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These Innovative Hotels Are Leaders in Sustainable Travel

By building sustainable hotels and developing robust human-resources programs for staff members, these Global Vision Awards honorees are improving the hospitality industry.

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort



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Beachfront cocktails at sunset and couples massages in ocean-view cabanas are par for the course at luxury Caribbean hotels. What sets this Aruba property apart is its status as the region's first certified carbon-neutral resort — a distinction that stems from Austrian founder-owner Ewald Biemans's relentless efforts to restore and preserve the paradise he encountered 50 years ago. Environmental consciousness informed [Bucuti & Tara's](#) design, from the fitness-center floor surfaced with recycled tires and laundry bags made from upcycled linens to the solar panels that provide about 15 percent of the resort's electricity. Gardens are irrigated by treated gray water from sinks, showers, and laundry. And the gym takes the idea of empowerment to a new level: as guests work out, exercise equipment also generates electricity for the resort.