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Marriott Vacation Club Resorts in Hawai'i Achieve High Ranking Green Certification

HONOLULU, HI – Four of Marriott Vacation Club's resorts in the state of Hawai'i recently achieved high rankings in [Audubon International's Green Lodging Program](#). Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club on Oahu and Marriott's Maui Ocean Club on Maui both achieved Platinum Certification, and Marriott's Waiohai Beach Club and Marriott's Kauai Lagoons–Kalanipu'u, both on Kauai, achieved Gold Certification.

The environmental highlights of the four properties include recycling, use of energy efficient lighting and Energy Star appliances, and window coverings that reduce solar heat gain. The two Platinum Certified properties also have implemented an Energy Management System that monitors all aspects of the buildings' heating and cooling systems including the ability to adjust thermostats for energy savings when rooms are unoccupied.

"It is clear that the Marriott Vacation Club properties in Hawai'i take the responsibility of protecting the natural environment very seriously," said Fred Realbuto, Chief of Operations at Audubon International. "For instance, each of the properties employs its own landscaping staff. As one walks the grounds of these properties, it becomes abundantly clear that there is pride of ownership in the selection and placement of each plant and tree."

These four Marriott Vacation Club resorts are the first resorts in Hawaii and among 63 in the world to be designated by Audubon International as Certified Green Lodging Properties. Certified properties are rated in the categories of Communication and Education; Waste Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling; Water Conservation, Energy Efficiency, and Indoor Air Quality. To earn certification, all properties receive a site visit by an Audubon International staff member and undergo a recertification process every three years.

“We are very proud of these environmental achievements and recognition by Audubon International at our resorts in Hawai’i ,” said Ed Kinney, vice president, corporate affairs and communications, Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation. “For more than 30 years, our Marriott Vacation Club resorts and associates have demonstrated a passionate commitment to the environment. We are constantly seeking new opportunities that support our green initiatives worldwide and value our ongoing relationship with Audubon International.”

About Audubon International

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