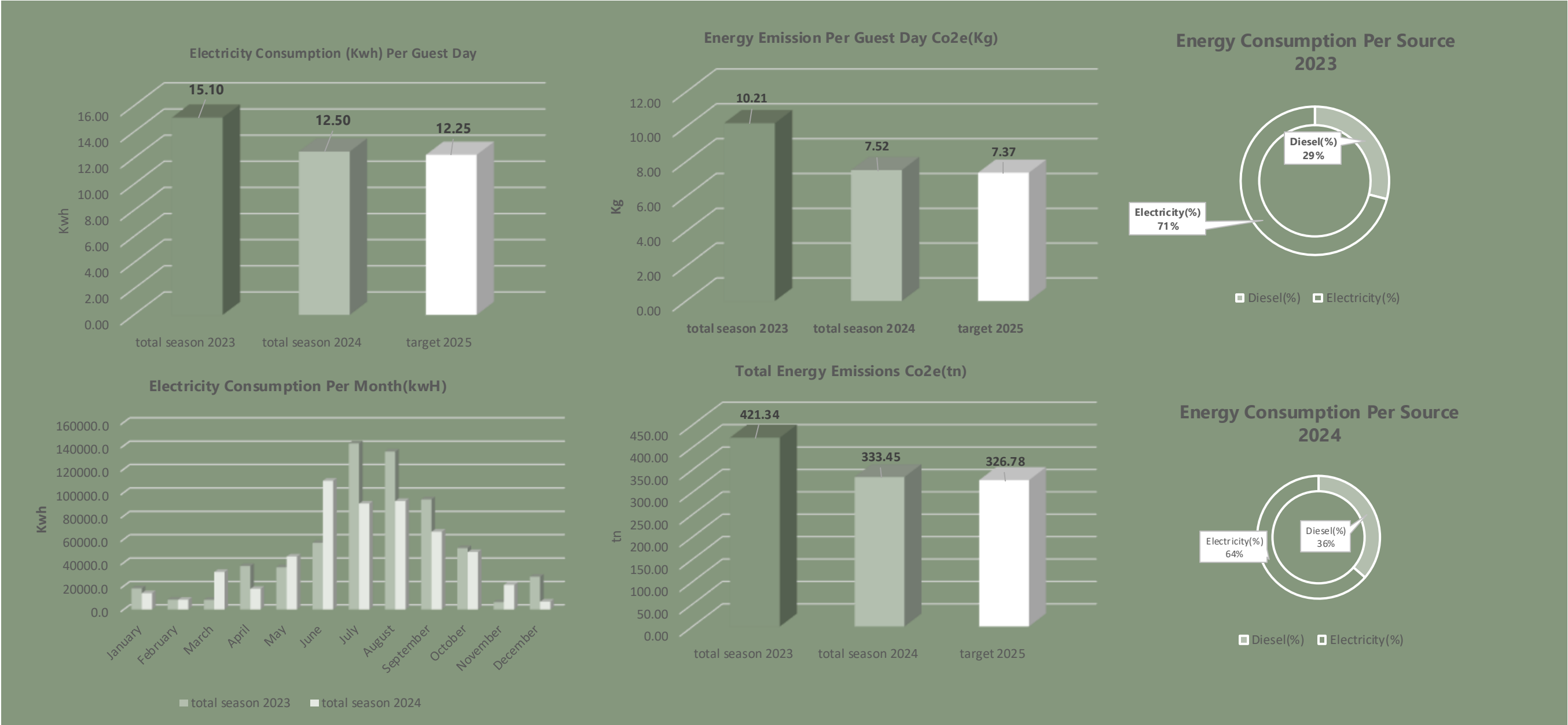
In 2024, Plaza Beach House proved that smart monitoring, sensors, and daily actions can deliver significant energy savings without compromising guest comfort.

- Motion Sensors & LED Lighting – Installed across the hotel, these upgrades reduced unnecessary energy consumption and improved lighting quality.
- High-Efficiency Equipment – Kitchens, laundry facilities, and HVAC systems were modernized, replacing older models to ensure better performance with less energy.
- Heat Pumps for Heating & Cooling – Deployed across the property, boosting heating and cooling efficiency while lowering operational costs.
- Energy Monitoring & Dashboards – Monthly dashboards and real-time sensors track key energy indicators, enabling quick responses and data-driven decisions.
- Regular Energy Audits – Conducted to identify opportunities for further optimization and align with Grecootel’s long-term sustainability targets.
- Employee Engagement & Training – All team members received energy training, reinforcing a culture of awareness and shared responsibility.
- Smart Cooling Practices – Natural ventilation, night-time airflow strategies, and regular maintenance improved cooling efficiency and comfort.



# ENERGY & EMISSIONS ANALYSIS (2024)

Plaza Beach House improved efficiency even as it grew—investments in modern equipment and renewables are already reducing carbon intensity and positioning the hotel for a lower-carbon future.



## ENERGY & EMISSIONS

**Guest Nights:** 44350 (+7.4 % vs. 2023)

**Carbon Intensity** Decreased 26.3%, from 10.2kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/guest night (2023) →7.52 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e (2024)

**Total Emissions:** 20.9 % improved: CO<sub>2</sub>e 421.3 tn (2023)→ 333.4tn(2024)

Reduction achieved through building renovation and the upgrade of equipment.

