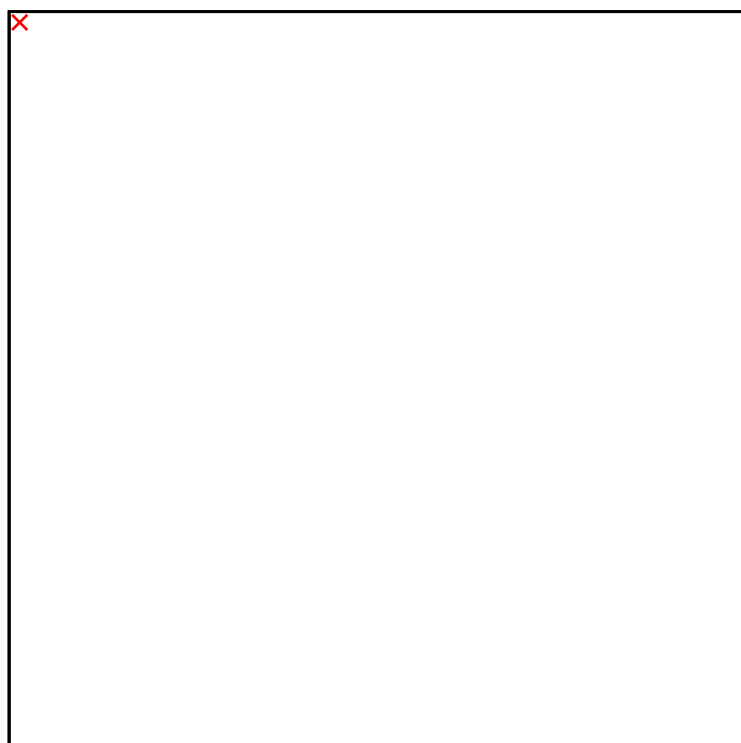


BENCHMARK Partners with Entegra Procurement Services to Provide Customized Solution for Diverse Hotel and Resort Portfolio

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Gaithersburg, MD (February 16, 2021) – [Entegra Procurement Services](#) and [BENCHMARK, a global hospitality company](#), today announced a strategic partnership to provide customized food and beverage solutions to Benchmark’s diverse collection of hotels, resorts, and conference centers. The relationship will bring new flexibility in group purchasing to the management company’s properties located across the United States.

Benchmark’s continued growth and diversification, as well as its ongoing challenge to support unique operational needs, prompted consolidation to a single group purchasing organization. This step allows Benchmark to take full advantage of its collective resources and deliver value to its robust collection. Entegra’s \$24 Billion in global buying power will help drive down costs associated with food and supplies, up to 30% from certain suppliers*, while its more than 600 contract programs will allow customizable options for Benchmark’s varied portfolio of 80 properties that offer a vast range of experiences, from boutique beach retreats to tech-savvy conference facilities.

“We are thrilled to partner with Benchmark, not only to support cost savings, but also to boost their overall operational performance,” said Damien Calderini, Global CEO of entegra. “Entegra is looking forward to the opportunity to help Benchmark grow their business. We’re confident that our contracts and programs will provide high quality value for their operations and their customers.”

“We continue to see a need for customized and flexible procurement solutions – most especially in our current times,” said Patrick Berwald, Benchmark’s vice president of food & beverage. “Benchmark is excited to engage in a long-term partnership with entegra to not only drive value to the diverse properties we operate but leverage the depth of resources entegra offers.”

In addition to group purchasing, entegra’s staff of procurement specialists will work with Benchmark and its individual hotels to implement solutions that round out its operations, including sanitation, safety programs, menu planning, temporary labor, and facilities management.

About BENCHMARK®, a global hospitality company

[BENCHMARK®, a global hospitality company](#), is a leader in the development, management, and marketing of independent, soft branded, and experiential hard branded resorts, hotels, and conference centers. In addition to the company’s award-winning full service [Benchmark Resorts & Hotels](#), its lifestyle and luxury [Gemstone Collection](#), and its industry-leading [Benchmark Conference Centers](#), BENCHMARK is also an investor in [etc.venues](#), a leading provider of contemporary city centre venues for meetings, signature events, and conferences. Benchmark’s combined portfolio features more than 80 unique projects across three continents. The company is passionately committed to delivering personal, inspiring, and memory-making experiences, driving total revenue and profitability, and cultivating an award winning, “Be The Difference” culture for all its employees. Benchmark, is based in The Woodlands (Houston), Texas, with offices in London, England; Miami, Florida; Park City, Utah; Scottsdale, Arizona; New Brunswick, New Jersey; Seattle, Washington; and Tokyo, Japan. www.benchmarkglobalhospitality.com To become a fan on Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/BenchmarkResortsandHotels, www.facebook.com/GemstoneHotelCollection. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/BenchmarkHotels, www.twitter.com/GemstoneHotels, on Instagram at www.instagram.com/benchmarkresortsandhotels, www.instagram.com/gemstonehotels, and on Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/benchmarkhotels/gemstone-hotels. At LinkedIn, <https://www.linkedin.com/company/benchmark-a-global-hospitality-company/>

About entegra Procurement Services

Entegra Procurement Services is the Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) arm of Sodexo, Inc. that provides purchasing and performance improvement solutions for clients in industries including restaurants, lodging, leisure, senior living and many additional segments. Clients on the entegra Procurement Services program save up to 30% (when compared to supplier list prices). Services from entegra are available globally under Sodexo’s Global Group Board of Directors. Entegra North America is part of a global supply chain with \$24 Billion in purchasing power for food, services and supplies and the world’s largest food GPO. Entegra serves more than 93,000 purchasing sites across the United States and Canada. Visit www.entegraPS.com for more information.

*Savings based when compared to supplier list prices.

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