



## 26 MORE FACILITIES WORLDWIDE ACHIEVE GBAC STAR™ ACCREDITATION

**NORTHBROOK, III. — (Nov. 6, 2020)** The [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#) (GBAC), a Division of [ISSA](#), has announced that 26 new facilities have successfully completed accreditation through the [GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation Program](#). The latest round includes Dallas Love Field in Dallas; Myrtle Beach Convention Center in Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Oracle Park in San Francisco, home of the MLB's San Francisco Giants; Hyatt properties around the world including Calgary, Alberta, and more.

“One of the main goals of cleaning and disinfecting is to remove potentially harmful pathogens, but many organizations still struggle with how to do so effectively and efficiently,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “Our team of experts offers insights gathered from our years of industry experience as we guide facilities through the GBAC STAR accreditation process.”

The GBAC STAR accreditation program takes a complete approach to cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention to ensure there is commitment at all levels of the business. Facilities must adhere to 20 program elements, including sustainability and continuous improvement, standard operating procedures, cleaning and disinfection chemicals, worker health program, and audits and inspections.

The following facilities have achieved GBAC STAR accreditation:

### Airport

- Dallas Love Field Airport in Dallas, Tex.

### Commercial Office

- MESIL S.A DE C.V. in Victoria, Mexico

### Convention Center

- Myrtle Beach Convention Center in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

### Hotels

- Andaz Amsterdam, Prinsengracht in Amsterdam
- Grand Hyatt Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Grand Hyatt San Francisco in San Francisco, Calif.
- Homewood Suites Palm Beach Gardens in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
- Hyatt Centric The Pike Long Beach in Long Beach, Calif.
- Hyatt House Falls Church/Merrifield in Fairfax, Va.



- Hyatt Place Flint/Grand Blanc in Flint, Mich.
- Hyatt Regency Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina in Atlanta, Ga.
- Hyatt Regency Calgary in Calgary, Alberta
- Hyatt Regency Green Bay in Green Bay, Wisc.
- Hyatt Regency Guam in Tamuning, Guam
- Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach in Huntington Beach, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Seattle's Southport in Renton, Wash.
- Hyatt Regency San Francisco in San Francisco, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency Suites Atlanta Northwest in Marietta, Ga.
- Hyatt Regency Suzhou in Suzhou, China
- Hyatt Regency Tianjin East in Tianjin, China
- Hyatt Regency Villahermosa in Villahermosa, Mexico
- Park Hyatt Washington D.C. in Washington, D.C.

#### Museum

- Henry Morrison Flagler Museum in Palm Beach, Fla.

#### Performing Arts Center

- Portland's Center for the Arts in Portland, Ore.

#### Stadium/Arena

- Oracle Park in San Francisco, Calif.

“The GBAC STAR program continues to gain momentum globally as more facilities seek reassurance that their approach to cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention is sound,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “Accredited facilities can proudly display their seal of accreditation to guests to highlight that they’ve achieved third-party validation for cleaning.”

Apply for GBAC STAR facility accreditation today at [gbac.org/star](https://gbac.org/star). See which facilities are accredited or are working towards accreditation via the [GBAC STAR Facility Directory](#).

#### **About GBAC, a Division of ISSA**

Composed of international leaders in the field of microbial-pathogenic threat analysis, mitigation, response, and recovery, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, provides training, guidance, accreditation, certification, crisis management assistance, and leadership to government, commercial and private entities looking to mitigate, quickly address, and/or recover from biological threats and real-time crises. The organization’s services include biorisk management program assessment and training, Forensic Restoration® response and remediation, the GBAC STAR facility accreditation program, training and certification of individuals, and consulting for building owners and facility managers. For more information, visit [www.gbac.org](https://www.gbac.org).



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With more than 9,300 members – including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, wholesalers, building service contractors, in-house service providers, residential cleaners, and associated service members – ISSA is the world’s leading trade association for the cleaning industry. The association is committed to changing the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment, and an improved bottom line. Headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., USA, the association has regional offices in Mainz, Germany; Whitby, Canada; Parramatta, Australia; Seoul, South Korea; and Shanghai, China. For more information about ISSA, visit [www.issa.com](http://www.issa.com) or call (800) 225-4772 (North America) or (847) 982-0800. For information on ISSA’s Canadian division, ISSA Canada, visit <http://www.issa-canada.com> or call (866) 864-8273 or (905) 665-8001.

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1. Commercial facility owners looking for GBAC STAR accreditation can follow the link [here](#) and use the promo code “**MediaEdgeGS**”
2. ISSA has also released a new GBAC fundamentals online course specifically designed for cleaning workers on the frontlines of the coronavirus fight. Please click [here](#) to register and receive a discount off normal prices.

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