



## More Than 100 More Facilities Worldwide Meet New Cleanliness Standards with GBAC STAR™ Accreditation

**NORTHBROOK, Ill.—Nov. 20, 2020**—More than 100 new facilities have achieved the gold standard for prepared facilities: GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation from the Global Biorisk Advisory Council™ (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in New Orleans; Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Mo.; the American Airlines Center in Dallas; Hyatt properties around the world; and more are now recognized for their achievement of the cleaning industry’s only outbreak prevention, response, and recovery accreditation for facilities.

“Cleaning and disinfecting require the right approach to adequately remove soils and prevent the spread of harmful pathogens,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “The GBAC STAR accreditation program teaches organizations how best to manage cleaning and disinfection in their facilities and offers guidance on important infection prevention strategies like wearing masks, conducting temperature checks, sanitizing hands, and more.”

Expedited in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the GBAC STAR accreditation program helps facilities prepare for, respond to, and recover from biological threats, and biohazard situations. Just six months later, more than 3,500 facilities have committed to the program, which has accredited more than 500 facilities around the world to date with new organizations registering daily. Earlier this week, ISSA and the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) [announced a partnership](#) in which IWBI acknowledges GBAC STAR to fulfill the cleaning and sanitization credits within the holistic WELL Health-Safety Rating.

The [GBAC STAR Facility Directory](#) keeps track of all completed or in-progress accreditations to help consumers easily find facilities that are committed to a higher standard of cleanliness.

The following new facilities have achieved GBAC STAR accreditation this month:

### Airports

- Greater Orlando Aviation Authority in Orlando, Fla.
- Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in New Orleans
- Myrtle Beach International Airport in Myrtle Beach, Fla.
- Seattle Tacoma International Airport in Seattle

### Arenas

- American Airlines Center in Dallas, home to the NBA's Dallas Mavericks and the NHL's Dallas Stars
- Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C., home to the NBA's Washington Wizards, the NHL's Washington Capitals, the WNBA's Washington Mystics, and more
- Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisc., home to the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks
- TaxSlayer Center in Moline, Ill.

### Business District/Park

- Business Park Panama in Panama Costa del Este, Panama
- Fort Worth Historic Stockyards in Fort Worth, Texas
- Quorum at University City Science Center in Philadelphia

### Convention Centers

- ASM Global - Reno Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nev.
- Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas
- Floreano Convention Center in Rochester, N.Y.
- Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Mo.
- Lancaster County Convention Center in Lancaster, Pa.
- The Classic Center in Athens, Ga.

### Hotels

- Alila Bangsar Kuala Lumpur in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Alila Diwa Goa in Salcette Majord, India
- Alila Ubud in Gianyar, Indonesia
- Andaz Bali in Denpasar, Indonesia
- Grand Hyatt Baha Mar in Nassau, Bahamas
- Grand Hyatt Dalian in Dalian Liaoning, China
- Grand Hyatt DFW in Dallas
- Grand Hyatt Istanbul in Istanbul, Turkey
- Grand Hyatt Jakarta in Jakarta Pusat, Indonesia
- Grand Hyatt Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia
- Grand Hyatt Mumbai Hotel & Residences in Mumbai, India
- Grand Hyatt Muscat Muscat, Oman
- Grand Hyatt Sao Paulo in Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Grand Hyatt Shenyang in Shenyang, China
- Grand Hyatt Singapore in Singapore
- Grand Hyatt Vail in Vail, Colo.
- Great Scotland Yard Hotel in London
- Hyatt Centric Candolim Goa in Candolim, India
- Hyatt Centric Center City Philadelphia in Philadelphia
- Hyatt Centric Chicago Magnificent Mile in Chicago
- Hyatt Centric San Isidro Lima in Lima, Peru
- Hyatt Centric South Beach in Miami Beach, Fla.
- Hyatt Changchun in Changchun, China
- Hyatt House Boston/Waltham in Waltham, Mass.
- Hyatt House Kuala Lumpur, Mont'Kiara in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Hyatt House Naples 5th Ave in Naples, Fla.
- Hyatt House New Orleans in New Orleans

