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The last straw for Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh

The Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa in the heart of Edinburgh is removing plastic straws from all areas of the hotel, including its bar and brasserie, One Square, and will offer guests a biodegradable alternative going forward.

The move is an example of the five star hotel's commitment to reducing waste, energy use and CO2, and comes as part of Marriott International's decision to remove plastic straws from more than 60 sites across its UK portfolio.

Tristan Nesbitt, General Manager, said:

"By removing plastic straws from our hotel, we have a real opportunity to play a small but significant part in reducing the volume of plastic waste which can damage our environment. This supports our commitment to being a green hotel and our work towards creating a more sustainable future through the efficient management of energy, waste and water.

He added: "Hopefully this move will help create momentum within the community and demonstrate what can be achieved ahead of any proposed legislation."

The continued effort by Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh to improve its environmental performance has been recognised by the Green Tourism Business Scheme and has been accredited with a Silver Award.

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Notes to Editors:

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About the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa:

The Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa first opened in 1985 and is one of Edinburgh's most luxurious hotels. With an enviable location in Edinburgh's city centre, the hotel has dramatic views of Edinburgh castle and is within walking distance from all of the major attractions including the Royal Mile, Arthur's Seat and shops on Princes Street. The hotel offers 269 stunning guest rooms with cutting-edge technology, glass walled bathrooms and Sheraton Signature Sleep Experience beds. The hotel also boasts a dedicated meetings and events complex with 14 flexible function rooms, a Club Floor and a vibrant bar and brasserie. The Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa is also home to One Spa, widely regarded as one of Europe's finest city Spas offering a range of holistic Spa treatments, a 19m swimming pool, an iconic rooftop hydropool, a unique Thermal Suite and a fully equipped gym with studios.

About One Square:

One Square is a vibrant bar and brasserie located in the heart of Edinburgh, overlooking Festival Square and Edinburgh Castle. One Square restaurant serves a delicious range of high-quality, seasonal Scottish dishes created by Executive Chef Craig Hart. Dining at the Pass, which takes place in the heart of the One Square kitchen, is a premium dining experience for foodies, whilst the Private Dining Room, set just off the main restaurant, can host up to 40 people. One Square is also known for its innovative and modern interpretation of afternoon tea, which is served daily. Within the bar, One Square has built up an impressive collection of over 105 premium gins and launched its own-recipe One Square Gin in March 2015. The bar also hosts regular 'Ginnasium' gin tasting masterclasses for both novices and connoisseurs alike.