

Renaissance honoured for cutting 45% carbon footprint

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RENAISSANCE HAS RECEIVED international recognition for lowering its carbon footprint by 45 per cent. The recognition was at the Golden Green Awards function held in Berlin recently to recognise global exemplars of sustainability innovation. The competition involved government, environmental agencies and companies with an environmental focus and selected for their creativity in pursuit of greater sustainability.

Renaissance Oman was represented by Ashraf Sameh to receive the Green Era Award and Green Economy Forum. Sameh,



Officials at the award ceremony.

who is responsible for the company's environmental management, said, "Renaissance is always looking at how we can do better for

the environment. Each year, we serve roughly 50 million meals, so sending our food waste to compost instead of landfill means that, from

2016, we are going to stop producing around 50,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year – that's roughly 45 per cent of our carbon footprint."

The International Green Era Award is run each year by the Association Otherways, France, and receives around 120 attendees from 45 countries.

About future plans, he said, "Food waste was our major carbon output, but that's changed now. So we are focusing on energy consumption. We have launched a solar panel project at Fahud which will reduce our carbon footprint further – that might be a good candidate for next year."