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CHOICE HOTELS ASIA-PACIFIC PTY LTD

ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION  
CY2023

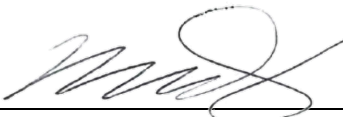
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# Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement



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NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Choice Hotels Asia-Pacific Pty Ltd
REPORTING PERIOD	1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023 Arrears report
DECLARATION	<p><i>To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this public disclosure statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.</i></p> <p><i>Signature here</i></p>  <p>Name of signatory Position of signatory Date</p> <p>Paul Bromley CFO 22 November 2024</p>



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# 1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	1,313 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	47.3% VERs, 52.7% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Pangolin Associates
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Date: 24/07/2024 Organisation: Pangolin Associates Next technical assessment due: CY2026 report
THIRD PARTY VALIDATION	Type 1 Date: 05/08/2024 Organisation: GPP Audit Pty Limited

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## 2.CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

### Description of organisation certification

This organisation certification is for the Australian business operations of Choice Hotels Asia-Pac Pty Ltd, ABN 41-081-959-891, covering the CY2023 reporting period. Choice Hotel Asia – Pacific's independent franchisees are not included in this certification.

The operational boundary has been defined based on an operational control test, in accordance with the principles of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007. This includes the following locations and facilities:

- Level 26, 2 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank VIC 3006 Australia

The methods used for collating data, performing calculations, and presenting the carbon account are in accordance with the following standards:

- The Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Organisation (Organisation Standard)
- The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008

### Organisation description

From Melbourne to Mackay, and Albany to Auckland, you'll enjoy a friendly, affordable, comfortable night's stay with Choice Hotels Asia-Pac.

Not only are we part of one of the largest international hotel chains, but we've built our reputation on developing high-value accommodation options ranging from but not limited to full service hotels in the upscale, midscale and economy segments. Choice branded properties provide business and leisure travellers with a range of high-quality, high-value accommodation options throughout Australia, New Zealand and internationally. With more than 150 franchised hotels across New Zealand and Australia, we're one of the largest hotel chains operating in these countries with a range of accommodation options for every traveller.

In fact, Choice Hotels has been offering great accommodation experiences across the globe since the 1930s. Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE: CHH) is one of the largest and most successful accommodation franchisors in the world. Choice currently has more than 7,000 franchised hotels, in more than 40 countries and territories. For more information on Choice Hotels, visit the company's website: [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com).

ABN: 41-081-959-891

ACN: 081-959-891

## 3.EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

### Inside the emissions boundary

All emission sources listed in the emissions boundary are part of the carbon neutral claim.

**Quantified emissions** have been assessed as relevant and are quantified in the carbon inventory. This may include emissions that are not identified as arising due to the operations of the certified entity, however, are **optionally included**.

**Non-quantified emissions** have been assessed as relevant and are captured within the emissions boundary but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. All material emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. Further detail is available at Appendix C.

### Outside the emissions boundary

**Excluded emissions** are those that have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary or are outside of the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further detail is available at Appendix D.

## Inside emissions boundary

### Quantified

Employee accommodation and facilities

Climate Active carbon neutral products and services

Electricity

ICT services and equipment

Office equipment and supplies

Postage, courier and freight

Products

Professional services

Stationary Energy

Transport (air)

Transport (land and sea)

Working from home

### Non-quantified

N/A

## Outside emission boundary

### Excluded

N/A

## 4.EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

### Emissions reduction strategy

Building a Better Tomorrow, Today

Choice Hotels Asia-Pac is committed to strengthening our sustainability practices and over the past twelve months we have made substantial progress in aligning with key frameworks and standards with our global teams.

Our belief in building a better tomorrow extends to our employees, our hotel owners and our guests. That is why we are focusing on making continuous steps towards our goals and commit to reduce measured scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 30% by 2030, from a 2023 base year.

#### Scope 1

Currently, we do not have any Scope 1 emissions. As a result, there are no emissions reduction strategies required for Scope 1 at this time.

#### Scope 2

Regarding our Scope 2 emissions, we are considering a switch to renewable energy sources. This will involve evaluating the feasibility and potential impact of such a transition. We plan to assess these considerations thoroughly in CY2024 to determine the best course of action.

#### Scope 3

While we continue to work towards aligning with key frameworks and standards with our global teams, our focus has been about how the Choice Hotels Asia-Pac offices can reduce our footprint. We understand that bringing our franchisees along with us on our journey will be how we make lasting impacts in contributing to a more sustainable future, however at this point, for the purpose of our emission reduction strategy, franchisees have been excluded from scope three calculations.

For Scope 3 emissions, several initiatives have been implemented and planned.

