
Blum publishes its first sustainability report

The Austrian furniture fittings specialist sets out its commitment to a sustainable future

Höchst, Austria, 26 June 2024. **Blum, the global family business headquartered in the Vorarlberg region of Austria, has today published its very first sustainability report for the 2022/2023 business year. Extending to over 90 pages, the report details the company's progress towards its environmental, social and governance (ESG) priorities.**

In readiness for the mandatory reporting requirements that will come into force in the 2025 business year, Julius Blum GmbH has released its very first sustainability report. In it, the company outlines the targets it has already achieved and identifies the areas where further action is required. Notable achievements to date include a recycling rate of around 96% for the company's total waste volumes. The company also sources just under 80% of its energy from renewables and is continually working to optimise its energy usage. "Sustainability reporting by businesses is an important step in achieving the targets set out in the EU's Green Deal. The EU-wide standardisation of sustainability reporting under the CSRD will promote transparency and enable accurate comparisons to be drawn, which in turn will help increase the credibility of businesses' sustainability actions. By publishing this voluntary report, we are taking the first step along this road," explains Gerhard Humpeler, Member of the Blum Management Board and responsible for sustainability.

Committed to sustainability

The fittings manufacturer from the Vorarlberg region of Austria has been certified to ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Systems) since 1997 and counts protecting the world's climate and environment among its top priorities. Under its tagline 'moving ideas for sustainability', the company is taking widespread action to address sustainability issues. Key focus areas include tackling its energy usage and emissions, promoting the responsible use of materials and resources, and fostering respectful channels of communication with its employees and society. "These efforts are not without challenges, but we see these challenges as an opportunity to push ahead with the sustainable transformation of our business and our industry as a whole," emphasises Managing Director Philip Blum.

Blum's first sustainability report for the 2022-2023 business year has been produced in line with the standards of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). Both the German and English versions of the report are available to download from the Blum website at www.blum.com/sustainability.



(Image: Blum_Philipp Blum_Gerhard Humpeler)

For Managing Director Philipp Blum and Gerhard Humpeler, the board member responsible for sustainability at Blum, sustainability reporting is an important step in achieving the targets set out in the EU's Green Deal.



(Image: Blum_Mockup_Sustainability_Report)

The sustainability report by Julius Blum GmbH outlines the company's progress and next steps with respect to its environmental, social and governance (ESG) priorities.



(Image: Blum_Plant 8)

Fittings manufacturer Blum has published its first sustainability report.



www.blum.com



www.youtube.com/user/JuliusBlumGmbH



www.linkedin.com/company/blumcanada/



www.instagram.com/blumcanada

For questions, please contact:

Mohamed Elkashef: T +1 (905) 670-7920, E mohamed.elkashef@blum.com

Blum Canada
6775 Maritz Drive
Mississauga, ON, Canada

More press releases and digital press packs at www.blum.com/press/

Images: Free for publication (please cite source)

JULIUS BLUM GMBH

Manufacturer and distributor of furniture fittings:

Lift, hinge, pull-out, pocket systems and motion technologies
supported by assembly devices and e-services

Production sites: 8 plants in Vorarlberg, additional sites in the USA, Brazil, Poland and
China

Employees: 9,300 worldwide, 6,800 in Vorarlberg

Turnover in the 2022/2023 financial year: 2,324.59 million euros

Share of foreign sales: 97%

Subsidiaries and representative offices: 32

Worldwide deliveries: More than 120 markets around the globe

As of 1 July 2023