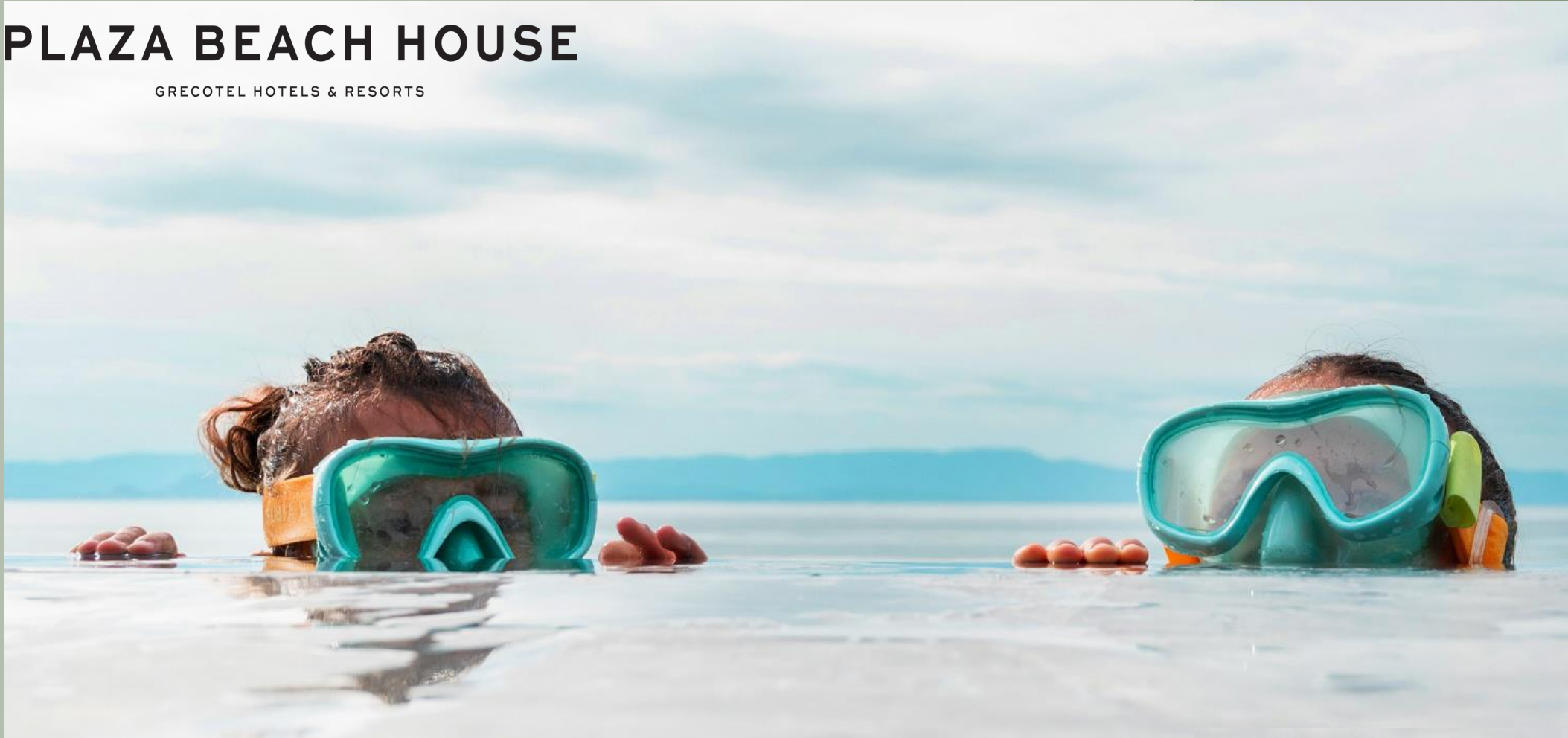
## ENERGY Consumption

**Electricity consumption:** decreased due to the rise in the number of guests,however, as a result of the efficient equipment, the consumption per visitor decreased 17.2% from 15.1kwh (2023)→12.5kwh (2024)

**Diesel consumption:** In 2024, diesel consumption decreased 35.7% A result driven by improved building performance following renovation and the use of heat pumps..

## KEYINSIGHTS2024

- Renovation investments contributed to a reduction in overall energy consumption.
- **Improved network reliability** and **backup generator maintenance** reduced diesel consumption by 35.7%.
- Higher occupancy spread fixed energy loads across more guests, **lowering per-guest emission**



## RESPONSIBLE WATER MANAGEMENT & QUALITY ASSURANCE

At Plaza Beach House we uphold strict water quality standards to protect our guests, employees, and the local environment. All water sources (potable, pools, spas, and seawater) are continuously tested by accredited labs to meet national and international regulations.

Preventive maintenance, automated monitoring, and trained employees keep filtration systems efficient, reducing chemical use without affecting safety or comfort.

As part of Grecootel’s sustainability program, we track and share water quality and usage results to ensure accountability and transparency, supporting SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and safeguarding local resources for every guest.

## Why Water Management Matters at Plaza Beach House:

Located in Rethymno, where water scarcity is a recurring challenge, especially during the busy summer months, **Plaza Beach House** recognizes the importance of protecting local water resources for both the community and the environment. As part of Grecootel’s wider sustainability strategy, we are committed to responsible water management, ensuring our operations do not deprive the local community of access to water resources. Conserving water safeguards ecosystems, supports community resilience, and sustains tourism.

Through meticulous monitoring, reporting, and conservation measures, we minimize consumption, optimize efficiency, and reduce our footprint—without compromising guest comfort or safety. Our program is aligned with government standards, and benchmarked against Travelife certification.

### Key Actions

- **Monitoring & Reporting:** Continuous tracking and monthly reporting of water consumption, with performance benchmarked against reduction targets.
- **Quality Testing:** Rigorous water quality checks by accredited laboratories for potable water, swimming pools, spas, and seawater facilities.
- **Smart Infrastructure:** Low-flow fixtures, double-flush toilets, drip irrigation, automatic night watering to reduce evaporation, water-efficient laundry and dishwashing equipment, and pool filtration systems designed to minimize water loss.
- **Preventive Maintenance:** Scheduled inspections and rapid repair of leaks or inefficiencies to avoid unnecessary water waste.
- **Guest Engagement:** In-room signage, Grecoland children’s activities, and environmental events encouraging guests of all ages to conserve water.
- **Employee Training:** Regular refreshers and best practice sharing to ensure every team member applies water-saving methods daily.

