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**ACCORHOTELS NEW ECO-FRIENDLY LINEN** 

2018 WORLDWIDE HOSPITALITY AWARDS

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## **AGENDA**

- ☐ CONTEXT
- ☐ THE « NATURAL IS THE NEW WHITE » PRODUCT LINE
- ☐ R&D: MARKET AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES RESULTS
- □ COMMUNICATION
- ☐ A COMMITMENT BY PLANET 21 ActingHere



# Context:

- -an industry breakthrough
- -a virtuous sustainability oriented multi partners chain

# « Natural is The New White » at a glance A HOTEL INDUSTRY BREAKTHROUGH



### hotel brands

**IBIS BUDGET IBIS STYLES** IBIS **NOVOTEL MERCURE** 

2,400 addresses\*

266,000 rooms



countries in Europe\*



#### Communities in a unprecedented sustainable engagement

- LINEN MANUFACTURERS
- HOTELS
- LAUNDERERS
- CUSTOMERS





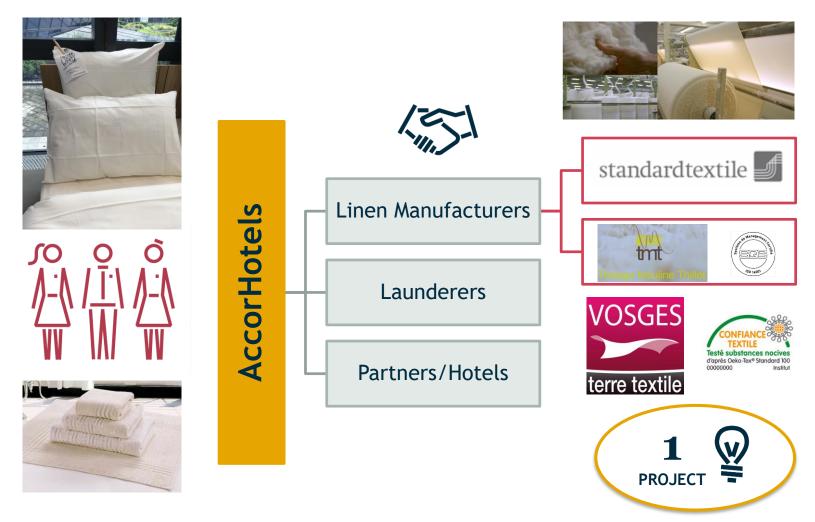
Reduction in CO2 emissions, 48% in water consumption, 88% in use of chemicals

20% longer life for bath linen

<sup>\*</sup> By 2021



### A winning ecosystem BEDLINEN CERTIFIED BY THE LABEL « VOSGES TERRE TEXTILE »



# The NATURAL IS THE NEW WHITE product line

# 7 Items of non-chemically bleached linen





The main characteristic of the visually recognizable linen is its ecru color - the natural color of cotton - preserved thanks to a fabric finishing process that does not use whitening agents, such as peroxide or acid, or optical brighteners. As such, during the finishing process, cotton fiber is not subjected to oxidization, meaning that its longevity is increased by approximately 20 to 25%. In the textile manufacturing process, finishing is the treatment that gives the product its final appearance. This process involves bleaching, dying or, as in this case, preserving the natural color of the fabric.

The natural colour contributes to a cosy atmosphere in the room and guests can enjoy softer linen while contributing to a better world.



R&D: market and professional studies results

# Independant institutes & internal assesment tools HIGHLIGHT THE ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC BENEFITS + HOTEL & GUEST SATISFACTION

# COMPLETE LIFECYCLE ANALYSIS Quantis

International specialist in lifecycle analysis consultancy

Environmental analysis in comparison with white linen, based on several indicators: climate change, land-based pollution, aquatic ecotoxicity, depletion of fossil and mineral resources, water consumption and depletion of water resources:

- In the linen finishing manufacturing phase:
  - 88% reduction of chemical
  - 50% reduction in aquatic ecotoxicity
  - 25% reduction in land acidification
- In the usage phase:
  - 48% reduction in water consumption
- Globally: 42% reduction in CO2 emissions

# LIFESPAN ANALYSIS HOHENSTEIN

International institute and laboratory for testing and certification of textiles

Assesment of the towels lifespan:

 AH ecofirendly towels are approx. 20-25% more durable



#### INTERNAL TEST & ROLL OUT PHASE



Guest satisfaction survey, in 14 pilot hotels in France, Germany and the UK, with a roll-out across almost 80% of hotels in the UK during 2017:

- guests are very satisfied with the appearance and comfort of this new range of linen and towels, and support AccorHotels' environmental initiative.
- AH hotel employees (including housekeeping) feel valued and proud to be part of the project (see movie)







Communication



# Key steps of communication plan

#### INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Objective: Inform & "onboard" AH community about the project.

