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Ling & Louie's Asian Bar and Grill Earns Green Award

Boise, ID—CSHQA, a design collaboration, is pleased to announce that Ling & Louie's Asian Bar and Grill, which opened last month in Meridian, has earned two Green Globes® from the Green Building Initiative based on its innovative sustainable design. Green Globes is a revolutionary green building guidance and assessment program that offers an effective, practical and affordable way to advance the overall environmental performance and sustainability of commercial buildings.

Located in The Portico at Meridian (a Gardner Ahlquist development), Ling & Louie's is a collaboration between CSHQA's architects and engineers, Jeff Balzarini of interior design firm Studio 32 and well-known restaurateur, Rex Chandler (Chandler's Steakhouse in Downtown Boise was also designed by CSHQA). The restaurant blends the best traditions of the Far East and West into one amazingly unique eatery. With existing locations in Colorado and Arizona, this is the first Ling & Louie's Asian Bar and Grill located in Idaho.

Essential elements of the Green Globes system include: a comprehensive environmental assessment protocol; software tools that speed and simplify online assessment; best practices guidance for green construction and operations; qualified assessors with green building expertise; a rating/certification system and environmental assessment areas. Based on its recognized and proven assessment protocol, the Green Globes certification system ensures that environmental impacts are comprehensively assessed in multiple categories including energy, indoor environment, site, water, resources, emissions and project/environmental management.

Ling & Louie's used multiple green strategies to earn its two Green Globes including: an integrated design process and green design facilitation; exterior light fixtures that minimize sky noise; and a rechargeable electric vehicle will be used for making deliveries. "This is very innovative on the owner's part!"



says Green Globes assessor Eric Truelove. Indoor environmental strategies included solar shading devices on windows to prevent glare and direct sunlight; lighting controls that relate to room occupancy, circulation, and use; design of exterior walls to reduce sound from outside—allowing for speech intelligibility inside; an



energy efficient condensing-boiler water heater; low-emission furnaces (and water heater) and an underground seepage bed to filter storm water before it enters the soil and ground water. The restaurant should use 50% less energy than the average commercial building of similar size because of its efficient mechanical systems.

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About CSHQA

CSHQA, a design collaboration is a progressive architecture and engineering firm with teams that continue to work together with owners to create better-built environments and spaces. CSHQA has offices in Boise, ID, West Sacramento, CA; Phoenix, AZ; Denver, CO and Roseburg, OR. For more information, visit **www.cshqa.com**.

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About the Green Building Initiative (GBI)

The Green Building Initiative (GBI) is a not for profit organization whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of building practices that result in energy-efficient, healthier and environmentally sustainable buildings by promoting credible and practical green building approaches for residential and commercial construction. For more information, visit **www.thegbi.org**.

Since 2004, Green Globes has built a strong presence as a nationally recognized rating and assessment system. Its web applications have been recognized in legislation in 22 states and have assessed, improved and certified 130+ buildings which include General Services Administration, Veteran's Affairs, the State Department, Drexel University, Bristol Myers Squibb and Whole Foods among others. Several major insurance companies give premium discounts on Green Globes buildings believing them to be at less risk. The State Department of Education accepts Green Globes as a recognized system to assess schools and educational institutions and the National Institute of Health endorses Green Globes as an assessor of laboratories. In March 2010, Green Globes became the first commercial green rating system to become an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) consensus standard.

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