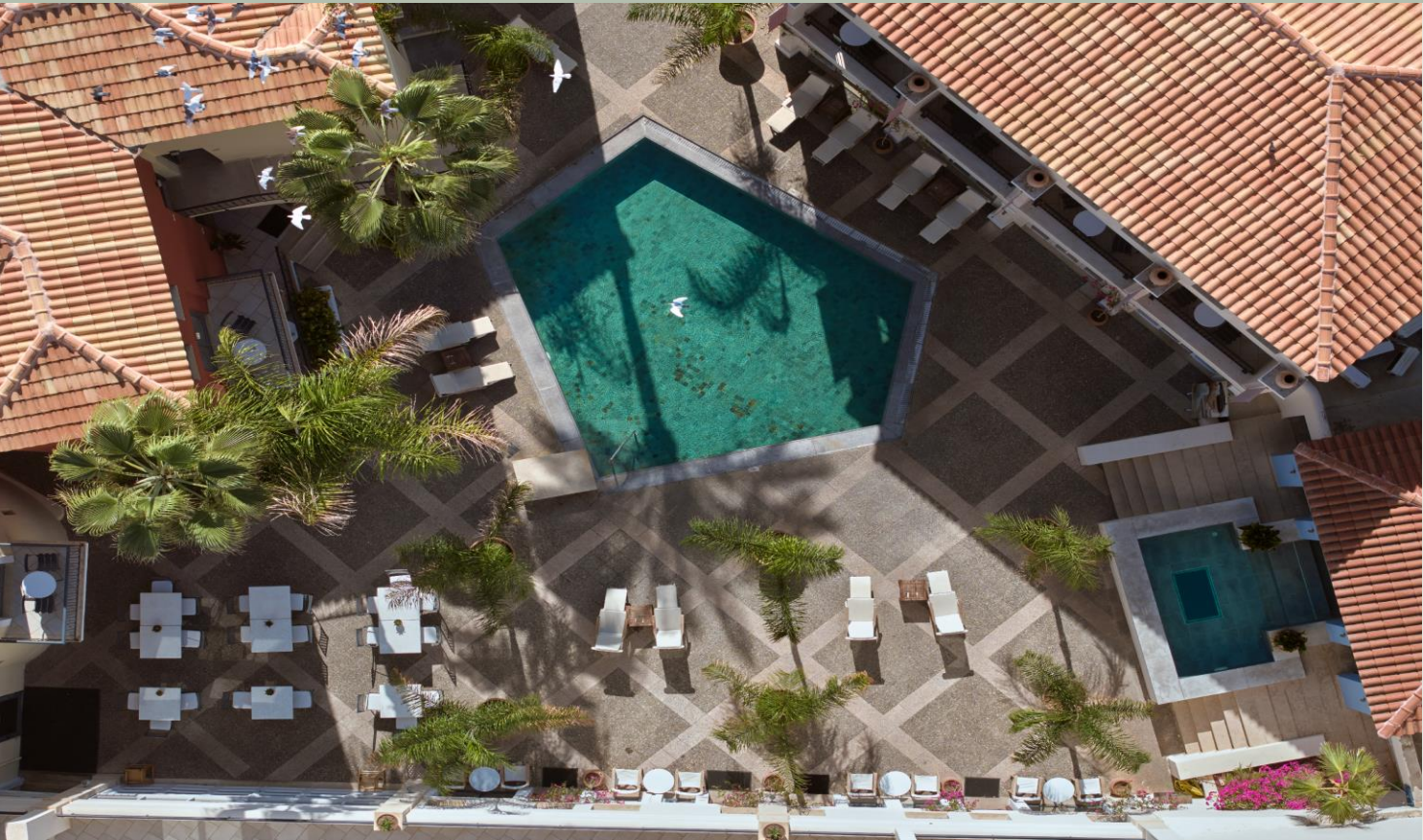
By uniting smart technology, proactive maintenance, engaged employees, and guest participation, Plaza Beach House preserves the island’s precious water resources and natural beauty for future generations, while delivering the highest standards of comfort and luxury hospitality.

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## WATER MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

We are dedicated to sustainable tourism, ensuring our water usage does not impact local resources or environments. All wastewater, including rainwater, is safely treated and disposed of, in compliance with all environmental regulations.



### Water Consumption (Season 2024):

Drilling Water: + 2,164m<sup>3</sup> increase compared to last year (11,725 m<sup>3</sup> (2023)→13,889m<sup>3</sup>(2024))

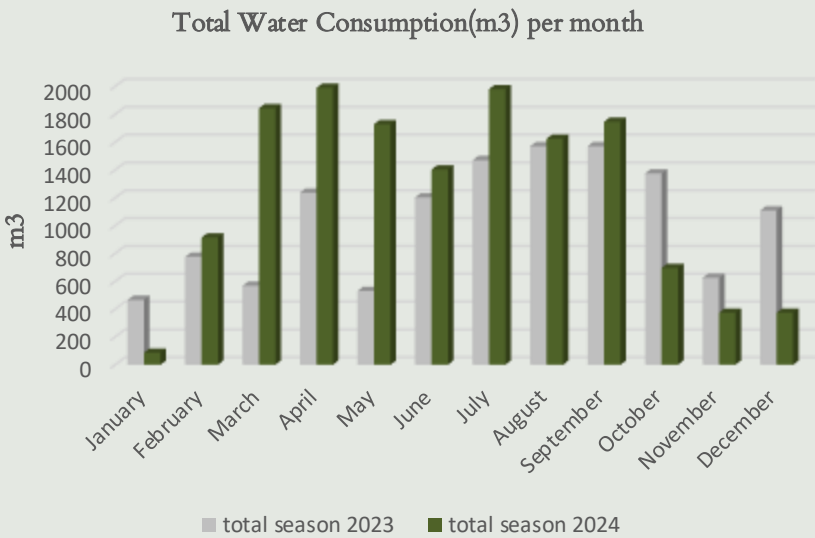
Municipal Water: + 574m<sup>3</sup> increase compared to last year (767 m<sup>3</sup> (2023)→1,341m<sup>3</sup>(2024))

Despite the implementation of enhanced efficiency measures and improved monitoring systems, water consumption increased from 2023 to 2024, primarily due to the hotter summer conditions and the heightened maintenance requirements across operations.

