Press Release

IDS Next Congratulates Colombo Courtyard Hotel, Sri Lanka on Becoming CarbonNeutral® Certified Property

The hotel took measures to counteract its carbon footprint and thus became South Asia's first CarbonNeutral® Certified property

Bangalore, 16 June 2014: IDS Next Business Solutions Pvt Ltd, a leading hospitality software solutions provider is glad to congratulate Colombo Courtyard hotel, Sri Lanka on becoming South Asia's first CarbonNeutral® Certified property.

Colombo Courtyard is an urban boutique hotel located in the heart Sri Lanka's capital city. The 32 – room elegantly designed property offers luxurious accommodation, dining and spa facility to its customers. Colombo Courtyard has been using FortuneNEXT 6i Express Hotel ERP from IDS Next since 2011.

"Our earnest cheers to the Colombo Courtyard management for becoming the first city hotel in South Asia to receive the CarbonNeutral® certification. We feel proud to see one of our customers doing its best towards creating a better environment. This would no doubt inspire other hotels not only in Sri Lanka, but also in South Asia to move in this direction," said Binu Mathews, CEO, IDS Next.

Carbon Neutral Certification refers to the process of measuring and reducing a company or organization's carbon footprint by adhering to certain carbon neutral protocols. Colombo Courtyard achieved this with the help of Carbon Consulting Company which conducted a Green House Gas (GHG) assessment to measure the hotel's direct and indirect emission level. The assessment was done in accordance with GHG Protocol developed by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, World Resources Institute and Carbon Disclosure project.

Through the GHG valuation, the hotel was able to gain insight on how to better manage its carbon footprint and became environment friendly by taking several energy saving initiatives along with using up-cycled materials.

Some of the changes Colombo Courtyard made at their property to gain this certification were to include natural materials like bamboo screens, increase the opportunity for natural ventilation, grow indigenous plants and also adopt LED lighting. Colombo Courtyard also purchased necessary carbon offsets to achieve zero carbon footprints.

Commenting on this achievement by Colombo Courtyard, Nandika Udupihilla, Country Head – Sri Lanka & Maldives, IDS Next said, "This is an exemplary accreditation to achieve. We are happy to see that

Colombo Courtyard has taken a proactive commitment to the environment and gone the extra mile to achieve a zero carbon footprint."

While the interior of Colombo Courtyard has an innovative look and feel, the hotel software powering this fantastic property is FortuneNEXT 6i Express. This Hotel ERP has 7 modules, namely Front Office Management, Telephone Management, Point of Sale, Accounts Receivables, Materials Management, Food & Beverage Costing and Financial Accounting System and is the technological backbone for the smooth functioning of the hotel.

"It is indeed a privilege for Colombo Courtyard to become South Asia's first CarbonNeutral® city hotel Certified property, and we are glad that IDS Next has been one of our partners in getting to be the best," said Mr Arun K. Thapar, Managing Director, Colombo Courtyard.

About IDS Next Business Solution:

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IDS Next's portfolio of capabilities include, Software Development, Mobility Solutions, and a range of next generation software products that address every segment of the hospitality industry, including independent hotels, chain hotels, business hotels, resorts, clubs, service apartments, limited service, and restaurants.

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