#### **Business Travel**

Our travel policy includes the following measures:

- Alternatives: Promoting the use of virtual meetings wherever possible. Virtual meetings have become an essential way of supporting and engaging with our franchisee network through conversations about Revenue Management, Strategy, Operations, training and webinars.
- Encouragement: Minimize the number of flights taken.
- Efficiency: Combine multiple site visits into one trip to reduce travel frequency.
- Economy: Travel economy class where applicable.
- Route Optimization: Plan trips to cover the furthest location first and then proceed to closer locations.
- Car Travel Coordination: Encourage employees to carpool when traveling to the same destination.

In addition to the changes, we have already put in place, over the course of the next twelve months we looking to include carbon offsets with all business flight bookings.

### **Professional Services**

Building a better tomorrow means acting today. We recognise the profound and evolving impacts of climate change on the travel and tourism industry and are striving to prepare our business by gaining a deeper understanding of our key stakeholders and the opportunities of working closer to adopt more sustainable practices.

Working with suppliers committed to the same principles we value and aspire to achieve is fundamental to our business. Our procurement team is working to support environmental best practices in our supply chain and continue to onboard new services and products to help our hotels meet their own sustainability goals. Onboarding new vendors will include incorporating sustainability criteria in our tender process and encouraging them to adopt more sustainable practices.

Over the past twelve months we have already

- Removed the distribution of single use plastic through our Preferred Vendor Marketplace.
- Made significant global advancements towards our goal of providing hotels in our system with suppliers of cage-free eggs (shell, liquid and egg products) by year end 2025.
- Recycled out of commission uniforms.
- Introduced paperless check-in processes through digital registration tablets for hotels using our proprietary property management system.

Our Commercial Team is committed to supporting our science-based reduction targets through gaining a deeper understanding of key stakeholders and will include sustainable criteria requirements in their tender processes moving forward.

### **Reducing Single Use Bathroom Amenities**

One emissions source we have focussed on in CY2023, is an initiative involving the funding and installation of brackets within our hotels to hold larger format amenities products supplied by Soap Aid., thereby reducing the hotels' single-use product consumption. This is a one-time emissions source, however, the initiative has a positive downstream impact, helping to minimize plastic waste and contribute to long-term emission reductions.

Soap Aid is a leading not-for-profit soap recycling organization. They help communities facing major hygiene challenges. Their Soap Aid brand is featured on our large format amenities products which comprise 500ml bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and hand wash. Choice Hotels Asia-Pac hotels is transitioning from mini/individual 20ml and bar soap in plastic packaging to 500ml sized amenities products and bar soap in kraft paper packaging. From 31 May 2024, the single use amenities will no longer be available through our procurement platform known as Marketplace.



## 5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

### Emissions over time

Emissions since base year		
Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e		
Base year/Year 1:	2023	1,312.78

### Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products, services, buildings or precincts

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
Qantas	Flight services
2 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank VIC 3006	Building
Winc	Paper

### Emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in the Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a location-based approach.

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Total emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	16.71	16.71
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	20.16	9.56	29.72
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	38.13	38.13
Office equipment and supplies	0.00	0.00	4.10	4.10
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	11.15	11.15
Products	0.00	0.00	158.18	158.18
Professional services	0.00	0.00	599.04	599.04
Transport (air)	0.00	0.00	396.17	396.17
Transport (land and sea)	0.00	0.00	41.84	41.84
Stationary Energy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Working from home	0.00	0.00	17.73	17.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20.16</b>	<b>1292.62</b>	<b>1312.78</b>

### Uplift factors

N/A

## 6. CARBON OFFSETS

### Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired for Climate Active certification

Type of offset units	Eligible quantity (used for this reporting period)	Percentage of total
Verified Emissions Reductions (VERs)	620	47.3%
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	693	52.7%

Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Stapled quantity	Eligible quantity retired (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Eligible quantity used for previous reporting periods	Eligible quantity banked for future reporting periods	Eligible quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total (%)
Energy efficiency improvement project leading to multiple sustainable development impacts	VER	GSR	03/07/2024	<a href="#">GS1-1-UG-GS6604-16-2019-21336-18700-19045</a>	2019	0	346	0	0	346	26.4%
Energy efficiency improvement project leading to multiple sustainable development impacts	VER	GSR	03/07/2024	<a href="#">GS1-1-UG-GS6604-16-2019-21336-8935-9188</a>	2019	0	254	0	0	254	19.4%
Energy efficiency improvement project leading to multiple sustainable development impacts	VER	GSR	03/07/2024	<a href="#">GS1-1-UG-GS6604-16-2019-21336-8389-8408</a>	2019	0	20	0	0	20	1.5%
Bundled solar power project by SolarArise India projects PVT. LTD	VCU	Verra	06/08/2024	<a href="#">10730-245116696-245117417-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1762-26042018-31122018-0</a>	2018	0	722	0	29	693	52.7%
Total eligible offsets retired and used for this report										1,313	
Total eligible offsets retired this report and banked for use in future reports									29		

