

The background of the image is an aerial photograph of a beach. The beach is covered with a dense grid of white beach umbrellas. The ocean is visible in the upper right, and a dark, hilly landmass is in the lower left. A large, dark, rounded rectangular overlay box is centered on the image, containing the company logo and report title.

AQUILA

HOTELS & RESORTS

**SUSTAINABILITY  
REPORT  
2022**

# A WARM WELCOME TO AQUILA HOTELS AND RESORTS

We would like to warmly welcome you all to AQUILA HOTELS & RESORTS

The most important aspects of our success and for our future prospects derive from all our esteemed guests, the community where we live and work, our beautiful natural environment, our collaborators and of course from all our valued employees.

With the support and aid from all the above, we strive to protect our heritage and do our utmost to respect and keep our beautiful island attractive and environmental friendly.

Our main goals are:

- Satisfied customers in all issues
- A close and fair relationship with all our employees and the community.
- Protection of our local environment, heritage and landscape
- Preserve our island for the next generations

Aquila Hotels & Resorts Company together with all of our four hotels on Crete has always maintained a strong corporate and serious commitment towards the economic, social & environmental issues.

We kindly invite you all to join and be part of our vision and look forward to the pleasure of welcoming you to Crete and to Aquila Hotels & Resorts.



believe in  
people

believe in  
environment &  
sustainability

believe in the  
future



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**RITHYMNA BEACH**  
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# OUR AWARDS



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# OUR SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

1. We have reviewed all our business related policies and embodied sustainability criteria
2. We have developed an employee handbook with updated HR procedures focusing on equal opportunities, non discrimination and human capital.
3. We have developed sustainability KPIs which we are monitoring on a regular basis.
4. We have developed an electronic database for monitoring sustainability indicators
5. We have set sustainability targets for all hotels
6. We have encourage the role of our Green Teams
7. We are focusing on social actions playing a role in the local communities

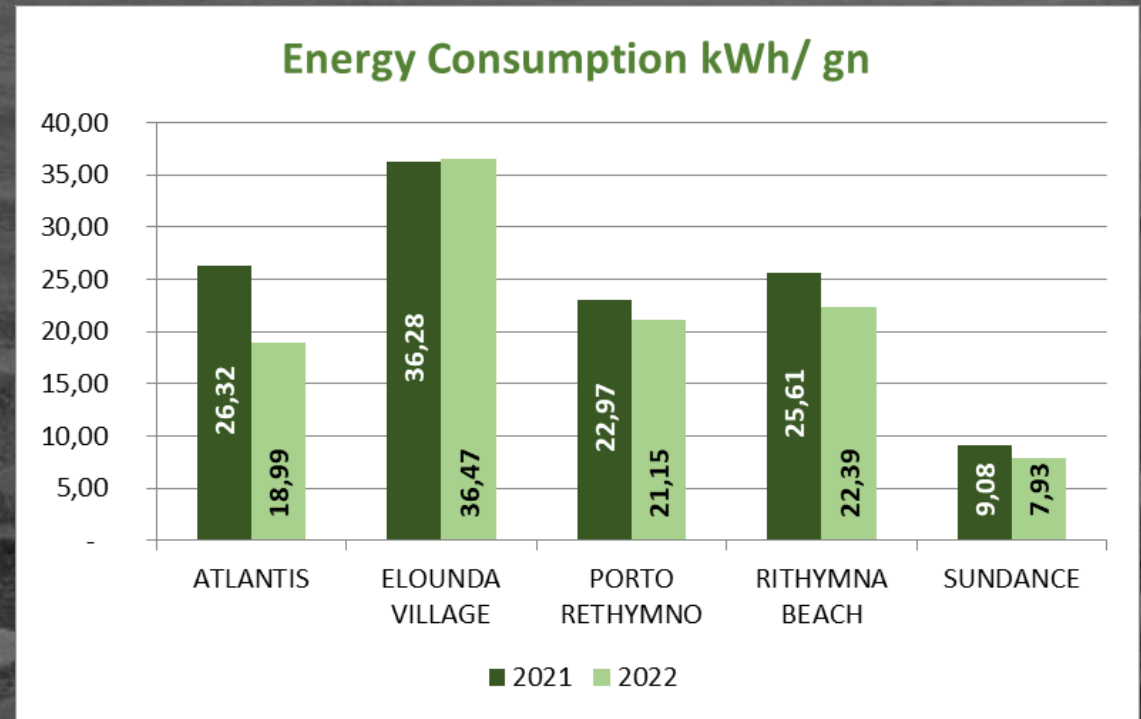
# OUR SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

1. We have embodied sustainability criteria to our supply chain evaluation
2. We have more than 50% local suppliers
3. We don't use palm oil for cooking for frying
4. We are using our chemicals with dosage systems
5. Our amenities are eco friendly and we don't use chlorinated paper
6. All hotels have at least one Sustainability certification like TRAVELIFE GOLD, GREEN KEY, ISO 14001

