Imagine Positive Hospitality.

Because we care for millions of guests, each of our hotels is a planet in itself and every action matters. Let's drive the change and invite the world to accompany us to better welcome the future. Join us as we bring this vision to life in Chicago. Planet 21 is more than an environmental policy; it represents a significant philosophical shift from sentiment to necessity and from sustainability to holistic corporate social responsibility.

Planet 21 is comprised of six pillars: People, Guest, Partners, Community, Food & Beverage, and Building. Learn more about each aspect of the Fairmont Chicago’s commitment to a better world.

**PEOPLE**

Our colleagues are what make the Fairmont Chicago so great, so it made perfect sense for us to invest in our most valuable asset.

- Every colleague is trained on job specific and hotel wide environmental initiatives
- Every colleague receives WATCH programme
- Every colleague undergoes Health and Wellbeing training and has access to on-property fitness

**GUESTS**

Our guests are our livelihood and our goal is to always maintain the perfect balance of minimizing our diversion while exceeding our guests’ expectations.

- Change sheets every other day, minimizing water usage
- Guestroom amenities that are not tested on animals, 100% vegan and do not contain parabens or preservatives
- Paper products all meet LEED standards
- Complimentary bicycle usage
- Participate in the Meeting 21 program
- Offer alternatives to plastic water bottles
- Offer paper straws, upon request only

**PARTNERS**

Our word is our bond. Not only do we hold ourselves to a higher standard, but we require all of our vendors to meet our stringent requirements.

- All vendors are required to adhere to Planet 21 guidelines
- All vendors are re-evaluated on an annual basis to guarantee compliance

**COMMUNITY**

Our pride in our hometown shines through at the Fairmont Chicago. We are dedicated to collaborating with our community partners to make Chicago a city second to none.

- Official Hotel of the Grant Park Music Festival, Music of the Baroque and Chicago Sinfonietta
- Corporate Sponsor of the Grant Park Conservancy and host of the Accor Chicago annual park cleanup
- Partner with A Little Bit of Heaven homeless shelter to repurpose hard goods and linens, divert leftovers and minibar items near expiration and utilize partially used guestroom amenities

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Recognizing that caring for the environment and providing exceptional quality cuisine go hand in hand.

- Comply with the Health and Sustainable Food Charter
- Ban over fished species and only use cage free eggs
- Use local suppliers and short supply chains
- Recycle food waste in our on-site digester
- Offer alternative menu options
- Bee Hives and Herb Garden on the Roof

**BUILDING**

Our commitment begins with our building. Our engineering team works tirelessly to reduce our carbon footprint.

- Comprehensive hotel wide recycling program
- Comply with LEED water flow standards
- 100% of lighting utilizing CFLs or LEDs and Low traffic areas have been converted to motion sensitive lighting
- HVAC – state-of-the-art purge units cooling towers – eliminating coolant leaks and reducing energy usage
- Refrigeration units utilize EPA-approved 404a coolant
- Reclaim Laundry System

**CERTIFICATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

Participating in a thorough bi-annual inspection as well as several annual certifications, the Fairmont Chicago is proud of our environmental accomplishments:

- Planet 21 Gold
- Green Seal Silver Certification
- Green Key Eco-Rating - 4 Green Key rating
- TripAdvisor Green Leaders Silver
- Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association “Stay Green” Program Member