## Co-benefits

### Energy efficiency improvement project in Uganda

The activity includes the implementation of improved cook stoves (ICS) during the year 2017 to families within 3 districts of Uganda. Most families living in the area cook currently with traditional three stone fires which consume large amounts of firewood. This means that a lot of time is spent for the firewood collection. The firewood collection is also causing deforestation and land degradation. Firewood combustion is moreover a significant source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions responsible for climate change. In addition to the environmental consequences, there are serious health implications related with the inefficient cooking methods through the exposure on the smoke and other emissions. This project will be attempting to address these issues by implementing energy efficient cookstoves to households. The energy efficient stoves will allow households to cook the same amount of food using less firewood.

This project contributes to the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

- SDG 7 – Quality Education
- SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth
- SDG 13 – Climate Action

## 7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

### Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A.

## APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A.

## APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business's electricity usage.

Location-based method:

The location-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its location, and the emissions intensity of the electricity grid it relies on. It reflects the average emissions intensity of the electricity grid in the location (State) in which energy consumption occurs. The location-based method does not allow for any claims of renewable electricity from grid-imported electricity usage.

Market-based method:

The market-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its renewable energy investments. It reflects the emissions intensity of different electricity products, markets and investments. It uses a residual mix factor (RMF) to allow for unique claims on the zero emissions attribute of renewables without double-counting.

For this certification, electricity emissions have been set by using the location-based approach.

Market-based approach summary			
Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Renewable percentage of total
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	0	0	0%
<b>Total non-grid electricity</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	0	0	0%
Climate Active precinct/building (voluntary renewables)	2,130,000	0	80%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	498,332	0	19%
Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCS surrendered)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	6,553	0	0%
Residual Electricity	28,009	25,488	0%
<b>Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>2,634,885</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Total grid electricity</b>	<b>2,662,893</b>	<b>25,488</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>2,662,893</b>	<b>25,488</b>	<b>99%</b>
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
<b>Residual electricity consumption under operational control</b>	<b>28,009</b>	<b>25,488</b>	
Scope 2	24,931	22,687	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	3,078	2,801	
<b>Residual electricity consumption not under operational control</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Scope 3	0	0	

<b>Total renewables (grid and non-grid)</b>	<b>98.95%</b>
<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>18.96%</b>
<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>79.99%</b>
<b>Behind the meter</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>22.69</b>
<b>Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>2.80</b>
<b>Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>22.69</b>
<b>Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>2.80</b>
<b>Total emissions liability (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>25.49</b>

Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%

Location-based approach summary						
Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	74%	(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	2,662,893	1,966,092	1,553,213	137,626	696,802	599,249
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)</b>	<b>2,662,893</b>	<b>1,966,092</b>	<b>1,553,213</b>	<b>137,626</b>	<b>696,802</b>	<b>599,249</b>
ACT	0	0	0	0		
NSW	0	0	0	0		
SA	0	0	0	0		
VIC	0	0	0	0		
QLD	0	0	0	0		
NT	0	0	0	0		
WA	0	0	0	0		
TAS	0	0	0	0		
<b>Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>2,662,893</b>					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	1,553.21
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	736.88
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	20.16
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	9.56
<b>Total emissions liability</b>	<b>29.72</b>

### Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in Climate Active certified building/precinct (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
2 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank VIC 3006	2,628,332	0
Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the building/precinct under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.		

### Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
N/A	0	0
Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the electricity product under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.		



## APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

### Non-quantified emission sources

The following emissions sources have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.
3. **Data unavailable** Data is unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.
4. **Maintenance** Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified.

Relevant non-quantified emission sources	Justification reason
N/A	

### Data management plan for non-quantified sources

There are no non-quantified sources in the emission boundary that require a data management plan.

## APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

### Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to this organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Emission sources considered for relevance must be included within the certification boundary if they meet two of the five relevance criteria. Those which only meet one condition of the relevance test can be excluded from the certification boundary.

Emissions tested for relevance are detailed below against each of the following criteria:

1. **Size** The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.
2. **Influence** The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.
3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.
4. **Stakeholders** Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.
5. **Outsourcing** The emissions are from outsourced activities previously undertaken within the organisation's boundary, or from outsourced activities typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable organisations.

### Excluded emissions sources summary

Emission sources tested for relevance				Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
	Size	Influence	Risk			
N/A						



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