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Sofitel Fiji Replaces key-card system with Automatic Occupancy controls

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Sofitel Fiji Premier Resort with 296 Luxury rooms has replaced their key-card system with automatic occupancy controls from Smart Hotel Solutions.

Sofitel Fiji conducted a trial prior to installation to see what differences an automatic occupancy sensor system would make as opposed to the traditional key-card type control. After running the trial for over 1 month, the results were stunning where by replacing the Keycard system the cooling run Cycles in the guest rooms were reduced by 6 hours per room per day with the system being set with a 25 degree setback temperature. According to the management Key-cards were not an effective Energy Management system, especially in hot climates such as Fiji because guests would just leave extra keycards in the slot and there would be no savings to be made.

According to Lucien Rouat, Chief Engineer of Sofitel Fiji resort, "after 6 months of operation, we are very pleased of the reduced load on our central chiller and huge reduction in the electricity KWh consumed by the chillers. Electricity prices in Fiji are not cheap and with the system we are expecting just over 1 year return on investment with the automation system installed."

About Sofitel Fiji resort:- Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa is located on beautiful Denarau Island. This five star Fiji resort overlooks the beachfront, adjacent to the world class Denarau Golf and Racquet Club. Our Fiji beach resort offers 296 rooms, each with a private balcony. Other features at this Fiji luxury resort include a private beach, wedding chapel, swimming pools, three restaurants, four bars, an international health spa, and the largest ballroom on the island. A bustling marina and cultural temples are located nearby.

About Smart Hotel Solutions: Smart Hotel Solutions (SHS) is an Australian company that has as its mission to conserve energy consumption in the hospitality industry through the application of 'smart technologies' that both enhance the guest experience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In short: "Saving Energy Today...for a Greener Tomorrow." SHS has installed thousands of guestroom energy management solutions in some of the premier hotel flags in Australia including Accor, IHG, Hilton, Hyatt, Marriott, Sheraton, Travelodge and Meriton Serviced Apartments.

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