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**Latest LEED Silver
Certification Achieved**

**The DoubleTree Hotel &
Executive Meeting Center
Palm Beach Gardens, FL**

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Announcing Recent LEED Silver Certification

Palm Beach Gardens DoubleTree Hotel Executive Meeting Center (EMC) serves as an exclusive business meeting venue. The EMC, owned by Thayer Lodging Group includes modern functionality within a building that fits contextually on the existing hotel site. The hotel was originally developed by John D. MacArthur during the era of his founding of the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

The EMC includes eleven hi-tech-savvy meeting rooms averaging 700 SF in area, several of which can be opened into larger meeting rooms with the largest two spaces being 1,850 SF and 2,100 SF. The building, designed to be certified by the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC) standards has two teleconference rooms and three pre-function areas, one of which is a circular conservatory space opening directly onto an outdoor plaza defined by a serpentine wall and curvilinear water fountain. The corridors include seating alcoves of various sizes that facilitate private conversations or personal space between meetings. LEED Silver Certification goal was achieved with an emphasis on efficient utilization of the previously developed site, water conservation, local materials with high recycled content and no VOCs resulting in superb indoor environments. The hotel was purchased in 2006 with the intent to develop this EMC as an enhancement to the hotel, which includes 279 guest-rooms, fitness center, traditional meeting rooms, restaurant, and lounge.

The EMC is meant to promote the “business community” concept by providing spaces for business-related events such as board meetings, workshops, seminars, executive retreats and other corporate functions.



The Lobby extends from West elevation to the conservatory on the East side. The wood paneling is reclaimed Cyprus swamp wood, which is from logs that have been salvaged from canals since the time of wholesale logging. The wood logs are dried and cut for use as finish paneling. The ceramic tile is made from recycled glass. The floors are stained concrete.

The signage is all touchscreen digital technology, which allows for a demonstration of real time operations by showing energy utilization from the Building Management System.

The Plaza area is flanked by the Conservatory and is defined by the serpentine wall and the curvilinear water fountain. The fountain not only provides a visual compliment to the space, but also provides for white noise by the flowing water from the scuppers.

Deep overhangs and a continuous sunshade assist in keeping the direct midday Florida sun from penetrating into the building spaces, while still allowing for indirect natural lighting.





The Conservatory overlooks a hotel courtyard with business functions screened from pool. This was a significant design challenge separating the business functions of the new building from the more personal/pleasure functions of the existing hotel pool area.

This was accomplished through a difference in floor elevation, raising the building to two feet above the pool deck, and through a luxurious landscape barrier placed between the Plaza/Pre-function space and the pool area.




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