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Le Monastère des Augustines Receives a 5 Key Rating with GSTC Recognized Green Key Eco-Rating Program

OTTAWA, ON - FEBRUARY 13, 2017 - Green Key Global is pleased to announce Le Monastère des Augustines, a Green Key Global member since 2015, has received a 5 Key rating with the new GSTC Recognized Green Key Eco-Rating Program.

A 5 Key rating is the highest rating a property can achieve and validates that the Le Monastère des Augustines demonstrates the highest standards of environmental and social responsibility throughout all areas of their operations. The hotel employs cutting edge technologies, policies and programs that set the international standard for sustainable hotel operations.

Le Monastère des Augustines stands out for its innovative practices rooted in over 375 years of history focussing all of its material and human resources on preserving the Augustinian Sisters' precious heritage. Its commitment to the environment is manifested in part by its use of geothermal heating and air-conditioning systems, as well as its extended composting system for the majority of organic wastes. The property's Sustainable Development Committee, made up of employees from all departments, continually finds new ways to improve their sustainable practices. Some of its objectives for the near future are to replace energy-consuming kitchen appliances, improve organic waste collection, and put in place a communication program to raise awareness of sustainability.

"Achieving a 5 Green Key rating is a celebration of all of our hard work, the 100 employees who make up this team", says Geneviève LeBlanc, Partnerships and Sustainable Development Manager. "Their diligence towards implementing sustainability through varied gestures-whether big or small-is impactful. It is consistent with our social mission and truly embodies the values set out by the Augustinian Sisters".





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About Green Key Global

[Green Key Global](http://www.greenkeyglobal.com) is an international, GSTC Recognized environmental certification body whose suite of industry standard programs and resources has been designed specifically for the lodging and meetings industries. Its affordable programs, including the Green Key Eco-Rating and the Green Key Meetings Programs, help members leverage organizational CSR activities to support their property's sustainable initiatives, improve overall fiscal performance and community relations. With member properties in over 20 countries and a notable mix of branded and independent members Green Key Global truly is the lodging industry's certification program of choice.

About Le Monastère des Augustines

Le Monastère des Augustines occupies the ancient wings of the former Hôtel-Dieu de Québec monastery (1639), North America's first hospital north of Mexico. Situated in the heart of Old Quebec City, Le Monastère has been completely restored and renovated, and offers a unique experience along with several ways to connect with the Augustinian heritage, in a secular environment: experiential accommodation, a museum, archive centre, a program of activities around holistic health and culture, a restaurant, a boutique, specialized treatments and services and event rooms.