In 2024, average water use per guest night was 0.33 m<sup>3</sup>, compared to 0.30 m<sup>3</sup> in 2023; an increase of 0.03 m<sup>3</sup> (+10%)

The observed increase in water consumption indicates the need for improvement in this area.

Similarly, water-related emissions increased to 0.005 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/guest night in 2024 (vs 0.003 in 2023)





# SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS IN ACTION

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# SUSTAINABLE SHORES: GRECOTEL'S PARTNERSHIP WITH ARCHELON

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Grecotel collaborates with **ARCHELON**, the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece, to support the conservation of endangered sea turtles..

**Every week, the ARCHELON visits some resort**, organizing a variety of engaging activities aimed at **educating and raising awareness** among our guests about the **importance of protecting sea turtles** and their natural habitats.

Through interactive **games and workshops** held in Grecoland, children and families learn about the **life cycle of the sea turtle**, the **challenges they face**, and how **each of us can contribute** to their conservation.

This collaboration reflects our ongoing commitment to **environmental education, marine biodiversity**, and the **promotion of responsible tourism practices**.

# CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

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As part of our Environmental Management System, Plaza Beach House maintains a comprehensive chemical management program that ensures environmental protection while meeting operational excellence standards.

The overall consumption of chemical substances in 2024 decreased compared to 2023, without compromising cleanliness standards. Specifically, the consumption of environmentally hazardous substances was reduced by 13.6% in liquids and increased by 2.1% in solids.



## Ensuring Safety, Quality, and Environmental Responsibility

At Plaza Beach House chemical management is a mandatory requirement for guest and employee safety and a core element of our sustainability program. We comply with strict national and international standards to ensure all chemicals (whether used for cleaning, laundry, water treatment, or pool maintenance) are applied responsibly and efficiently.

### Our Approach

- **Trusted Partners:** We carefully select certified suppliers who provide high-quality, sustainable products with verified safety data sheets and packaging.
- **Rigorous Monitoring:** Swimming pool chemicals and water treatment processes are regularly tested and recorded, guaranteeing compliance with safety regulations and maintaining premium water quality.
- **Efficiency Measures:** Low-water cleaning systems and precise dosing equipment reduce chemical consumption while maintaining hygiene standards.
- **Employee Training:** All relevant staff receive specialized training on chemical handling, storage, dosing, and water-saving practices to minimize use without compromising safety.
- **Monitoring & Reporting:** Chemical use is measured and reported, ensuring transparency and continuous improvement.



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**Sea & Beach Protection:** Daily clean-ups of our private beach and surrounding waters keep the coastline clean, safe, and free from pollution—protecting marine habitats.

**Native Flora & Landscaping:** Each year, a dedicated portion of our landscaping budget supports native-species planting, irrigation upgrades, and sustainable garden features. We select local flowers, shrubs, herbs, and trees—avoiding chemical fertilizers and pesticides—to enrich soil, support pollinators, conserve water, and enhance the natural beauty of our grounds.

**Children’s Eco-Learning Programs:** Herb garden tours, “green & blue days,” and hands-on eco-activities teach kids the importance of pollinators and respecting all living creatures.

**Sustainable Practices:** We avoid pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides with Persistent Organic Pollutants. Cosmetics, soaps, and fragrances with Oxybenzone, Octinoxate, or microplastics are not purchased or sold. All products on site are microplastic-free to reduce harm to marine and land habitats.

**Ethical Purchasing & Animal Welfare:** Our supply chain excludes endangered species or environmentally harmful production and prioritizes ethical, sustainable suppliers.

## BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS PROTECTION

At Plaza Beach House, biodiversity is woven into every aspect of our operations and guest experience. Inspired by Crete’s natural beauty, we actively protect both marine and terrestrial ecosystems while fostering a culture of environmental awareness among guests, employees, and local partners.

We kindly ask all guests, employees, and partners to protect and respect the unique biodiversity of Crete. Animal welfare is included in our discussion of sustainability because of the fundamental importance of respecting other living creatures. Your mindful actions help us leave a lasting positive impact on the island’s natural heritage.



As part of our commitment to biodiversity conservation, we conduct annual audits to record and assess the plant species in our hotel gardens, ensuring the absence of invasive species. Each property has established a dedicated garden team responsible for overseeing and implementing this process, securing the best possible outcome in line with Travelife’s biodiversity criteria.



# SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

At GRECOTEL, we are committed to building a sustainable value chain that reflects our dedication to responsible business practices. Through our Supplier Code of Conduct and ESG Evaluation Program, we ensure that our suppliers align with our standards and contribute to a better, more sustainable future.

## SUPPLIER EVALUATION & MONITORING

We partner with suppliers who share our commitment to innovation, responsibility, and nature conservation:

- **Sustainability Leadership:** Suppliers are evaluated on resource efficiency, circular solutions, and low-carbon innovations that push environmental performance forward.
- **Community & Human Rights:** Fair labor, safe workplaces, and contributions to local well-being are non-negotiable standards.
- **Ethics & Governance:** Transparent operations, anti-corruption practices, and compliance with international standards are strictly monitored.
- **Rigorous Oversight:** Vendor screening, audits, and surprise checks ensure products are safe, responsible, and free from harmful substances.
- **Biodiversity Action:** Collaboration on initiatives like reducing plastic use, sourcing certified sustainable seafood, and supporting habitat restoration.
- **Awareness & Engagement:** Employee and partners are informed through campaigns and workshops that connect daily choices to global conservation goals.

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At Plaza Beach House, sustainability extends from gardens to our guests' plates. Our menus feature eco-certified and locally sourced products, showcasing the rich flavors of Greece while reducing food miles and environmental impact.



We also produce our own AgrecoFarm products (organic oils, honey, herbs, and traditional delicacies) crafted with sustainable methods. These items are not only enjoyed in our hotels but are also available at major airports and select outlets, allowing travelers to take a piece of authentic Greek tradition and sustainability with them wherever they go.