# AQUILA SUSTAINABILITY QUICK WINS

1. We have significantly managed and reduced our energy and water consumption
2. We are recycling paper, glass, aluminum, batteries, cooking oils, electrical waste and many more materials with high recycling rates >40%
3. We have stop using single used plastics
4. We measure all the food waste coming from the kitchens and we are trying to eliminate
5. All our staff has received sustainability training
6. We are working closely with NGOs and the local community

# Energy management in AQUILA



1. We have managed to reduce energy consumption per guest night between 2021-2022
2. We continually changing all lighting bulbs to LED and investing in high efficiency technologies
3. We are monitoring our energy consumption on a monthly basis



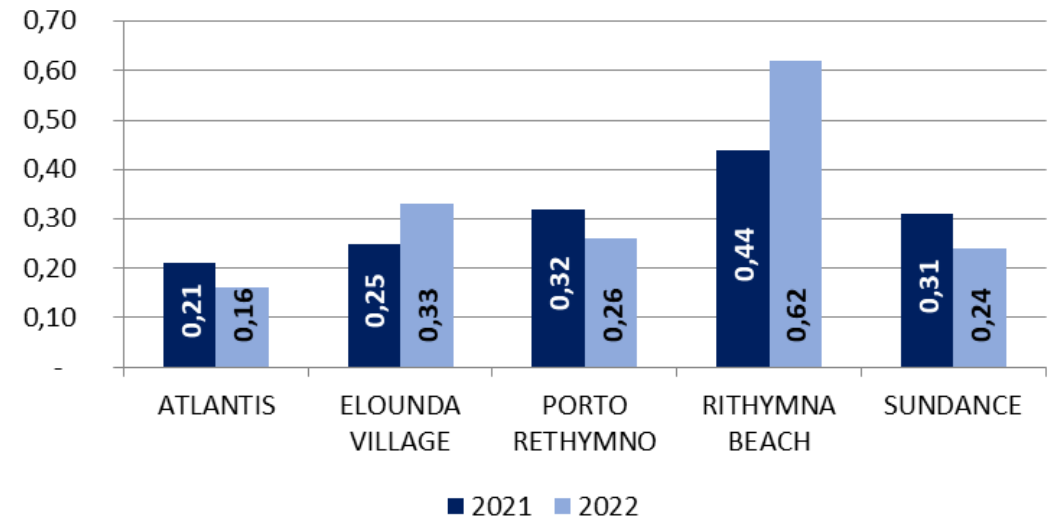
# Water management in AQUILA

WORLD WATER DAY

22ND MARCH



Water Consumption m3/gn



1. We have installed water flow restrictors to all rooms
2. We are monthly monitoring our water consumption
3. We have achieved to reduce the levels of water consumption of 2021 in three hotels

# Waste management in AQUILA



1. We recycle more than 40% of our waste – we recycle glass, paper, glass, plastic, batteries, cooking oils, lighting bulbs, e-waste
2. All the food waste produced is measured with the stop – waste app
3. We are trying to engage our guests with recycling actions and programs
4. We participate in actions such as MAKE HOLIDAYS GREENER, CLEAN UP THE MED

**OUR NEXT BIG GREEN STEP IS COMING**

**In 2018 we had already banned plastic straws from our operations and replace them with biodegradable**

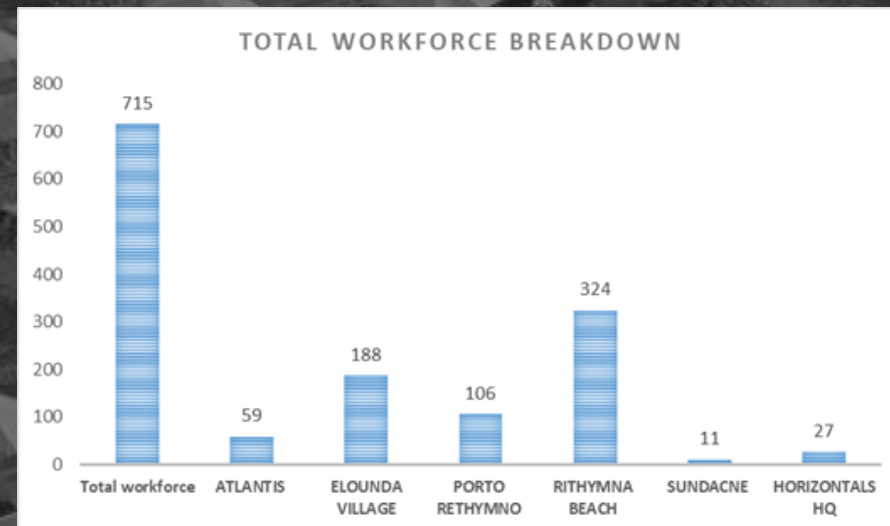
# Working in Aquila

Yearly increase of our employment reaching up to 715 in 2022. Most of our employees are Greek 86% and women represent the 51% of the companies workforce



We are offering extensive training, in total 4242 hours offered in 2022.

