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The Boutique Hotel Andaluz Chooses Caroma for Hotel Renovation

Dual flush toilets help conserve water and ease the installation process

HILLSBORO, OREGON – December 8, 2009 – Caroma, the leader in dual flush toilets and stylish bathroom sinks, was chosen by Goodman Realty Group to furnish high efficiency toilets (HETs) for the beautiful and historic Hotel Andaluz in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The hotel, with 107 spacious guest rooms, opened on October 1st, 2009, after a \$30 million renovation. One goal for the Andaluz is LEED Gold certification, potentially the first for a hotel listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Caroma was chosen by Goodman Realty Group to help maximize water savings in the guest rooms and because of toilet design. The hotel has been retrofitted with Sydney Smart 270 and Caravelle 270 toilets. The Sydney Smart is a dual flush toilet using 1.28 gallons per flush for solid waste and 0.8 gallons for liquid and paper waste, averaging only 0.90 gallons based on a 1:4 full/half flush ratio. The Caravelle HETs have a 1.6 gallon full flush and a 0.8 gallon half flush, averaging just 0.96 gallons per flush.

According to Darin Sand, LEED AP for Goodman Realty Group, “One of the main reasons Caroma toilets were chosen was because of the adjustable rough-in. This hotel was originally opened in 1939, and during that time, rough-ins were usually 10”. However, when we were remodeling the bathrooms, we discovered that the rough-ins were 10”, 11”, 12”, or somewhere in-between. With the offset connector supplied with the Caroma toilets we chose, we could easily handle any of these variations.”

Because the Hotel Andaluz has also applied for LEED Gold certification, water savings was critical. “When the hotel was bought by Goodman Realty Group in 2005, there were 3 gallon per flush toilets installed,” explains Sand. “We expect to save at least 45% of indoor water usage by using Caroma toilets. At a minimum, we’d expect more than 100,000 gallons of water saved each year assuming just 50% occupancy and four flushes per room per day. Additionally, using these toilets is a key component in helping us receive three points towards LEED certification.”

Hotel Andaluz also has several other environmentally-friendly features. A few of these include an integrated building energy management system, solar heated hot water system, rainwater capture tanks, interior finishes incorporating natural, recycled, and low volatile organic compound (VOC) products, green cleaning supplies, recycled paper, and many others.

About Caroma

Since 1941, Caroma has been a world leader in quality and innovation of bathroom products, continually providing reliable, high efficiency toilet suites and sinks. With 41 WaterSense labeled toilets – more than any company in the industry - and complimentary, stylish sinks, Caroma offers award-winning products that help preserve the world's most valuable resource - water. Combining quality, water-conserving products with superior customer service, Caroma has been chosen by businesses and households worldwide for exceptional performance and stylish design. The company can be contacted by phone at 1 800 605 4218 or (503) 681 2720, via email at info@caromausa.com, or on the Web at www.caromausa.com.

About Hotel Andaluz

The former La Posada de Albuquerque Hotel reopened on October 1, 2009 as ANDALUZ following a \$30 million major renovation. The hotel's new name reflects the Moroccan and Spanish- inspired architecture that Conrad Hilton incorporated into this, his first hotel in his native New Mexico, when the building was first constructed in the late 1930s. In addition to a full-service restaurant, Lucia, and an exciting indoor/outdoor bar, Ibiza, ANDALUZ also features a mezzanine-level cultural center honoring New Mexico's museums, cultural institutions, performing arts groups, and other culturally significant organizations. The renovation preserves the history of the building, while modernizing its technology and introducing true, environmental sustainability. For more information, please visit www.hotelandaluz.com

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