# SUSTAINABLE GASTRONOMY

With thousands of restaurant meals served across our resorts, every menu is thoughtfully designed to celebrate Greek heritage, respect the planet, and delight our guests.

**Locally Sourced & Seasonal Ingredients:** We collaborate with regional farmers, fisheries, and producers to support the local economy, reduce transport emissions, and showcase authentic Greek flavors.

**Menu Planning Excellence:** Menus are planned with precision—aligned with guest occupancy, seasonal availability, and dietary needs—to minimize waste while ensuring freshness and quality.

**Employee Training & Culinary Innovation:** Our chefs and service teams receive ongoing training in sustainable cooking, portion control, and zero-waste techniques. We also partner with culinary schools to mentor future chefs and integrate sustainability into their education.

**Guest Engagement & Experience:** Through themed nights, live cooking demonstrations, and storytelling about local ingredients, we invite guests to discover rich culinary traditions. Campaigns like “Every Bite Counts” inspire mindful consumption.

**Food Waste Tracking & Action:** Advanced tracking systems monitor food waste across our hotels. Data is analyzed to identify improvements, adjust purchasing, and share best practices group-wide.

**Celebrating food Culture:** From traditional recipes passed down for generations to innovative plant-based dishes, our gastronomy connects guests to Greece’s cultural heritage while promoting healthier, planet-friendly choices.

Purchases of fresh and frozen meat, dairy, and seafood increased to 14,669.9 kg in 2024 (from 14,218.2 kg in 2023, +451.7 kg or +3.2%). “This is mainly due to the higher number of people we had in 2024 (+7.4%).

At Grecotel,  
gastronomy is  
our passion.

We are committed to sustainable gastronomy, supporting local producers, minimizing our environmental footprint, and offering authentic culinary experiences that honor both nature and culture.





## EVERY BITE COUNTS!

Food waste is a serious global issue, with 1.3 billion tons of food lost each year, costing \$1 trillion and contributing to 8-10% of global carbon dioxide emissions. In our group, sustainable gastronomy is our top priority and food waste is one of the sector’s biggest environmental challenges.

At Grecotel, we recognize that responsible consumption begins with awareness at every meal. **“Every Bite Counts”** is our group-wide initiative to encourage guests to choose portion sizes that match their appetite and return for seconds, rather than taking more than they will consume. Clear, consistent messaging is displayed across all buffet and dining areas, supported by discreet tips from our culinary teams. This approach respects both the value of food and the natural resources behind it, while maintaining a positive and engaging guest experience.

## FOOD WASTE PROGRAM

Behind the scenes, the Stop Waste Program provides the data and structure to systematically reduce food waste across our operations. Through a partnership with the company Stop Waste, we monitor and measure organic food waste in real time using a digital platform. This allows us to track consumption patterns, analyze trends, and identify opportunities for improvement.

Our food and beverage teams conduct regular audits, hold collaborative review sessions, and adjust purchasing and preparation volumes based on actual occupancy and demand. These measures ensure that every ingredient is used effectively, reduce emissions linked to waste disposal, and strengthen our contribution to global sustainability goals, including UN SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production.

Together, Every Bite Counts and Stop Waste create a comprehensive system that combines guest awareness with data-driven operational excellence, reinforcing Grecotel’s commitment to sustainable gastronomy.

**2024 Food Waste:** 14,635.8tn

**Peak Month:** August

**Food Waste Intensity**0.33kg per guest

Grecotel Hotels & Resorts is an active member of the Food Saving Alliance – Boroume, proudly representing Greece’s hospitality and tourism industry in the national effort to reduce food waste and promote sustainable practices across the entire food value chain.





# WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

At Plaza Beach House, we are committed to the highest standards of national waste management regulations. Across every department and operation, we actively work to reduce waste generation through prevention, training, and innovative recycling practices.

**Waste Prevention First:** Measures are implemented throughout all departments and supply chains to minimize waste at its source.

**Responsible Separation:** All waste is sorted according to local authority guidelines to maximize recycling and recovery.

**Transparency & Improvement:** Annual waste reporting ensures accountability, tracks progress and drives continuous improvement.

**Employee Engagement:** Ongoing training empowers employees to adopt best practices, fostering a culture of responsibility and environmental care.

**Partnerships for Impact:** Collaboration with local recyclers and suppliers helps expand circular solutions beyond our hotels.

## PLASTIC REDUCTION PROGRAM

Driven by our commitment to environmental responsibility, Plaza Beach House actively works to create a more sustainable travel experience by minimizing single-use plastics across all operations.

Our program focuses on:

- Eliminating unnecessary plastics in guest areas, dining and back-of-house operations.
- Promoting reusable and recyclable alternatives, such as durable glassware and refillable containers.
- Introducing biodegradable and compostable materials wherever possible.
- Engaging guests and staff through awareness campaigns to encourage responsible use and disposal.

In 2024, single-use plastic use at Plaza Beach House reached 27922 pieces, down 45.1% from 2023(50816).Our target is to completely eliminate plastics by 2030.

## RECYCLE STATISTICS

- We had a **28.9% increase in recycling compared to 2023.**
- We had a **7.4% increase in composting compared to 2023.**
- We had a **0.8% decrease in waste sent to landfill compared to 2023**

Waste (kg)	2023	2024
Cooked Oil	200	40
glass	1700	580
Plastic,papae,aluminum	9452	14615

# SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE & ECODESIGN

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Aiming at the preservation and protection of our natural heritage, GRECOTEL focuses on integrating sustainable architecture into its hotels, so that they are fully harmonized with the landscape.

The renovated "third generation" hotel (such as Plaza Beach House complexes follow the modern and sustainable architectural trends, while maintaining each destination's special local character, always in harmony and with respect for the local history and people.

The idea is that building, landscape and nature merge together causing as less impact on the environment as possible.