We have open career days open to the local community



# Green actions in AQUILA



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# Be always informed in Aquila

## AQUILA'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

We have adopted an integrated policy covering the totality of environmental themes related to our operations, including Energy, Water and Solid Waste Management, Air Quality, the Coastal and Marine Environment, as well as local Landscape and Nature. In addition, our policy covers company purchases, customer information and personnel as well as all external cooperators and community involvement.

### ENERGY MANAGEMENT

- Water is heated with solar thermal collectors
- Thermal isolation is extensively employed, while shading components increase natural cooling in rooms
- Energy efficient light bulbs are used extensively throughout the hotel. In addition, magnetic key cards are used to switch lights off when guests leave the room
- An energy optimized system is used for the laundry
- The main building is efficiently warmed or cooled by central heating system with VRF systems

### WATER MANAGEMENT

- Water efficient filters and mixing water taps are used in bathrooms
- Automatic irrigation is employed in the gardens during the cooler hours
- Water is recycled for secondary uses such as irrigation
- Used oil and fats are collected for recycling and converted to biodiesel by an external company

### SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- We are following an extensive recycling of plastic, paper, aluminum, batteries and toner cartridges
- We choose returnable glass containers whenever available

### AIR QUALITY

- A company bus is provided at Elosunda Village for the employees' regular transport
- Electric vehicles are used within the hotel
- We avoid air polluting products
- We encourage the use of public transportation to guests and employees.

AQUILA'S ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES



### COASTAL & MARINE ENVIRONMENT

- We undertake initiatives for the protection of sea turtles & the biodiversity of our local & native marine species
- The beach is properly organized and regularly cleaned, while bathing water quality is constantly monitored
- Our initiatives on the beach are recognized through the Blue Flag award
- Cleaning of the beach actions in cooperation with various organizations

### LANDSCAPE & NATURE

- Use of chemicals in gardening is limited and organic farming methods are applied
- Local flora is extensively cultivated in the gardens in order to save water
- Our Eco Team in cooperation with guests performs systematic planting of local trees & herbs and other activities

### GUEST INFORMATION

- Guests are informed on how to support water management (bathroom card)
- Every week, a botanical walk is organized for the presentation of Cretan flora
- A weekly slide show is presented by Archelon the Sea Turtle Protection Society
- Recycling bins are made available to hotel guests
- We support environmental activities such as "World Environmental Day", "International Blue Flag", "Clean up the Me!e"
- Daily activities of our animation team offer cultural & environmental programs to our guests
- ECO learning and activities in our kids club

### PERSONNEL INVOLVEMENT

- Employees play their part through the hotel's Eco Team
- Members of our staff undertake environmental seminars and training every year

### PROCUREMENT POLICY

- We apply environmental criteria when purchasing cleaning materials
- Electric vehicles are used within the hotel
- Plastic has been replaced by unbleached paper in several applications
- We choose greater sized packages of purchased materials to reduce waste volume



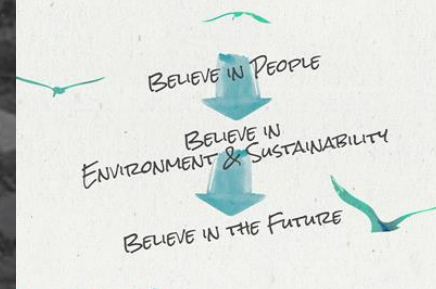
## AQUILA'S VISION OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Through our operation and policies, we aim to positively contribute to social coherence, economic development, and to the preservation of the environment and cultural heritage wherever we operate and beyond.

It is the commitment of Aquila Hotels & Resorts to respect and follow the national legislation concerning environment, labor and human rights, to support finance, health & safety, the protection of children and the discouragement of child labor.

### Some of our actions include:

- Donations to various organizations
- Close cooperation with the Greek Organization "The smile of the child"
- Aquila Hotels & Resorts supports the local schools of the area with free maintenance services, excursions and donations
- In order to support the local economy, we use local suppliers by purchasing fresh fish, meat, cheese, vegetables, fruits, pastries etc. for our food and beverage outlets.



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Aquila Hotels & Resorts is a Greek-owned hotel chain strongly committed to minimize and make the best out of the company's impact and interaction with local environmental, social, economic and cultural structures existing in the unique locations that host its hotels and resorts. The company is determined and takes specific actions, in order to positively contribute to the protection and preservation of the environment and cultural heritage, to the social coherence and the economic florescence of its properties' surroundings.

### Aquila Hotels & Resorts strictly follow the following policies:

- Environmental policies
- Community policies
- Employment policies
- Clear Health & Safety policies
- Purchasing policies
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- Child abuse policy



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