- Hyatt House Pebble Walk Chengdu in Chengdu, China
- Hyatt House San Diego/Sorrento Mesa in San Diego
- Hyatt House San Jose/Cupertino in Cupertino, Calif.
- Hyatt House The Wharf Washington D.C. in Washington, D.C.
- Hyatt House Virginia Beach Oceanfront in Virginia Beach, Va.
- Hyatt Place Anchorage-Midtown in Anchorage, Ala.
- Hyatt Place Arlington/Courthouse Plaza in Arlington, Va.
- Hyatt Place at Silverton Village in Las Vegas
- Hyatt Place Atlanta Cobb Galleria in Smyrna, Ga.
- Hyatt Place Baton Rouge/I-10 in Baton Rouge, La.
- Hyatt Place Bloomington in Bloomington, Ind.
- Hyatt Place Bogota Convention Center in Bogota, Colombia
- Hyatt Place Denver Downtown in Denver
- Hyatt Place Denver/Westminster in Westminster, Colo.
- Hyatt Place Dubai Hotel & Hotel Apartments Wasl District in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Hyatt Place Dubai Hotel -Al Rigga in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Hyatt Place Dubai Hotel and Hotel Apartment Jumeirah in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Hyatt Place Fresno in Fresno, Calif.
- Hyatt Place Hampi in Bellary, India
- Hyatt Place Hotel Baniyas Square Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Hyatt Place Moab in Moab, Utah
- Hyatt Place Nashville Downtown in Nashville, Tenn.
- Hyatt Place Pebble Walk Chengdu in Chengdu, China
- Hyatt Place St. Louis Chesterfield in Chesterfield, Mo.
- Hyatt Place St. Petersburg Downtown in St Petersburg, Fla.
- Hyatt Place Taghazout Bay in Agadir, Morocco
- Hyatt Place Waikiki Beach in Honolulu
- Hyatt Place Yerevan in Yerevan, Armenia
- Hyatt Regency Ahmedabad in Ahmedabad, India
- Hyatt Regency Amsterdam in Amsterdam
- Hyatt Regency Aqaba Ayla Resort in Aqaba, Jordan
- Hyatt Regency Atlanta in Atlanta
- Hyatt Regency Austin in Austin, Texas
- Hyatt Regency Baku in Baku, Azerbaijan
- Hyatt Regency Bali in Denpasar, Indonesia
- Hyatt Regency Beijing Shiyuan in Beijing
- Hyatt Regency Beijing Wangjing in Beijing
- Hyatt Regency Boston in Boston
- Hyatt Regency Cambridge in Cambridge, Mass.
- Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Va.
- Hyatt Regency Dallas in Dallas
- Hyatt Regency Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Hyatt Regency Ekaterinburg in Ekaterinburg, Russia

- Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, Fla.
- Hyatt Regency Greenwich in Old Greenwich, Conn.
- Hyatt Regency Hong Kong in Hong Kong
- Hyatt Regency Kolkata in Kolkata, India
- Hyatt Regency Kuantan Resort in Kuantan, Malaysia
- Hyatt Regency La Jolla in San Diego
- Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and Casino in Incline Village, Nev.
- Hyatt Regency Lanzhou in Lanzhou Gansu, China
- Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina in San Diego
- Hyatt Regency Morristown at Headquarters Plaza in Morristown, N.J.
- Hyatt Regency New Orleans & Hyatt House in New Orleans
- Hyatt Regency Newport Beach in Newport Beach, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago in Rosemont, Ill.
- Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Fla.
- Hyatt Regency Oryx Doha in Doha, Qatar
- Hyatt Regency Perth in Perth, Australia
- Hyatt Regency Reston in Reston, Va.
- Hyatt Regency Santa Clara in Santa Clara, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Hyatt Regency Zhenjiang in Zhenjiang Jiangsu, China
- Hyatt Residences Doha West Bay in Doha, Qatar
- Hyatt Xuzhou in Xuzhou, China
- Jabal Omar Hyatt Regency Makkah in Makkah, Saudi Arabia
- Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square in Lancaster, Pa.
- Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in San Diego
- Marriott Marquis Chicago Hotel in Chicago
- Park Hyatt Doha Hotel in Doha, Qatar
- Park Hyatt Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Park Hyatt Guangzhou in Guangzhou, China
- Park Hyatt Jeddah - Marina, Club and Spa in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Signiel Seoul in Seoul, South Korea
- Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Ariz.
- The Breakers Palm Beach in Palm Beach, Fla.
- The Driskill in Austin, Texas
- The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Wild Palms Hotel in Sunnyvale, Calif.

#### Museum

- NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, N.C.



## Offices

- Dreamscape in Culver City, Calif.
- Hawaiian Building Maintenance in Honolulu
- KPMG Lakehouse in Orlando, Fla.
- PRA Group in Norfolk, Va.

## Theme Park

- Beto Carrero World in Penha, Brazil

## Transportation

- Anaheim Transportation Network in Anaheim, Calif.

“GBAC STAR is designed to accommodate facilities of all different sizes and types so that people can feel confident about cleanliness measures wherever they go,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “We would like to congratulate this latest round of accredited facilities on their achievement and their ongoing commitment to health and safety.”

Interested in seeking GBAC STAR facility accreditation for your space? Visit [gbac.org/star](http://gbac.org/star) to learn more and apply.

## **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](http://www.gbac.org).

## **About ISSA**

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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**MediaEdge is a proud reseller of the GBAC STAR and GBAC fundamentals online course. Please see the program details and links below and remember to use the promo codes when registering as they provide discounts.**

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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