**05 People First:**  
*A Future We Build Together*

# ASSOCIATE EXPERIENCE

At Greotel, we continually seek innovative ways to enrich our people’s experience through meaningful career development, comprehensive wellbeing initiatives, active engagement, and a strong sense of belonging. By investing in our employees’ growth and welfare, we ensure exceptional guest service, strengthen team loyalty, and attract and retain the talented professionals who drive our long-term success as Greece’s leading hospitality brand.

## Human Capital Investments

- Supporting physical, emotional, financial, and social wellbeing.
- Promoting a culture of belonging and respect across all resorts and HQ.
- Recognizing and engaging employees to celebrate their contributions.
- Creating learning and development opportunities to build future leaders.



## HUMAN RIGHTS

- At Greotel, respect, equality, and the well-being of our employees, partners, and guests are central.
- We foster a workplace that upholds dignity, safety, and personal growth, while actively preventing child labor and exploitation across our operations and supply chain.
- All employees receive annual human rights and child protection training, and these standards are shared with partners and subcontractors to ensure compliance.
- Strict procedures and BCC prevent harassment, abuse, or violence, supported by regular training and collaboration with specialized organizations.



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## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

At Greotel, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) is fundamental. We celebrate the richness of cultures, perspectives, and experiences to ensure every team member feels valued and empowered.

### Our Guiding Principles:

- **Leadership & Strategy:** Our dedicated DE&I Steering Group guides our strategy, promoting continuous learning and dialogue.
- **Engagement & Awareness:** We share monthly resources—including articles, podcasts, and event highlights—focused on International Women's Day, Pride Month, World Mental Health Day, and Greek cultural celebrations.
- **Community Building:** We encourage team members to share their stories and organize on-site events, volunteer activities, and celebrations to strengthen bonds.
- **Training & Development:** We provide inclusivity and active bystander training to all employees, fostering a culture of respect, fairness, and belonging

# SOCIAL INDICATOR

At Plaza Beach House we uphold the values of equality and social inclusion, fostering a respectful, welcoming, and discrimination-free workplace for everyone.

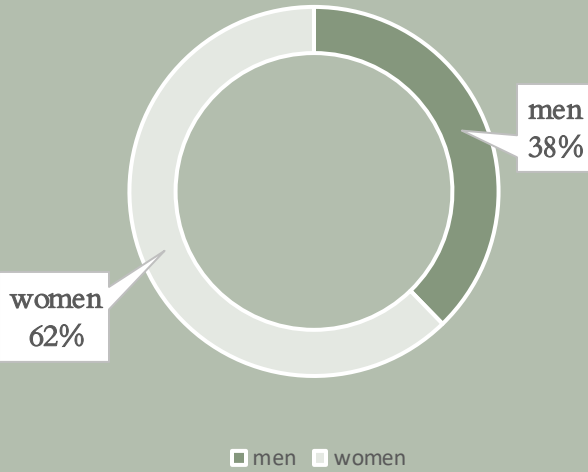
We are deeply committed to our local community, offering employment opportunities to residents and contributing to the social and economic growth of the Crete region.

In 2024, 53 employees were part of the Plaza Beach House family, an increase of 3 compared to 2023. Gender distribution was 20 men (38%) and 33 women (62%). Greeks represented 42 team members (79%), while 11 employees (21%) were non-Greeks.

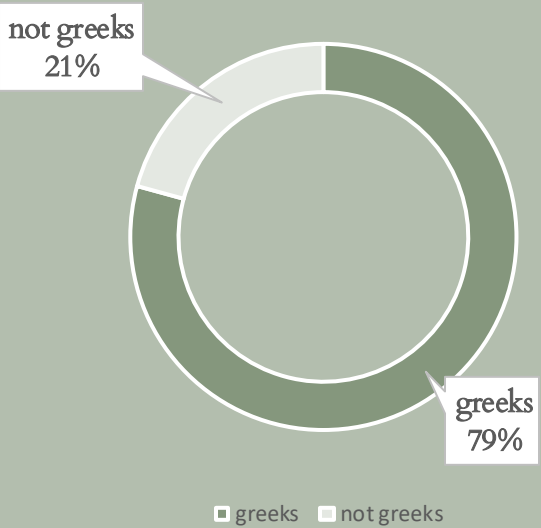


At Grecotel, inclusion isn’t an initiative—it’s part of the spirit of filoxenia: welcoming everyone with open hearts.

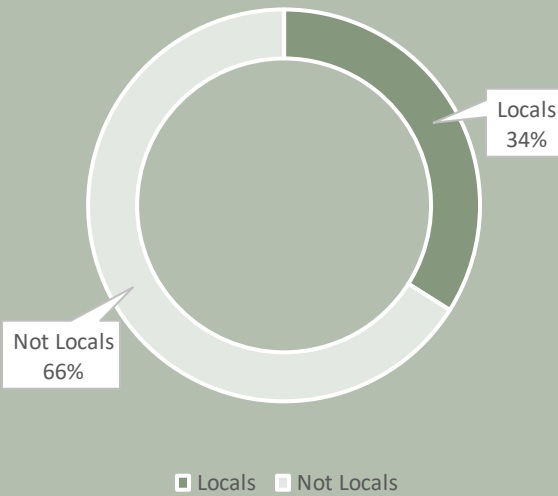
Total workforce by gender  
33 Women / 20 Men



Proportion of different nationality.  
42 Greeks / 11 Not Greeks



Local employees  
18 Locals / 35 Not Locals



# SUPPORTING OUR PEOPLE – GROWTH, CARE & BELONGING

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At Plaza Beach House, we strive to create an inspiring, safe, and inclusive workplace for everyone. Our employment policies uphold equality and actively prevent discrimination based on gender, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation.

By promoting respect, fairness, and equal opportunity, we ensure that every team member feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive within the Grecotel family.



From the moment they join us, **new team members** are supported by dedicated mentors who guide them through their first steps at Grecotel. Comprehensive handbooks and onboarding resources help them understand our values, standards, and operations, ensuring a smooth integration and a confident start in their roles.

