



Sandos says “No” to plastic, eliminating 12.45 million plastic waste per year on its hotels in Spain

January 17th, 2019.- Sandos hotels in Spain began the new year helping to protect the Earth in recognition of the importance of caring for the environment to ensure the future of the next generations, in addition to its commitment to the environment.

Plastic is a material widely used in the service sector and has become the main enemy of nature.

In the Pacific Ocean, between California and Hawaii float at least 87,000 tons of garbage, a group of researchers reported. A study recently published in the journal Scientific Reports quantified the extent of the garbage patch that is four to sixteen times larger than previously thought, occupies an area about four times the size of California and is estimated to contain 1, 8 trillion pieces of garbage.

The main problem with plastics is that they gradually fragment to reduce their size. Then, they become microplastics, which are ingested by fish, seabirds, cetaceans, causing health problems and entering our food chain.

To reduce the impact of their ecological footprint, Sandos has made the decision to replace all the plastics used in its Spain hotels by biodegradable materials or recycled cardboard, including their rooms' amenities.

This new policy, implemented since January of this year, promises the elimination of:

- **1.8 million straws**, using biodegradable straws as an alternative at the request of their guests
- **1.4 million of plastic cutlery**, replacing it with stainless steel cutlery or exceptionally with biodegradable cutlery for special activities.
- **0.75 million of plastic plates** that will be replaced by biodegradable plates.
- **8.5 plastic cups** that will be replaced by recycled cardboard cups and specific bins will be placed for the recycling of these cups. Part of the consumption will be replaced by reusable polycarbonate cups.
- **484,500 units of amenities** made of plastic that will be replaced by biodegradable material.

This leaves a total reduction of approximately **12.45 million plastics**. Sandos has decided to stop the use of plastics, and opt for one of their main values: to contribute to a more sustainable world.



About Sandos Hotels & Resorts

Sandos Hotels & Resorts is a Spanish hotel chain offering unique holidays in Spain and Mexico. Today, it has a total of nine all-inclusive resorts distributed throughout the best beach destinations on Mexico's Caribbean and Pacific coasts, as well as on the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean in Spain.

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