Actions: Within Planet 21 Day around « Ecogestures » including Eco-friendly Linen

- Internal Communication platform "Accordive" front page news with special SD Accor TV
  - + Eco-friendly linen video
- AccorHotels HQ animation: Planet 21 Day <u>including</u> <u>Sustainable Linen 2018</u>, May 15<sup>th</sup> followed by a dedicated 15-day-exhibition

# COMMUNICATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC & OPINION LEADERS

Objective: Promote AH sustainable initiative breakthrough in hotel industry in partnership with suppliers, for strong & quantified environmental benefits (CF Life Cycle Analysis)

#### Actions & tools:

- PR: Press release
- Sustainable eco-linen story video
- Posts RS corporate & brands + Corporate site news

#### **PLANET 21 COMMUNICATION TO GUESTS**

Objective: Explain the benefits of the approach, the environmental benefits and the natural look & feel Toolkit:

- In-room communication
- · Bunch of cotton flowers for lobby
- TV Screens for lobby & lift + Posters + Kakemonos

#### **COMMUNICATION TO HOTEL STAFF**

Objective: Support GMs in involving hotel teams (esp. housekeeping / reception) and giving them tips to answer guest potential questions/ comments.

#### Tools:

- Video (same as internal communication)
- Posters for back-office



# In-hotel communication IN-ROOM AND LOBBY FLYER





"Ni peroxyde, ni azurant optique en phase de fabrication.
Neither peroxide nor optical brighteners during fabrication.

Natural is the new white = Le naturel, c'est le nouveau blanc.







#### POURQUOI LE LINGE EST-IL DE COULEUR ÉCRUE ?

Comme il n'a pas été blanchi chimiquement, il a gardé la couleur naturelle du coton.

#### ET POURQUOI Y A-T-IL PARFOIS DES DIFFÉRENCES DE COULEUR ?

Le linge s'éclaircit au fur et à mesure des lavages, mais pas toujours de la même façon. C'est pourquoi, par exemple, une housse de couette peut être plus claire qu'une taie d'oreiller.



#### C'EST CONFORTABLE ?

Absolument ! Sans traitement chimique le linge est plus doux, avec un toucher "home feeling",

#### IS IT COMFORTABLE?

Absolutely! Without chemical treatments, our linen is softer with a cosy, snug feel.

#### WHY IS THE LINEN OFF-WHITE?

As all our cotton linens and towels aren't artificially bleached, they retain their natural ecru colour.

#### AND WHY ARE THERE SOMETIMES DIFFERENT COLOR SHADES?

The linen becomes lighter as it is washed but not always at the same pace. This is why, for example, a duvet cover can be lighter than a pillowcase.



#### POURQUOI C'EST ÉCORESPONSABLE ?

Nous n'utilisons ni peroxyde ni azurant optique pour blanchir artificiellement notre nouvelle gamme de linge lors de sa fabrication. Et c'est bien meilleur pour l'environnement :

 économies d'eau et d'énergle,
 réduction de près de

éponge

90% des produits chimiques utilisés, - réduction des émissions de carbone d'au moins 38% pour le linge

#### POURQUOI CES PETITS POINTS NOIRS SUR DES DRAPS NEUFS ? Ce sont des résidus natur

Ce sont des résidus naturels issus des coques de fleur de coton. Comme le coton n'a pas été blanchi chimiquement, on les voit davantage. Ils disparaitront après quelques lavages.

#### WHY ARE THERE LITTLE FLECKS ON NEW SHEETS?

These are natural residues from cotton flower hulls.
As cotton has not been chemically bleached, we can see them more. They will disappear after a few washes.

#### WHY IS THIS ECO-FRIENDLY? We don't use peroxide or

bleach to artificially whiten our cotton linens and towels during fabrication.

It's better for the environment because:

- It saves on water and energy during manufacture
- It reduces almost 90% of the chemicals used
- It reduces carbon footprint by at least 38% for towels.



