

PRESS RELEASE

EV CHARGING MERGES WITH LIFESTYLE DESTINATIONS: IONITY TO OPEN 380 PUBLIC ULTRA-FAST CHARGING POINTS AT VILLAGE HOTELS ACROSS GREAT BRITAIN

- > IONITY signs key partnership with Village Hotels to bring public ultra-fast charging hubs to all 33 hotel locations across England, Scotland and Wales.
- > All IONITY charging hubs expected to be operational in 2024, providing EV drivers access to the superb Village Hotel amenities, including gym, pool, co- working spaces, Starbucks and its Pub & Grill.
- > Nearly all sites to be opened with up to twelve charging points providing a charging capacity of up to 350kW based on green energy.

Munich, Germany, 12 September, 2023 – IONITY, the leading high-power charging (HPC) network in Europe open to all Electric Vehicle (EV) brands, has partnered with Village Hotels. The stylish hotels with everything under one roof, will rely on IONITY to build and operate a total of 380 ultra-fast charging points at all 33 Village Hotels in key locations across Great Britain. The IONITY charging hubs will provide ultra-fast EV charging with up to 350 kW to hotel guests and the public alike.

This is the largest partnership for IONITY in the United Kingdom and a key partnership with a hotel brand that provides the public with access to not only EV charging but amenities to cater to all needs. As a result, Village Hotels will include best in class EV charging facilities using green energy for its hotel guests & health club members and gain additional revenue from non-hotel guests who stop off for a break or business meeting while recharging their EV's batteries.

Nearly every IONITY charging hub at the 33 hotel sites will open with up to twelve ultra-fast DC charging points on day one. While all of them are expected to be operational by the end of 2024, a phased opening approach will see the first sites go live as early as April of 2024.

“Partnering with Village Hotels is an exciting milestone for IONITY as it expands the public charging network significantly for all EV drivers in Great Britain”, said IONITY’s Country Manager of UK and Ireland, Andreas Atkins. “This partnership brings us closer to our goal of ensuring EV charging is available to everyone as conveniently as possible across Europe, whilst providing access to fantastic amenities. “The growth to IONITY’s network across Village Hotel’s sites will continue to improve EV drivers’ access to both long and short distance travel in the UK, without the concerns of range anxiety or charger queuing.”

Village Hotels offers a unique range of services to guests, reflecting a modern lifestyle. As well as stylish bedrooms, Village offers impressive leisure facilities including a state of the art gym and pool, Pub & Grill serving freshly made food and showing live sports, meeting & event space, VWorks coworking space and a Starbucks coffee shop*.

Kelli Turner, Village Hotels Director of ESG commented: “We are delighted to be working with IONITY on this exciting project. As well as providing EV users with a hugely valuable service, and additional 33 locations across Great Britain, this is a significant moment for us as we move towards a more sustainable future and aligned with our Village Green vision that underlies our ESG Strategy. This partnership forms part of a wide-ranging plan that will see us reduce our environmental impact and set science-based emissions targets. Other crucial changes include a move to 100% renewable energy across all hotels by the end of 2023.”

Charging with IONITY means 100% green energy from source to socket, which makes EV travel emission-free and truly carbon neutral, providing a positive contribution to the overall goal of decarbonising transport across the UK and Europe.

**Some of these services may be chargeable to non-hotel guests.*

About Village Hotels

Work out, Stay, Meet & Play at 33 locations across the UK - comfy rooms with huge TVs showing Sky TV channels come as standard, but there’s so much more to the hotels than their bedrooms. Guests can enjoy a state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Club with a fully kitted out gym, extensive fitness classes and large indoor pool; the Pub & Grill offers live sports, alongside delicious food and drink options; and not forgetting the Starbucks

available at all locations. Work and meet in VWorks coworking space, with flexible space and membership options across the UK. Find out more at www.VillageHotels.com.

About IONITY

IONITY is building and operating the largest open brand high-power charging (HPC) network along European highways. The HPC charging capacity of up to 350 kW allows maximum charging speeds. As a commitment to sustainability, IONITY sources renewable energy only for both emission-free and carbon neutral driving. In July 2023, the IONITY HPC network counted more than 500 charging stations and more than 2.500 charging points in 24 European countries.

Founded in 2017, IONITY is a joint venture of the car manufacturers BMW Group, Ford Motor Company, Hyundai Motor Group, Mercedes Benz AG and Volkswagen Group with Audi and Porsche, along with BlackRock's Climate Infrastructure platform as financial investor. The company is headquartered in Munich, Germany, with additional offices in Dortmund and outside Norway's capital Oslo. IONITY is an internationally registered trademark. For more information, please visit www.ionity.eu

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