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Sustainability Report 2022

Bauwerk Group publishes its sixth sustainability report. The report clearly shows what the group achieved in 2022. It also indicates the ambitions that the group pursued in order to work in even more harmony with nature.



For years, sustainable business practices have been a top priority for all business activities of the Swiss Bauwerk Group. ‘We are privileged to make unique parquet floors out of timber, this fascinating natural material,’ Patrick Hardy, CEO of Bauwerk Group, which owns the Bauwerk Parkett and BOEN European brands, said. ‘This means that a responsible attitude towards handling this wonderful material and towards nature in general is a core component of our everyday work as a wood processing company. Sustainable forestry, healthy materials, and our continuous efforts to reduce our environmental impact are only some of the aspects that we have committed to, both in our hearts and in our actions.’

With its recent 2022 sustainability report, Bauwerk Group can present a few of its successes on its way towards becoming a climate-neutral company. In the area of ‘Environmental effects’, Bauwerk Group has

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taken up the commitment to completely eliminate fossil energy sources from its production processes by mid-2024.

On the home stretch towards a 100% transition to renewables

With the commitments Bauwerk Group made in recent years, its production facilities in Europe have already shown a 40% decrease in CO₂ emissions since 2019. Currently, the energy needs of the group's sites in Switzerland and Lithuania are covered by green electricity and biomass heating using by-products. 'At our facility in Croatia, a green light has been given towards full energy self-sufficiency with biomass electricity, and we expect to start working towards it this year. A solar plant for internal consumption is already being built there, one of the biggest in the country,' Julius Nickl, Sustainability Manager at Bauwerk Group, explained. Taking about 3 million euros in investments, the solar plant will generate about 172 MWh every year, enough to cover the annual consumption of 50 European households. The production processes will fully transition to renewables by mid-2024.

More train and ship use, replacing lorries

Since the last reporting period, there were a few advances in the field of logistics. In Switzerland and Norway, the transportation of goods was made far more environmentally-friendly. Thanks to increased use of railway transport, a 40% reduction in CO₂ emissions was achieved in the Swiss market. Meanwhile, preferring sea transport over lorries to supply the Nordic market from our factory in Lithuania meant a reduction of more than 60% in CO₂ emissions per container. Bauwerk Group intends to make even more significant reductions in the environmental footprint of its logistics chain. There have also been improvements in the availability of data about the environmental effect of all the emissions that are upstream or downstream of the value chain (Scope 3 emissions).

Circular economy in sight

The 2022 sustainability report also offers an overview of future developments in the group's business model. This is because the European forests that provide timber for the Bauwerk Parkett and BOEN brands will not be able to deliver the ecosystem services currently enjoyed in the future, because of climate change. 'As a company whose value chain is completely dependent on wood, we are acutely aware of this, intensely researching biological circular economy solutions and looking for new business ideas,' Patrick Hardy explained.

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The 2022 sustainability report shows that Bauwerk Group tirelessly works on the topic of sustainable business practices, not settling on what has already been achieved. 'We see the forthcoming new EU regulations for the Green New Deal only as the minimum that a company in our industry should achieve. Bauwerk Group strives to do more, in a way that everyone can feel,' Hardy emphasised.

Bauwerk Group has committed to publishing the sustainability report on the basis of the demanding data and reporting standard of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) until 2026. 'Until then, we will devote all our energy to making the best floors out of what I believe to be the most beautiful material in the world, with our full commitment and passion for sustainability!' Hardy said.

You can find the full 2022 Bauwerk Group sustainability report [here](#).

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1 Every year, Bauwerk Group publishes its group-wide sustainability report that shows its activities in all important areas of sustainability. Figure: Bauwerk Group

2 The Logistics Division of Bauwerk Group achieved a significant reduction in greenhouse gases: 2022 saw the first use of the lorry-ship-lorry transport combination, instead of relying solely on road transport. This can drastically reduce the amount of emissions, by more than 60% per container. Figure: Bauwerk Group

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About Bauwerk Parkett

Bauwerk Parkett is a Swiss company with a long tradition of making parquet with reliability and precision, satisfying even the most demanding requirements. Bauwerk Parkett is proud of its origins, but also focuses on innovation. The company has undergone many changes in recent years, and is now treading a new path. Originally a technology and product-oriented enterprise, it has developed a market focus, working to promote such issues as healthy living, sustainability, and design.

Bauwerk Parkett's range includes over 350 products, from 2- and 3-layer to solid wood parquet. More than 60% of all Bauwerk Parkett products are made in St Margrethen (Switzerland). Its parent company, Bauwerk Group, operates two additional factories in Europe (Lithuania and Croatia), and two production facilities in the US (Kentucky and Tennessee). In 2022, Bauwerk Group sold some 10 million square metres of parquet.

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