




# **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**CHOICE HOTELS ASIA-PACIFIC PTY LTD**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION  
CY2024**

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**Public Disclosure Statement**



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Choice Hotels Asia-Pacific Pty Ltd
REPORTING PERIOD	1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024 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>Paul Bromley Chief Financial Officer 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026</p>



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# 1. CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	1,214 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	48.02% VERs, 51.98% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	0.25%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Pangolin Associates
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	24/07/2024 Pangolin Associates Next technical assessment due: CY 2026 report

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## 2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

### Description of organisation certification

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

This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for CY2024 reporting period.

### Organisation description

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
- WFH emission associated with NZ employees

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

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.

Choice Hotels Asia-Pac has more than 300 hotels across the Asia-Pacific region, representing more than 25,000 rooms and making it the region's largest hotel franchise group. Brands under the Choice Hotels banner include the Ascend Hotel Collection, Clarion, Quality, Comfort and Econo Lodge. Choice Hotels Asia-Pac is a wholly owned subsidiary of Choice Hotels International, a publicly listed (NYSE: CHH) company in the United States. A challenger in the upscale segment and a leader in midscale and extended stay, Choice has more than 7,500 hotels, representing nearly 650,000 rooms, in 46 countries and territories. For more information, visit [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

Accommodation and facilities  
Cleaning and chemicals  
Electricity  
Food  
ICT services and equipment  
Machinery and vehicles  
Office equipment and supplies  
Postage, courier and freight  
Products  
Professional services  
Refrigerants  
Stationary Energy (gaseous fuels)  
Transport (air)  
Transport (land and sea)  
Waste  
Water  
Working from home  
NZ 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 alignment 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

In 2024 Choice Hotels Asia-Pac made a decision to further support our franchisees on their sustainability journey to ensure the investments made in CY 2023 were utilised. Energy sources from a head office perspective continue to be evaluated to ensure it aligns with our global ESG strategies.

### 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 commenced:

#### **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.

## Emissions reduction actions

Outlined below are the emission reduction actions we took in CY2024:

### Supplier Specific Emission Factors

As our commitment to reducing scope 3 emissions, Choice Hotels Asia-Pac is actively transitioning from generic spend based estimates to supplier specific emission factors.

This approach will enable us to accurately reflect on the actual emissions associated with our procurement activities and provide transparency on suppliers who have reduction targets.

### Digital Transition

- Our Legal department has transitioned all legal documentation and contracts for franchisees to digital.
- All departments are now storing documents in the cloud
- Use of DocuSign for electronic signatures for employee contracts and documents

### IT Infrastructure

In 2024, Choice Hotels became the first major hotel company to migrate their entire IT infrastructure to the cloud. Transitioning fully to Amazon Web Services (AWS) has helped reduce the carbon footprint and energy consumption from our data storage and processing activities, and allowed us to benefit globally from AWS sustainability initiatives including

- Energy efficient data centers
- Commitment to renewable energy use
- Optimisation of cloud workloads for sustainability

Migration of system infrastructure will continue into 2025 where we hope to align more services globally in hope to reduce our impact to scope 3 emissions.

### Qualified Vendor Engagement

Our Commercial and Procurement team continued to identify qualified vendors who are actively working on reducing their carbon footprint through the RFP process.

### Sustainable Franchisees

In 2024, Choice Hotels Asia-Pac made a decision to further support our franchisees and their sustainability journey as we know our efforts can have a positive impact on our environment at scale.

Engaging with our franchisees is integral to the success of our sustainability initiatives by allowing us to work to understanding future base line data.

These initiatives include:

### Introduction of the Room to be Green program

Our Room to be Green environmental program is part of our broader Commitment to Green initiative. It consists of requirements and criteria designed to help hotels improve their environmental practices, align with third-party certifications, meet growing demand from clients and guests for sustainable practices, and potentially achieve greater savings.

Room to be Green is structured into four levels, ranging from zero-cost, easy-to-implement solutions to best-in-class, innovative initiatives that can require capital investment. Each level is designed to encourage hotels to enhance their environmental impact and advance in their sustainability journey.

As of January 1, 2025, Room to be Green Level 1 requirements became a mandated brand standard, making it Choice's first global brand standard related to sustainability.

### ***Third Party Certifications***

Helping franchisees achieve third party certification by working with the World Travel and Tourism Council Hotel Sustainability Basics program.

As the global authority on the economic and social contributions of the travel and tourism industry, the World Travel & Tourism Council has developed the Hotel Sustainability Basics, which outlines 12 essential actions to achieve hotel sustainability based on three pillars: efficiency, planet and people.

