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### Ecological and social sustainability guidelines

At the Kempinski Palace Engelberg, we recognise that environmental protection and sustainability are increasingly vital. As a luxury hotel, we are committed to showing responsibility for our environment.

The Kempinski Palace Engelberg is the first five-star resort in the famous Alpine village.

Overall, the hotel has 129 rooms and suites. In addition, the hotel has 4 meeting rooms, 1 ballroom, the 880 sqm, Kempinski The Spa, with one swimming pool and one jacuzzi, saunas and a gym. In addition, it offers 1 restaurant and 1 bar: The Palace Bar with the Wintergarden and the Cattani restaurant. In the winter our Chalet Ruinart is also part of our property as a seasonal outlet. All facilities are also open to the public and local people. The hotel's ballroom 'The Hall' is 198 m<sup>2</sup> with a capacity of 235 people for various events such as weddings, exhibitions, and meetings.

In addition the Kempinski Palace Engelberg includes the Kursaal. This event location includes 284 sqm with a 119 sqm foyer and additional backstage and meeting rooms. It is part of the building with shared corridors but separately managed by the Kursaal AG.

The hotel hosts its own small laundry facility. This is utilised to wash urgent guest laundry as well as smaller amounts of cleaning rugs and uniforms.

The facility also includes a garage with about 100 parking spaces and 20 electric charging stations.

The major tourist activities in the village and surrounding area are skiing and other snow sports in the winter season, and hiking and mountain activities during the summer.

In the village itself the main sights are the Benedictine monastery Engelberg Abbey which incorporates a cheese factory and demonstration shop, the Talmuseum showing the history of the area and Swiss rural life, and several old chapels.

The village also is the home of the Engelberg-Titlis Golf Club with an 18 holes course.



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Engelberg hosts a round of the ski jumping World Cup at the Gross-Titlis-Schanze jump yearly.

Sustainability is a journey of constant evolution for us, guided by our internal **"Green Inspiration Team"**:

The hotel places a high priority on the natural environment and preservation of the Alps. This commitment requires us to minimise the ecological impact of our hotel operations and continuously enhance our performance in terms of energy efficiency and overall sustainability. Beyond legal compliance, we are also dedicated to meeting the increasing sustainability requirements of our guests and business partners.

This guideline has been followed during the renovation and construction of the property as well as in our daily operations with the below approaches: The approaches outlined below have guided both the property's renovation and construction, as well as our daily operational practices:

## 1. Innovative Resource Management

We utilise the unique topography of our location to minimise our carbon footprint through cutting-edge engineering:

- **The Underground Lake Cycle:** Our cooling system utilises a natural underground lake located beneath the premises. This closed-loop cycle provides energy-efficient temperature control for guest rooms and public spaces, significantly reducing water consumption and electrical costs.
- **Smart Building Technology:** Our state-of-the-art Building Management System (BMS) ensures that heating and lighting are tailored to real-time occupancy. Automated timers and motion sensors are standard across both front-of-house and heart-of-house areas. Every area is software controlled and therefore quickly adjustable.
- **Lighting Efficiency:** 100% of the property utilises LED technology, achieving **80% illumination power** while consuming only **10% of traditional energy** potential



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## 2. Circular Economy & Waste Reduction

We are dedicated to the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" philosophy throughout our 129 rooms, suites, and extensive event facilities:

- **Waste-to-Energy:** We strictly segregate all waste. Food waste from the Cattani Restaurant, Palace Bar, and seasonal Chalet Ruinart is processed by specialised partners to be converted into renewable energy.
- **Recyclable waste:** All recyclable waste is brought to the recycling center facility in Engelberg

## 3. Regional Heritage & Social Responsibility

Our "Local First" approach supports the economy of Engelberg and the surrounding Benedictine community:

- **Culinary Integrity:** We prioritise regional products to reduce "food miles" and support local farmers. This ensures our guests enjoy the freshest Alpine ingredients while bolstering the local economy.
- **Employment & Fair Trade:** We are committed to Swiss labor laws and prioritise local recruitment. Our purchasing policies strictly adhere to fair trade principles, ensuring an ethical supply chain.
- **Community Integration:** Our facilities - from the Kursaal event center to "The Spa" - remain open to the local public, fostering a deep connection between the hotel and the residents of Engelberg. This connection is supported by little hosted events throughout the year.

## 4. Continuous Improvement and Goals

While we have seen positive achievements in the past years in terms of energy and water consumption we strive to further enhance our efforts and set challenging goals for ourselves:



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### Immediate Goals (2026 Focus)

- **Green Energy Adoption:** Since 2026, our facility is powered by green hydroenergy, reinforcing our commitment to sustainability and reducing our environmental footprint. Coming from an energy mix as of January 2026 we are running with 100% sustainable energy.
- **E-Mobility Support:** We are expanding our electric charging infrastructure and making it accessible for public use in 80% of the European app providers. Visibility will be enhanced through signage at our underground garage. Implementation is in Q1.
- **Plastic Reduction:** We are replacing small, single-use plastic soap containers with larger soap dispensers in all guest rooms, public areas and our SPA to significantly decrease plastic waste. The transition is planned for mid April.
- **Chemical Reduction & Waste Management:**
  - We will implement a water ionization device to mitigate limescale. This solution reduces the need for heavy chemical-based cleaning by and prevents costly repairs in guest rooms. This will reduce limescale chemicals for our guest bathrooms by about 20%. After extending the device to the hot water circulation by July there is potential to increase the percentage.
  - We are also establishing a return system with our suppliers for empty chemical containers, ensuring they are recycled instead of being disposed of in general waste in Q4.

### Future Strategic Targets

- **Electric Car Fleet Transition (by 2030):** Our goal is to fully convert our partly electric car fleet to 100% electric vehicles to eliminate fuel consumption.
- **Digital Transformation (by 2028):**
  - We aim to digitalise 50% of all documentation within our administrative departments.
  - All invoices will be sent digitally.
  - In our operations, we plan to implement paperless check-in and check-out systems to conserve paper, resources, and reduce toner waste.



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- **Optimised Inventory Management (by 2027):** We will develop a detailed inventory system for engineering storage. This will help reduce last-minute purchasing, support timely equipment maintenance, and enhance overall efficiency.

Since January 2024 we are also proud members of the *Swisstainable* program, having achieved the highest designation (Level III).

Swisstainable is the official sustainability program for Swiss tourism. It was launched to position Switzerland as the world's most sustainable travel destination and to provide a clear, visible platform for the commitment and efforts of tourism businesses. This confirms our comprehensive, third-party audited approach to sustainable tourism.

Through these commitments, Kempinski Palace Engelberg ensures that our legacy of luxury remains intrinsically linked to the preservation of our breathtaking Alpine landscape. We invite our guests and partners to join us in this journey, fostering a future where world-class hospitality and environmental stewardship coexist in perfect harmony.

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