



The Torricon Achieves EarthCheck Silver Certification

Setting a New Benchmark for Sustainable Luxury in Scotland



London (Monday 26th January 2026) - The Torricon, the award-winning five-star hotel on the shores of Upper Loch Torricon in the North West Highlands, is proud to announce it has achieved EarthCheck Silver Certification, marking a significant milestone in its sustainability journey and reinforcing its leadership in responsible luxury hospitality.

The Torricon is the first hotel in Scotland to receive EarthCheck Silver Certification and the most northerly five-star hotel in Britain to achieve this internationally recognised accreditation. EarthCheck, the world's leading scientific benchmarking and certification programme for travel and tourism, certifies the systems, processes and continual improvements embedded within an organisation, rather than one-off achievements.

Following the achievement of EarthCheck Bronze in July 2025, Silver status required The Torricon to demonstrate measurable performance improvements, independently verified through a rigorous two-day on-site audit in November 2025. Annual audits will continue due to the hotel's location within a sensitive and high-risk ecosystem on the shores of Loch Torricon.

Between 2024 and 2025, greenhouse gas emissions per guest night were recorded at more than 60% below the regional average for comparable hotels. In 2025 alone, gas usage fell by over 70% following the replacement of kitchen gas cooktops with electric appliances, while all heating across the resort are powered by renewable energy supported by FSC-certified responsibly managed forests.

Sustainability initiatives span every aspect of the operation, from locally driven sourcing, led by Head Chef Danny Young, whose menus celebrate the local larder and minimise food miles, with less than 10% of ingredients sourced from outside the UK, to biodiversity initiatives including on-site beehives, a kitchen garden nourished by composted food waste, and a commitment to leaving at least 10% of the resort's grounds unmanaged for wildlife.



“As independent owners, Rohaise and I have raised our family here while developing the country’s most northerly five red star hotel,” says Dan Rose-Bristow, Managing Director and Owner of The Torricon. “Safeguarding this unique place for future generations is deeply important to us. Sustainability has always been central to who we are, and EarthCheck Silver reflects years of dedication to responsible hospitality. We are proud to show that sustainability and luxury can go hand in hand.”

Kristen Locy, Sustainability Graduate at The Torricon, commented: *“Achieving EarthCheck Silver in just six months is a testament to our team’s culture: hard work, integrity, and a commitment to sustainability being woven into everything we do. EarthCheck is not a one-time award, but a rigorous, science-based certification of our systems and commitment to continual improvement, and we are excited to continue our journey in our uniquely Highland way.”*

André Russ, Vice President of Business Development & Sales at EarthCheck, added: *“Set within one of the most remarkable landscapes of the Scottish Highlands, The Torricon has taken a thoughtful and credible approach to caring for both place and people. Achieving EarthCheck Silver reflects the work done behind the scenes to embed responsible practices into daily operations, strengthening systems, supporting local suppliers and ensuring sustainability is embraced across the entire team. We’re proud to recognise this milestone and support The Torricon as they continue to protect what makes this place so special.”*

With EarthCheck Silver Certification secured, The Torricon remains committed to continuous improvement, investing in systems, people and partnerships that protect its environment while delivering an exceptional guest experience—demonstrating that luxury hospitality can play a meaningful role in safeguarding place and community for generations to come.

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Note to Editors:

Rates: From £235 per night (Stable Room) / £465 per night (Hotel Room) including breakfast

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