

Compass Group awarded for excellence in green catering

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The hospitality industry toasted the green catering credentials of the Compass Group on Monday night, with the company winning the Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability at the 2009 Restaurant and Catering Association awards.

George Mifsud, Human Resources Director for Compass Group, was at Parliament House in Canberra to accept the award.

“Receiving this award is a particular honour in a year when environmental concerns have managed to retain equal footing with an economy in recession,” said Mr Mifsud.

“Compass Group Australia is proudly committed to environmental sustainability at all of its 650 locations throughout Australia, and looks forward to continuing to drive change in our sector. We would like to sincerely thank our dedicated staff and our clients for their support of our environmental programmes,” he said.

The award reflects the Group’s 2008 corporate accreditation to Green Table Australia, an Environmental Certification Program that recognises restaurants and catering businesses that reduce their greenhouse gas (GHGs), emissions and their general impact on the environment.

Some of the requirements for sites awarded Green Table certification include:

- recycling waste resource material;
- using appropriate stock management techniques to reduce waste resource production;
- using natural gas to run stoves and ovens where gas is available;
- installing water efficient low flow taps on all faucets and showers; and
- using products made from recycled materials where possible.

Compass Group Australia now has 60 of its sites Green Table accredited, believing that this framework complements its existing ISO14001:2004 Environmental Management System (EMS) and Compass Environmental Handbook programmes.

Compass Groups AudIT Compliance Monitoring System includes key requirements of the ISO Environmental Certification and as the HSEQ (Health, Safety, and Environment & Quality) and Internal Audit Team undertake their Balanced Scorecard Audits on site, they also audit the site for compliance to the GTA Environmental Certification Programme.

Further information about the green table program is available at: www.greentable.com.au.

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About Compass Group PLC

Compass Group is a market leader in providing food and a range of selected support services to customers in the workplace, in schools and colleges, in hospitals, at leisure or in remote environments

We bring together the combined strength of a Group which operates in around 55 countries, with more than 388,000 employees, to deliver the same superior standards of service globally, daily, personally.

About Compass Group Australia:

Compass Group (Australia) is the leading provider of catering and support services operating at more than 650 locations, employing 12,000 dedicated staff across eight different business sectors throughout Australia.

							
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