



## Elite Oxford Conference Center Earns GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation

**NORTHBROOK, III.—May 13, 2021—** Nestled in the heart of Mississippi’s historic town of Oxford, the Oxford Conference Center has achieved the gold standard in facility preparedness: GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation from the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#), (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. Other facilities accredited this week include multiple five-star hotels, such as Grand Hotel Central in Barcelona, Spain; L’Andana Resort in Grosseto, Italy; and Grand Hotel Wien in Wien, Austria, as well as additional facilities around the globe.

“GBAC STAR accreditation is an incredible learning opportunity that sets facilities up for success against biorisks like the novel coronavirus,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “GBAC’s biorisk experts work very closely with facilities as they embark on this journey and offer insight around recommended protocols for cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention.”

With over 50,000 square feet of meeting space, the Oxford Conference Center accommodates small and large events, including meetings, conferences, exhibitions, and trade shows. Merging the traditions and history of Oxford, Miss. with innovative and modern spaces, the Oxford Conference Center has been voted one of “The Elite 50 Conference Centers in the South.” Earning GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation means that the conference center follows strict cleaning and disinfecting protocols developed by international leaders in the fields of biohazard mitigation.

This week’s newly accredited facilities include:

### Airport

- Idaho Falls Regional Airport in Idaho Falls, Idaho

### Convention Center

- Oxford Conference Center in Oxford, Miss.

### Food Service Facility

- CityCruises Baltimore in Baltimore

### Hotels

- Andaz Delhi in New Delhi
- Gran Hotel Miramar in Málaga, Spain
- Grand Hotel Central in Barcelona, Spain
- Grand Hotel Wien in Wien, Austria
- Grand Hyatt Seattle in Seattle
- Hilton Garden Inn West Edmonton in Edmonton, Alberta
- Hotel Villa Franca in Positano Salerno, Italy
- Hyatt House Bridgewater in Bridgewater, N.J.
- Hyatt House Denver Airport in Denver
- Hyatt House Provo/Pleasant Grove in Pleasant Grove, Utah



- Hyatt House Tallahassee Capitol-University in Tallahassee, Fla.
- Hyatt Place Sarasota Bradenton Airport in Sarasota, Fla.
- Hyatt Regency Chennai in Chennai, India
- Hyatt Regency Lucknow in Lucknow, India
- Koh Russey Villas & Resort in Sihanoukville, Cambodia
- L'Andana Resort in Grosseto, Italy
- Mission Pacific Hotel in Oceanside, Calif.
- The Seabird Resort in Oceanside, Calif.

#### Museums or Cultural Venues

- Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory in Louisville, Ky.
- OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa, Calif.

#### Stadium or Arena

- Bell MTS Place in Winnipeg, Manitoba, home of the NHL's Winnipeg Jets

“Cleanliness goes beyond what you can see,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “Facilities that successfully complete GBAC STAR accreditation have the right technology, tools, solutions, and knowledge to clean both visible soils and invisible pathogens to uphold public health.”

Learn more and apply for GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation at [gbac.org/star](http://gbac.org/star).

Find accredited facilities and those pursuing accreditation via the GBAC STAR Facility Directory at [gbac.org/directory](http://gbac.org/directory).

#### **About GBAC, a Division of ISSA**

Composed of international leaders in the field of microbial-pathogenic threat analysis, mitigation, response, and recovery, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, provides training, guidance, accreditation, certification, crisis management assistance, and leadership to government, commercial and private entities looking to mitigate, quickly address, and/or recover from biological threats and real-time crises. The organization's services include biorisk management program assessment and training, Forensic Restoration® response and remediation, the GBAC STAR facility accreditation program, training and certification of individuals, and consulting for building owners and facility managers. For more information, visit [www.gbac.org](http://www.gbac.org).

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With more than 9,300 members – including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, wholesalers, building service contractors, in-house service providers, residential cleaners, and associated service members – ISSA is the world's leading trade association for the cleaning industry. The association is committed to changing the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment, and an improved bottom line. Headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., USA, the association has regional offices in Mainz, Germany; Whitby, Canada; Parramatta, Australia; Seoul, South Korea; and Shanghai, China. For more information about ISSA,



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**MediaEdge is a proud reseller of the GBAC STAR and GBAC fundamentals online course. Please see the program details and links below.**

1. Commercial facility owners looking for GBAC STAR accreditation can follow the link [here](#).
2. ISSA has also released a new GBAC fundamentals online course specifically designed for cleaning workers on the frontlines of the coronavirus fight. Please click [here](#) to register and receive a discount off normal prices.

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