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✦ WINNER: CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY

WALT DISNEY WORLDWIDE

WHEN THE COMPANY BEHIND THE

Happiest Place on Earth makes a commitment to becoming completely carbon neutral (and reaching 50 percent of that goal by 2012), it's more than a step in the right direction. It's a far-reaching plan that's guaranteed to change the landscape for mega-corporations around the world. In the past year, Disney has pledged to reduce its solid waste by 50 percent by 2013, conserve millions of gallons of water, invest in renewable energy, and step up its eco-educational programs for students—proof that companies can be forward-thinking, sustainable, and profitable all at once. disney.go.com.

FROM THE JURY

George Butterfield

COFOUNDER, BUTTERFIELD & ROBINSON

“The sheer magnitude of what Walt Disney has undertaken provides a fine example of a corporation leading global efforts to become more sustainable.”



A carved lintel from Cambodia's Banteay Chhmar temple complex, left. An ancillary temple at Banteay Chhmar, below. A young Cambodian local, far left.



✦ WINNER: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

BANTEAY CHHMAR CAMBODIA

JUST TWO HOURS FROM SIEM

Reap and Angkor Wat lies the lesser-known—but no less majestic—stone temple complex of Banteay Chhmar. Commissioned in the 12th century by the Khmer king Jayavarman VII, the site in recent years has fallen victim to vandalism, looting, and disrepair. Since 2008, Global Heritage Fund, a conservancy based in Palo Alto,

California, has led efforts to stabilize the complex and its elaborate bas-relief galleries. The nonprofit's mission is dual: protect one of Cambodia's great historic treasures and engage the neighboring community by employing Khmer specialists and developing a model for sustainable tourism in the area. globalheritagefund.org.

✦ WINNER: GREEN CRUISING

ECOVENTURA GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

This small Ecuadorean cruise company is charting a new course for travel to Darwin's famous islands. Not only was it one of the first to attain the Rainforest Alliance's stringent Smart Voyager eco-certification, but it's introduced initiatives to conserve the area's biodiversity, funded university scholarships for local students, offset 100 percent of its carbon emissions, and, most recently, committed to converting its fleet to hybrid energy boats by 2015. ecoventura.com.



Ecoventura's solar-paneled Eric.