### ***Bulk Amenities***

In 2023 CY, Choice Hotels Asia-Pac funded the installation of brackets within our hotels to hold larger format amenity products to reduce single use plastics. This initiative has had a positive downstream impact from our franchisee network. From May 2024, all single use bathroom amenities were eliminated from sale through our procurement platform MarketPlace.

### ***Supporting Soap Aid***

Choice Hotels Asia-Pac is proud to work with Soap Aid. Soap Aid is a non-for-profit organization recycling and sending critical soap to communities facing major hygiene challenges. Choice Hotels Asia-Pac supports Soap Aid through the use of the Soap Aid amenities purchased by Choice franchisees.

## 5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

### Emissions over time

Emissions since base year			
		Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e (without uplift)	Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e (with uplift)
Base Year / Year 1:	2023	1,312.78	1,312.78
Year 2:	2024	1,213.11	1,213.11

### Significant changes in emissions

Significant changes in emissions			
Emission source	Previous year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Current year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Reason for change
Advertising services	292.36	216.82	Supplier specific emission factors have moved some of the emissions out of this category, into a bespoke emission factor.
Long business class flights (>3,700km)	309.01	170.57	Less flights needed in this reporting period

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

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
2 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank VIC 3006	Building
Qantas	Flights

## Emissions summary

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a market 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	14.43	14.43
Cleaning and Chemicals	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.56
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	22.51	2.78	25.29
Food	0.00	0.00	1.82	1.82
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	80.75	80.75
Machinery and vehicles	0.00	0.00	2.76	2.76
Office equipment & supplies	0.00	0.00	3.79	3.79
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	12.53	12.53
Products	0.00	0.00	243.28	243.28
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	509.15	509.15
Refrigerants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationary Energy (gaseous fuels)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport (Air)	0.00	0.00	264.28	264.28
Transport (Land and Sea)	0.00	0.00	36.57	36.57
Waste	0.00	0.00	3.31	3.31
Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Working from home	0.00	0.00	14.58	14.58
<b>Total emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22.51</b>	<b>1190.60</b>	<b>1213.11</b>

## Uplift factors

N/A.

## 6. CARBON OFFSETS

### Eligible offsets retirement summary

#### Offsets retired for Climate Active certification

Type of offset unit	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total units used
Verified Emissions Reductions (VERs)	631	51.98%
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	583	48.02%

Project name	Type of offset unit	Registry	Date retired	Serial number	Vintage	Total quantity retired	Quantity used in previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total used this reporting period
Bundled solar power project by SolarArise India projects PVT. LTD	VCU	Verra	6/8/2024	10730-245116696-245117417-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1762-26042018-31122018-0	2018	722	693	0	29	2.39%
Bundled Solar Power Project by Solararise India Projects PVT. LTD.	VCU	Verra	13/8/2025	10731-245190327-245190345-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1762-01012020-25082020-0	2020	19	0	0	19	1.57%
Bundled Solar Power Project by Solararise India Projects PVT. LTD.	VCU	Verra	8/8/2025	10731-245172902-245173484-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1762-01012020-25082020-0	2020	583	0	0	583	48.02%
Energy efficiency improvement project leading to multiple sustainable development impacts.	VER	Gold Standard Impact	8/8/2025	GS1-1-UG-GS6604-16-2021-24626-9028-9610	2021	583	0	0	583	48.02%
<b>Offset Totals:</b>						<b>1907</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1214</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 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 market-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)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
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)	6,301	0	0%
Residual Electricity	2,562,649	2,332,011	0%
<b>Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>6,301</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total grid electricity</b>	<b>2,568,950</b>	<b>2,332,011</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>2,568,950</b>	<b>2,332,011</b>	<b>0%</b>
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
<b>Residual electricity consumption under operational control</b>	<b>2,562,649</b>	<b>2,332,011</b>	
Scope 2	2,281,040	2,075,746	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	281,610	256,265	
<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>0.25%</b>
<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>0.25%</b>
<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Behind the meter</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>2,075.75</b>
<b>Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>256.26</b>
<b>Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>22.51</b>
<b>Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>2.78</b>
<b>Total emissions liability (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>25.29</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	75%	(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	2,568,950	1,920,547	1,517,232	134,438	648,403	557,627
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)</b>	<b>2,568,950</b>	<b>1,920,547</b>	<b>1,517,232</b>	<b>134,438</b>	<b>648,403</b>	<b>557,627</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		
<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>2,568,950</b>					

<b>Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>1,517.23</b>
<b>Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>692.06</b>
<b>Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>20.14</b>
<b>Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>9.18</b>
<b>Total emissions liability</b>	<b>29.32</b>

If your organisation does not use any Climate Active buildings or precincts, please add N/A to the first row, and delete the remaining empty rows.

### 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	2,534,856	0
<i>Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their building or precinct 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.</i>		

### 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
<i>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.</i>		

# 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 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	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
N/A						





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