To support daily well-being, we provide a **comprehensive meal program**—breakfast, lunch, and dinner—so our people are cared for throughout their shifts. **Seasonal employees** are welcomed back year after year, strengthening continuity, trust, and team spirit.

We go beyond the basics to **invest in long-term growth and recognition**. Professional development is encouraged through specialized training such as language courses, wine education, barista techniques, and many more. Feedback and innovative ideas from employees are not only welcomed but actively encouraged, ensuring everyone has a voice in shaping the future of our operations.

Flexible working arrangements, job-sharing options, pension plans, free transportation via hotel buses, and medical support, these initiatives reinforce our belief that **a thriving team is the cornerstone of our success**.

Our **benefits package** reflects our appreciation for the dedication and excellence our teams deliver. We provide **accommodation** for both seasonal and permanent employees, as well as **bonus and incentive programs** that reward outstanding performance. Employees enjoy **special rates for personal stays** at Grecotel hotels, giving them the chance to experience the exceptional hospitality they help create. **Loan support** is also available to provide financial assistance when needed.

As part of **Grecotel's 50th anniversary celebrations**, we organize **monthly events and team parties**, creating opportunities for meaningful connections, team bonding, and joyful moments outside of daily work.

# LEARNING, GROWING, SUCCEEDING TOGETHER

**At Plaza Beach House we believe in young people and actively support their growth.**

At Plaza Beach House we place great emphasis on the growth and development of our people. Employee training is a key priority, ensuring alignment with the company's values and standards of conduct.

Through targeted learning initiatives — including e-learning, virtual classrooms, simulations, podcasts, and participation in professional conferences — our team members strengthen their skills and expand their career prospects.

All associates are thoroughly informed about our policies and take part in training programs that help them apply these principles consistently in their daily work, contributing to a culture of excellence and continuous improvement.



We deliver organized annual training and regular briefings on employment and non-discrimination, human rights and child protection, sustainability and ecosystems, proper chemical and equipment use, safety, first aid, and many others.

Through close collaboration with local tourism schools, we offer meaningful opportunities for learning and professional development. Our commitment to corporate responsibility and hands-on training is widely recognized.

Each year, top students are given the chance to begin their careers in Grecotel hotels, building a strong foundation for their future in hospitality.

Through the “Nikos Daskalantonakis – NDF” foundation, we actively support the academic journey of both our employees and high-achieving young individuals.

By offering scholarship programs focused primarily on tourism studies, we help them pursue further education and unlock new opportunities for personal and professional growth.

# COMMITMENT TO PRIVACY, INTEGRITY, AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE

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## PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

At Plaza Beach House, protecting personal data is central to our commitment to customer satisfaction and trust. We comply fully with GDPR and relevant legislation through clear, regularly reviewed policies for data collection and processing, available on all Grecohotel websites.

We safeguard privacy with strong technical and organizational measures—including encryption, pseudonymization, secure systems, and strict internal controls—supported by staff training and cross-departmental collaboration. These measures ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of personal data, with timely access guaranteed even in the event of natural or technical incidents.

At the same time, we seek to continually evolve our systems and processes, and we make sure to adequately train our employees through special training and awareness programs to create a strong data protection culture at all levels. Additional information about personal data protection is provided on the Grecohotel website.

No personal data breach incidents were recorded in 2024.

## AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND BUSINESS ETHICS

At Plaza Beach House, we actively work to prevent conflicts of interest by informing all executives and employees about the importance of disclosing any potential issues. Staff are encouraged to ask questions and consult the company’s legal department if they are uncertain whether a situation constitutes a conflict of interest. Employees with concerns about business ethics or professional conduct are urged to communicate them to their hotel management, who will take the necessary corrective actions. To support transparency, we have established internal reporting procedures and appointed a dedicated officer to receive and monitor such reports.

No significant incidents of non-compliance with laws or regulations were recorded in 2024.



## COMPLAIN POLICY

The continuous improvement of service levels provided to guests is a fundamental priority for Grecohotel. In this context, the company implements a Complaints Management System, certified according to the international standard ISO 10002:2014 for Quality Management: Customer Satisfaction – Complaints Management. Effective complaints management is crucial for providing quality services and serves as a vital mechanism for identifying areas for improvement in the policies and procedures implemented.

Furthermore, a Complaints Management Policy has been established and developed, outlining the guiding principles regarding the management of complaints. The implementation of this policy ensures that submitted complaints will be processed fairly and promptly with efficiency and confidentiality.

**2024: Zero  
safety  
incidents**  
across all  
operations;  
protecting  
every guest,  
every  
colleague,  
every day.



## HEALTH & SAFETY

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At Plaza Beach House, safety is a shared responsibility and a non-negotiable priority. We apply rigorous standards to protect guests, employees, and local communities, ensuring every experience at our resort is both enjoyable and secure.

We conduct comprehensive risk assessments aligned with national and international standards, systematically identifying potential hazards and evaluating their likelihood and severity across all hotel areas. Based on these assessments, we implement targeted risk-mitigation strategies to maintain the highest level of safety across our operations.

## KEY MEASURES AND ACTIONS

- **Staff Training:** Continuous education on sustainability, occupational health, first aid, fire safety, and emergency procedures to keep teams prepared and confident.
- **Quality Audits:** Regular inspections by internal teams and trusted external partners (e.g., TUI, SGS etc) to ensure compliance and identify areas for improvement.
- **Safety Equipment:** Hotels are equipped with modern safety tools, clear multilingual signage, and accessible emergency response kits.
- **Crisis Management:** A new Grecotel-wide Crisis Management Handbook standardizes protocols for all properties, ensuring rapid, coordinated responses to any incident.
- **Guest Awareness:** Visible safety instructions, activity briefings, and child-friendly guidelines promote shared responsibility and informed participation.
- **Community Collaboration:** We cooperate with local authorities and emergency services for drills and preparedness, reinforcing resilience beyond our property lines.

# LOCAL COMMUNITY

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Sustainable tourism creates the necessary momentum for the continuous, inclusive and sustainable economic development of Crete.

