Dubai Tourism extends the deadline for hotels to comply with Sustainability Requirements to 1 July 2021

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Dubai's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Dubai Tourism) has extended the deadline for implementation of the 19 Sustainability Requirements and Carbon Calculator submissions by 12 months. The requirements have been laid out to support the emirate's hotel establishments in their compliance with Dubai Tourism's hotel classification system, and the long-term objective of advancing sustainability performance across the sector.

- Dubai Sustainable Tourism's 19 Sustainability Requirements and Carbon Calculator aim to advance sustainability performance across the sector
- Under new direction, hotel establishments will benefit from a 12 month extension to ensure they fulfil compliant implementation by 1 July 2021

In light of the current situation surrounding the global COVID-19 pandemic, hotels will benefit from an additional 12 month implementation period to finalise their sustainability compliance, a decision that has has been announced by Dubai Tourism to strengthen the foundations for recovery of the hospitality sector. All requirements will now be mandated from 1 July 2021 with the extension also including the postponing of the Carbon Calculator monthly submissions until the same deadline.

The 19 Sustainability Requirements include sustainable management approaches, performance metrics, energy, food and water management plans, guest education, employee training initiatives, the presence of sustainability committees within hotel establishments and corporate social responsibility programmes for local communities. Through improving internal sustainability operations, hotel establishments in turn will enhance the competitiveness of Dubai's tourism-linked economy.

Since its inception in January 2017, the Carbon Calculator – part of the Tourism Dirham Platform, is a tool that has been measuring the carbon footprint within Dubai's hospitality sector. On a monthly basis hotels submit their consumption of 11 carbon emission sources, including; electricity, district

cooling, water, waste, fuel for transportation, fuel for generators, fire extinguishers, and liquefied petroleum gas for analysis. This information is aggregated and analysed to provide valuable industry insights on the sector's collective carbon footprint. In addition, by formulating a baseline along with consistent tracking, this information enables hotels to understand their energy, water and waste consumption and further identify successful cost-saving opportunities.

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