

FOOD WISE HONG KONG CAMPAIGN

FEATURE ARTICLE ON FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

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PREAMBLE / BACKGROUND

The Upper House is a small luxury hotel designed by Hong Kong architect Andre Fu. From a discreet Pacific Place entrance rising to Café Gray Deluxe on Level 49, far above the hustle and bustle of the city, guests discover that our spacious guest rooms are quiet, relaxing urban retreats with views of Victoria Harbour or the scenic backdrop of Hong Kong Island.

- 117 guest rooms
- Café Gray Deluxe
- Café Gray Bar
- The Lawn



FOOD WISE INITIATIVES

Located on the top floor of the hotel is Café Gray Deluxe, a 21st-Century Grand Café led by Chef Gray Kunz. Ingredients are sourced daily for local, seasonal and organic vegetables and fresh fish, which help reduce the carbon footprint from transportation of food by aircraft. We also support a sustainable dining concept and adopt the WWF guidelines – Hong Kong’s Seafood Guide which avoids endangered species such as blue fin tuna.

Café Gray Deluxe has also been working to minimise food waste, for example, by using excess food production shells, bones and vegetable skins to make stocks and soups. We use orange skins for petit fours and fish trimmings are formed into new fillets. To focus on improving the waste management performance, food orders from Café Gray Deluxe quantities

are strictly monitored to avoid overstocking with a close food storage space to ensure food quality.

The Upper House has a programme to collect and recycle waste cooking oil by hiring a contractor to convert the used cooking oil into biodiesel, which can be blended with diesel to serve as fuel for vehicles, boilers and engines. From 2012 to April 2013, The Upper House has reduced the total amount of CO₂ production by over 9200 kg by recycling more than 3,700L of waste cooking oil.



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