

## **Nordic Ecolabel Hilton Helsinki Airport**

### **Only Finnish Hotel to Recycle 100% of Waste**

Hilton Helsinki Airport is the first full-service hotel in Finland to recycle 100% of waste. The hotel has perfected its environmental strategy during the last ten years and, as a result, produces no landfill waste.

Director of Operations Sanna-Mari Mäkeläinen explains the process, “All recyclable waste is sent for reutilization to various facilities where compostable waste, for example, is turned into bioethanol and metal waste is melted down for reuse.”

The hotel does not produce any heat waste either—all heat is reused. For any unrecyclable waste, we work with Ekokem Oy to transform it into district heating and electricity at a waste burning plant.

### **Our Committed Staff**

We want to be an ecological trendsetter, and our staff is committed to setting a good example for protecting the environment. Hilton Helsinki Airport also chooses subcontractors based on how ecological they are. For example, we only hire environmentally friendly laundry services.

### **Investing in the Environment**

Hilton Helsinki Airport’s investment in protecting the environment started with the hotel’s construction. The team worked to keep the smallest carbon footprint during each stage of the process and used environmentally friendly paints, glues and other building materials.

Currently, the hotel’s carbon footprint from waste burning is -33 kg carbon dioxide equivalents per a ton of waste. Compare this to the carbon footprint caused by landfill waste, +283 kg per a ton of waste.

Hilton Helsinki Airport received the official Nordic Ecolabel, The Swan, in 2009.

