



## 55 Hudson Yards Soars to New Heights with GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation

**NORTHBROOK, Ill.—Feb. 25, 2021**—The [Global Biorisk Advisory Council](#)™ (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, today announced that 55 Hudson Yards in New York is the latest commercial office building to earn GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation. The 12,000-seat Maverik Center in West Valley City, Utah and additional hotels have also achieved the gold standard for facility preparedness this week.

“GBAC STAR accredited facilities make proper cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention an ongoing priority,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “We are thrilled for the team at 55 Hudson Yards and this week’s other newly accredited facilities. Through the GBAC STAR accreditation, they show their commitment to their employees, customers, and communities, building trust and confidence that they are safe and committed to a higher level of cleaning.”

Featuring 1.3 million square feet of office space, 55 Hudson Yards is a LEED Gold building that incorporates energy-efficient features and floor-to-ceiling windows to bring in the surrounding city light, as well as sweeping views of the recently developed Hudson Yards neighborhood and its plazas and gardens. The 51-story office tower was accredited by GBAC STAR for implementing proper procedures, training, chemicals, equipment, tools, personal protective equipment, and infection control best practices.

The following facilities have earned GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation this week:

### Arena

- Maverik Center in West Valley City, Utah

### Commercial Office

- 55 Hudson Yards in New York

### Hotels

- Andaz Ottawa Byward Market in Ottawa, Ontario
- Hyatt House White Plains in White Plains, N.Y.
- Hyatt Place Boca Raton in Boca Raton, Fla.
- Hyatt Place Detroit Novi in Novi, Mich.
- Hyatt Place Pena Station/Denver Airport in Denver
- Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport/Quarry Market in San Antonio
- Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport in Pittsburgh
- Hyatt Union Square in New York
- Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, Md.
- Park Hyatt Hyderabad in Hyderabad, India



“GBAC STAR accreditation is an impressive achievement because each facility has dedicated the necessary time and resources to creating a strategic plan for outbreak prevention,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “The performance-based program ensures continuous improvement and prepares organizations to always be ready to address infectious disease risks.”

For more information about GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation, visit [gbac.org/star](https://gbac.org/star).

To view the full list of facilities that have achieved accreditation or are working towards this designation, visit the GBAC STAR Facility Directory at [gbac.org/directory](https://gbac.org/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).

#### **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](https://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](#).



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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