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# In-hotel communication ROOM AND RECEPTION DISPLAY (1/2)



COTTON POS FLYER IN ROOM DISPLAY WITH ORIGINAL NATURAL WOOD PEG



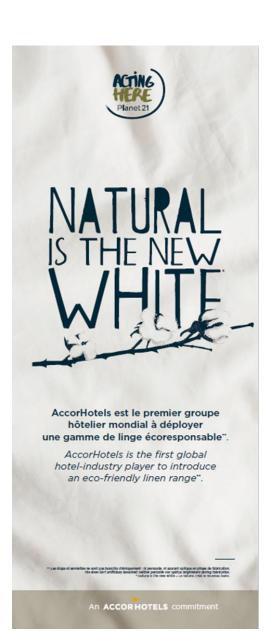


A5 FLYER & SCREEN - LOBBY DISPLAY

# In-hotel communication **RECEPTION DISPLAY: KAKEMONOS (2/2)**









## In-hotel communication **BACK-OFFICE POSTERS - STAFF**







### External Communication & PR PRESS RELEASE + ECO-LINEN CORPORATE VIDEO + SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEO





#### To mark Planet 21 Day, AccorHotels announces the roll-out of a new range of eco-friendly linen

- Reduced environmental footprint
- 42% reduction in CO2 emissions and 48% reduction in average water consumption for towels and bathrobes\*\*
- 88% reduction in volume of chemicals used in textile finishing > 20%\* longer life for towels and bathrobes = impact reduced by 9 to 16%\*\*
- Unprecedented approach for a global hotel group. Target: roll-out in more than 2,500 hotels in Europe by the end of 2021 in the midscale and economy segments Significant socio-economic impact on the French textile industry: all
- finishing and manufacturing carried out in the Vosges district (bed linen)

development - AccorHotels is announcing the roll-out of a new range of nonchemically bleached bed linen and towels in its midscale and economy hotels in Europe (Novotel, Mercure, ibis, ibis Styles and ibis Budget). The first global hotel group to offer its guests natural colored linen, AccorHotels is marking a turning point in the hospitality sector by declaring "Natural is the new white!", as part of its overall policy to reduce the carbon footprint generated by its rooms.

Arnaud Herrmann, Accordately Director of Sustainable Development, explained "Through this major innovation, our aim is for our rooms to feature linea and towels that are more environmentally friendly. This project is in line with the commitment made by the Group as part of its sustainable development program, Planet 21 ActingHere, to co-innovate with its partners to develop offers and services that have a positive impact."

The new textile products have been used for over a year by the vast majority of the Group's economy and midscale hotels in the United Kingdom. In France and the rest of Europe, hotels will phase in the new linen and towels as contracts with laundry service providers, which are generally signed for 3 years, are renewed.

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in aquatic ecotoxicity and a 25% reduction in land acidification stage of the lifecycle.

During the usage phase, the removal of bleaching agents from the detergents used will lead to a reduction in many impacts, notably water consumption and aquatic ecotoxicity.

Internal test phase: guest satisfaction survey, in 14 pilot hotels in France Germany and the UK, with a roll-out across almost 80% of hotels in the UK during 2017. All the tests conducted as well as the results of guest satisfaction surveys since the roll-out in the United Kingdom show that guests are very satisfied with the appearance and comfort of this new range of linen and towels, and support



#### PR & E-PR OVERVIEW



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#### TOOLS

PRESS RELEASE

JOURNALISTS TARGETED IN FRANCE

PRESS RELEASE RELAYED IN THE UK, USA, BELGIUM. AUSTRALIA & INDIA

### https://youtu.be/a7oZFeAIv50

CORPORATE VIDEO

#### KEY MESSAGES \_\_\_\_\_\_ BEST CLIPPINGS

#### EXPECTED MESSAGES

MESSAGES RELAYED

VIDEO

- According announces the roll-out of a new RANGE OF NON-CHEMICALLY BLEACHED BED LINEN AND TOWELS IN ITS MIDSCALE AND ECONOMY HOTELS IN FUROPE
- UNPRECEDENTED APPROACH FOR A GLOBAL HOTEL

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https://youtu.be/bqNCYBau-dl

CORPORATE VIDEO (SOCIAL MEDIA VERSION)

#### **RESULTS**

CLIPPINGS





SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS







POSTS WITH MORE THAN 3 000 ENGAGEMENTS

PEOPLE REACHED (PR+E-PR)



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#### A COMMITMENT BY PLANET 21 ActingHere

Accorhotels CSR strategy to 2020, <u>planet 21 actinghere</u>, is based on four focus areas involving employees, guests, partners and local communities. In terms of partners, the group has specifically committed to leverage collective intelligence by introducing at least one major innovation each year to develop alternative and responsible models, as with the joint design of this range of eco-friendly linen.

In parallel, for almost 10 years, accordotels has been implementing a policy of reducing the environmental impact related to the use of towels through its plant for the planet program. Guests spending more than one night at the hotel are encouraged to reuse their towels and half of the savings on laundry costs are allocated to planting trees. Almost 6 million trees have already been planted in 26 countries and the group's target is to finance the planting of 10 million trees by 2021. The roll-out of the new range of linen and towels means this policy can be expanded by continuing to reduce the environmental impact of the use of linen in rooms.



