

Case Study

Driving sustainability to new heights

Learn how Radisson Blu reduced the environmental impact of its laundry operation by implementing Clax Advanced low temperature wash.







Situation

Radisson Blu[®] hotels and resorts worldwide are doing their part to help conserve and protect the earth's priceless water supply with the hotel company's Blu Planet initiative. As part of Blu Planet, Radisson Blu hotels are constantly looking for new technology and solutions to reduce the environmental impact of their operations.

Global Water Scarcity

1%



of the Earth's surface water is fresh water

1 in 10

people lack access to clean wate

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Challenge

In the United Arab Emirates (UAE), water is especially scarce. Located in one of the driest areas on earth, most of the UAE's drinking water comes from expensive sea water desalination. At the same time, UAE per capita water consumption is much higher than other parts of the world.

With this in mind, the Diversey team approached Radisson Blu to do a pilot project in its Dubai Deira Creek hotel in UAE. The hotel agreed to test Diversey's Clax® Advanced system, a new low-temperature laundry solution that maximizes energy and water efficiencies in hotel laundries.

In a typical hotel, the laundry operation is one of the areas with the highest consumption of water and energy. At the Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai Deira Creek, for example, approximately 10 tons of linen per day is managed during peak seasons. Any means of driving greater efficiencies has a huge benefit for the environment as well as the hotel's bottom line.

UAE Water Woes



360 L UAE daily use of

200 L global daily use of water per person

water per person

70%

of water comes from costly desalination



Solution

The Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai Deira Creek agreed to work with Diversey on a 4-month trial using the Clax Advanced system in their laundry operations. Compared with traditional methods, Clax Advanced allows laundries to maintain the same level of cleaning while eliminating one rinse cycle and washing at a lower temperature. This leads to less water consumption and less labor time. Lower water temperatures also mean the hotel uses less steam and electricity to heat up the washing machines.

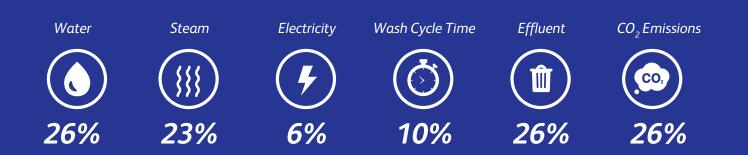
Annual Savings



Results

After carefully monitoring the results of the pilot, the Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai Deira Creek found the Clax Advanced laundry solution significantly reduced water and energy consumption as well as the hotel's carbon footprint. The pilot also found the system reduced effluent and CO₂ emissions. Overall, the hotel achieved a 10 percent reduction in annual net operating cost, with greater operational efficiency across key metrics. In the medium to longer term, these operational benefits also help extend linen lifetime by a third. This in turn reduces the global footprint of growing and producing cotton linen, a very water, energy, and chemical intense process.

Reductions



"We had savings in all areas. That's not only a reduction in our carbon footprint and water footprint, that's also a reduction in expenses. I highly recommend every hotel to use Clax Advanced if they have an in-house laundry."

–Bob Busman, room division manager, Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai Deira Creek

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