



# Sustainability Report 2019

O.B.C. GRAN CANARIA

# Introduction to our business

Ocean Beach Club Gran Canaria has been practicing sustainability issues since its opening in. Therefore, this is number three of our Sustainability reports that reflects the continuous improvement approach to contribute to a sustainable tourism sector.

The hotel. It opened in 2015 under the O.B.C by Sunwing brand, a concept for the chain with families. welcomes every year approx. 164.500 hotels guests from Operators mostly from the Nordics.

The hotel has 140 rooms, 1 restaurants and 2 pools 1 for children's and 1 for adults, plus 2 private pools for some specifics rooms type, operating all year. The hotel employs approx. 105 employees, locals in their biggest majority.

We offer opportunities to make people, guests and staff, enjoy new experiences, discover cultures and create fantastic memories. But we are also conscious of that our actions have an impact on the whole world, by creating workplaces, economic profit and protection towards the environment. We are convinced that sustainable tourism can generate economic and social development and at the same time minimize the impact towards the environment.

We are compromised with the environment, work with our values and follow our Ethic Code to obtain our goals:

Stimulate a sustainable tourism that considers the economic, social and environmental impacts from today and our future

# Environmental Highlights

Efficient use of our facilities with our guests and workers' participation to reduce the water and energy consumption.

## **WATER.**

- Aerators in all faucets and showers in the apartments.
- WC with a maximum water discharge of 6lt
- Gardens irrigation with timer
- Weekly control of water consumption in the apartments
- Daily control of swimming pools' water counter

## **ENERGY**

- 100% Led bulbs in whole rooms of the hotel
- Centralized AC with automatic disconnection
- Change all appliances into A+++ type
- Undergo an energy audit

## **CHEMICAL PRODUCTS**

- Use of cleaning products with Eco-label certification
- Automatic chlorine dispenser in all swimming pools
- Monthly consumption control

## **WASTE**

- Reduce waste production.

We introduced purchasing of bio-degradable bags replacing the plastic ones used in our Mini Markets. From 2017 reusable purchasing bags will be at our guest's disposal to buy.

From summer 2019, pledge which aims to remove 70 million of single use plastic, O.B.C Is saying No to Straws and will replace its single use plastics with PLA (biodegradable) ones.

- Monthly control of garbage collection
- Use of bulk products
- Contract with authorized agents
- Staff training

We recognize that purchasing decisions can contribute significantly to environmental protection.

# Social Highlights

In O.B.C Gran Canaria we work with the local community in order to make sure that the sustainable development is a reality.

- Collaboration with the hotel association “FEHT”
- Promoting employment of people living in the area
- Economic help to associations within our community

## FUNDACION FUNDASPE

Foundation for the Global Promotion of Altruistic Donation of Spain.

Our hotel’s human team is the key to reach our goals. We offer the maximal job stability and take part of their personal and professional development.

Total staff	105
Permanent contract	65
Temporary staff	35
Male/Female	49%-51%

Tourism and travel affect not only the environment but also the local inhabitants at the destinations we travel to. To succeed in this effort, we have established four work guidelines

- Working conditions
- Child labor
- The environment
- Child sex tourism

The guidelines are based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the conventions on working conditions and workers' rights, as set out by the UN's labor agency: ILO.

### **1. Working conditions**

We will work towards working conditions that include:

- the freedom to join a trade union
- a minimum wage
- a good working environment
- regulated working hours

### **2. Child labor**

We will work towards:

- The prohibition of child labor (we accept no employees younger than the laws of the respective countries allow)

### **3. The environment**

We will aim to:

- Influence partners to act in as environmentally conscious ways as possible in their activities (for example in the areas of energy, water and chemical consumption, and in waste separation)
- Reduce the amount of carbon emissions and waste at the destinations.
- Encourage a healthy development of tourism at the destinations
- Stimulate the use of local products and labor.

#### **4. Child Protection from sexual abuse in tourism**

We condemn all forms of sexual exploitation of children and support all laws to prevent and punish such offences. We have entered into an agreement with The Code to adopt and implement: “Code of conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism”.

The Code of Conduct covers the following criteria:

- We have established a policy regarding commercial sexual exploitation of children
- We inform and train our staff
- We inform our travelers
- We add a clause to all our hotel contracts
- We inform local partners about our standpoint
- We annually report to the Code’s international secretariat

#### **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

In O.B.C Gran Canaria we know that our major active is our people. Our guests’ fidelity would not be possible without their work.

That is why we work very hard on ensuring that the quality and security standards in our hotels are effective and reachable.

We analyses on a weekly basis our guests’ satisfaction index:

- Weekly meeting between management and heads of department
- We share the results with all teams and develop an action plan
- Monthly analysis of the development
- Risks evaluation – identifying the dangers / plan to remove or minimize them.
- Emergency plans – how to react in case of emergency.
- Clear action protocols that are adapted to current needs.
- Monthly Food-Pool-Room audits by Cristal International and SGS.
- Yearly emergency drill

#### **EVENTS AND DONATIONS**

- All furniture, electrical equipment or linen which are replaced on every renovation are donated.

# Sustainability programme

The sustainability responsibilities in include:

- Monitoring and reporting sustainability performance every year
- Working with external sustainability organizations to further our knowledge and support best practice
- Integrating sustainability processes into the day-to-day operations of our businesses.

In O.B.C Gran Canaria we know that sustainable tourism is the tourism that takes into consideration the economic, social and environmental impacts from today and the future.

That is why we work together with Travelife since many years ago. Being audited and certified makes that our commitment will be shared by our staff, guests and providers.

Travelife is the only certification system developed by and for the tourism industry. It is the only system that contemplates all aspects as sustainable: loyal commerce, culture, social labor and economic development.

We live on an island, with a limited territory. We must take care of it and defend it with all the tools that Travelife offers us.

As O.B.C Gran Canaria Manager, I assume and demand the responsibility to follow our sustainability goals on a daily basis in order to achieve a more sustainable society.

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# Measuring & monitoring performance

## ENERGY CONSUMPTION (KWH/BEDNIGHT)

Year	2017	2018	2019
Value	11,35	2.24	3.55

## WATER CONSUMPTION (KWH/BEDNIGHT)

Year	2017	2018	2019
Value	199,69	195.01	235,38

## WASTE (GR/BEDNIGHT)

Year	2017	2018	2019
Unsorted	0.19		
Sorted	1,55	1,96	1,94

## CHEMICAL CONSUMPTION (GR/BEDNIGHT)

Year	2017	2018	2019
Value	152,22	136,52	142.57



# Action plan

- Efficient use of our facilities with our guests and workers participation to reduce the water and energy consumption.
- Reduce waste production.
- Sustainable purchasing policies.
- Optimize the use of chemical products.
- Ensure that all new employees are informed of our environmental activities by completing training in basic environmental and Sustainability issues and business-related environmental aspects every year.
- Clear health & safety policies and defending equal opportunities.
- Defending human rights and children protection.
- Helping the local culture.
- Sustainability is the fundamental foundation of our group and includes our three main goals:
  - Responsibility and consciousness towards the environment, rational use of natural resources, water and energy.
  - Respect and keep relations with the local community, businesses and providers.
  - Business profitability.

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