It creates links with agriculture and service providing sectors and stimulates the development of key infrastructure (road construction, upgrade of airport facilities) and the provision of financial services from which the local economy as a whole can benefit.

The revenue generated by the increase in tourist arrivals in the region has a positive direct impact on a wide range of economic sectors incorporated in the tourism value chain. The positive impact from tourism growth on income and employment in the local community is multiplied, creating a vibrant local economy.

Grecotel Plaza Beach House growth is directly linked to the prosperity of the destination. Contributing significantly to the local economy and supporting regional development is a key priority.

- We effectively support the needs of the local community and implement initiatives accordingly
- Our impact on the local and wider community is understood and nurtured.
- Dialogue with local communities is encouraged for mutual benefit.



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The local people can use the facilities of the promises with specific cost / charge provided the availability of the resources.

# SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH DONATIONS

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As part of our strategy for sustainable development and social responsibility, we actively support the local community of Crete, recognizing its essential role in shaping the island's cultural, social, and economic identity.

Grecotel Plaza Beach House continues to uphold Grecotel's values of social responsibility and community engagement in the region of Rethymno. In alignment with the Group's broader sustainability strategy, the resort supported the local charity "Agapi Rethymnou" through a financial donation, contributing to its mission of care and inclusion for individuals with disabilities.

Beyond this initiative, Grecotel's presence in Rethymno has been marked by a series of impactful actions during 2023–2024, including support for the "Agapi" Association, which provides services to people with disabilities, and sponsorship of the ecological symposium "Earth: A Sustainable Planet for All – Call to Action – Change is Possible", held in collaboration with the Holy Metropolis of Rethymno and Mulopotamos, the University of Crete, and the Region of Crete

These efforts reflect the resort's and the Group's ongoing commitment to inclusive hospitality, environmental stewardship, and meaningful collaboration with local institutions. Through such contributions, Plaza reinforces its role not only as a luxury destination, but as a responsible and caring member of the local community.



## PARTNERSHIPS

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With an increased sense of offering, social prosperity and solidarity, the Plaza makes donations for charities aiming to provide support for socially vulnerable groups and activities related to the promotion of culture, the environment and sports. Some of the results of our contributions are donations to "Vision of Hope" for its Bone Marrow Donor Bank, provision of goods to parishes and many other actions.



### PARTNER WITH “THE SMILE OF THE CHILD”

*As its main objective, the Organisation deals with the daily problems children encounter. The Organisation’s main concern is defending children's rights, not just on paper but in practice as well, providing services to children on a 24-hour, 7 days a week, 365 days a year-basis, working for their physical, mental, and psychological stability. As part of our commitment to safeguarding children, we also provide information on key emergency helplines, including 100 (police), 112 (European emergency number), and 1056 (‘The Smile of the Child’ helpline).*

### PARTNER WITH “VISION OF HOPE ASSOCIATION”

*It was founded in 2012 and is another link in the supply chain of medical, mental and social care of the Association of Friends of Children with Cancer "ELPIDA“. Main purposes of the Association is the information and sensitization of the Public Opinion on the issue of voluntary donation of hematopoietic cells and the importance of their offer to a patient in need of transplantation.*





### Garden & Flora

*1000,000 € to Enhance Biodiversity*



### Employee training

*85% trained online  
from Greotel Academy*



### Green Activities

*Guest Engagement & Eco  
Activities*



### Plastic Free

*We have reduced plastic use by  
45.1% and aim for 100%  
elimination by 2030.*



### Hazardous Waste

*100% Recycled*



### Energy Efficiency

*100% LED Lamps*



### Employees

*35% of our Personnel are Locals*



### Food Waste

*Measurement & Reduction  
Program*

# SUSTAINABILITY GOALS & TARGETS

CATEGORY	ENVIRONMENTAL TARGET	TARGET MEET	MONITORING METHOD	RESPONSIBLE
Electricity consumption	Reduce annual electricity consumption by 2% per season	YES	Meetings and on-site visits	Sustainability Coordinator & Maintenance Manager
Water consumption	Reduce annual water consumption by 2% per season	NO	Meetings and on-site visits	Sustainability Coordinator & Maintenance Manager
Greenhouse gas emissions	Reduce the impacts of Air Emissions	YES	Meetings and on-site visits	Sustainability Coordinator & Maintenance Manager
Greenhouse gas emissions	Reduce the risks arising from Air Emissions	YES	Meetings and on-site visits	Sustainability Coordinator & Maintenance Manager
Biodiversity	Protection and support of biodiversity	YES	Meetings and on-site visits	Sustainability Coordinator & Hotel Manager
Local community	Inform the local community about climate change and promote historic, archaeological, cultural & spiritual sites of significance	YES	Meetings with local authorities	Sustainability Coordinator & Hotel Manager
Waste	Reduce waste ending up in the landfill.	YES	Meetings and on-site visits	Sustainability Coordinator & Hotel Manager

# TAKE ACTION WITH US

Travel and lodging have the potential to transform our lives into something better. However, travelling results in environmental, social, and economic impacts.

All of us at Plaza Beach House are committed to reducing this impact as much as possible, but as we cannot do it alone, we would like to ask for your contribution in this challenging task

We welcome feedback from all stakeholders—guests, staff, and members of the local community—on our sustainability practices.

Your input helps us identify areas for improvement and continue building on the progress we’ve made. We look forward to working together to achieve even stronger results.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

During your holiday, **YOU may also help us make your vacation friendlier to our planet:**

- Try to consume energy responsibly and intelligently (Think of the planet).
- Make sure to close the balcony door of your room when the air conditioning is working.
- Maintain your air conditioning unit’s temperature 24°C (better system efficiency).
- Use water responsibly.
- Inform us in case of water leakage.
- Reuse body, face, and beach towels.
- Reduce the use of plastic as much as possible.
- Choose to recycle.
- Keep the beach clean.
- Protect animals and their ecosystems.
- Respect and protect the cultural heritage of the local area.



# PLAZA BEACH HOUSE

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but a way of thinking, a way of being,  
a principle we must be guided by.*

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