

# **BIO HOTELS®** - the pioneers of green tourism

Natural, eco-friendly, sustainable: since more than 22 years, BIO HOTELS® managed to establish themselves as the most sustainable hotel association on the market. Like no other hotel group, the BIO HOTELS® guarantee guests certified organic quality and maximum transparency.

Ever since the association was founded in 2001, BIO HOTELS® have stood for a consistently ecological approach. What is becoming more and more trendy today has been part of the core philosophy of BIO HOTELS® from the very beginning. BIO HOTELS® initially were known for controlled, certified organic food. Many other sustainability aspects have been added over the years. Regional, organic food, organic and natural cosmetics, green electricity, low CO2 emissions and efficient resource and energy management are just some of the requirements that members need to guarantee for. Bio-hoteliers like to go the extra mile – for the environment, a sustainable future and guest satisfaction. BIO HO- TELS<sup>®</sup> inspire their guests with best organic cuisine, exclusive organic wellness and innovative offers. For example, special green meetings are offered for business customers.

Whether by the sea or in the mountains, in the city or the countryside – business and leisure travellers can find BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup> in the following countries:

- Germany
- Austria
- Italy
- Slovenia
- Greece



BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup> put great importance on their strict, consistent organic certification. Therefore, all houses are checked at least twice a year by independent control bodies. In addition, a climate balance is made every two years. Only those who consistently pass can remain a member of the BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup>.

The following criteria are taken into account in the certification:



# **Certified organic quality**

Best certified organic quality awaits you in all BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup>. The food and beverage come from 100% certified organic agriculture.



# **Renewable energies**

Only 100% certified green electricity is used in the houses.



# **Certified organic and natural cosmetics**

Whether in the bathroom or during a wellness treatment – guests will be offered certified organic and natural cosmetics according to the COSMOS standard. With mila mi, the BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup> also present their own organic cosmetic line.



#### Regionality

Regionality and short transport routes have a particularly high priority.



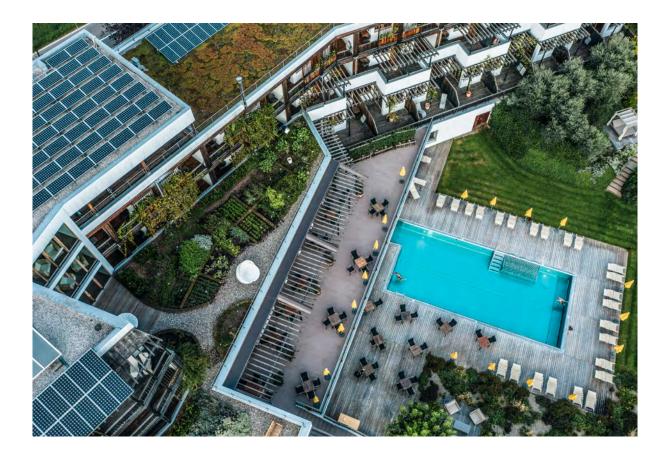
#### **CO2-balance sheet**

BIO HOTELS® are industry-wide pioneers when it comes to climate protection.



# **Building biology and natural materials**

BIO HOTELS® value natural room furnishing and bedding. It is made sure that new buildings and renovations are realised by using the best materials in terms of building biology.



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7.5 kg. This is how much CO2e is produced on average per overnight stay in the BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup>. This makes them industry-wide pioneer in the field of climate protection. Conventional hotels exceed this value. According to the environmental indicators of the German Hotel and Restaurant Association (DEHOGA), the average values between 16.9 - 47.6 kg CO2 per overnight stay, depending on the star category. Every two years, the hotels have their CO2 footprint calculated in order to optimise it.

Despite all efforts, it is impossible to avoid releasing CO2e. Therefore, the majority of of BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup> already compensate for the CO2e they produce by buying climate certificates to make their hotel climate-neutral. In order to become a climate-positive BIO HOTEL, the double amount of caused tonnes of CO2e must be compensated. In total, the BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup> have offset 10,954 tonnes of CO2e for the years 2021 and 2022 by purchasing climate certificates. The values for 2023 are currently being recorded.

#### Find more information at <u>www.biohotels.info/en</u> and at our <u>press area</u>. Follow BIO HOTELS<sup>®</sup> on Facebook and Instagram: @biohotels

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