

The Environment

GROUPE GM

AMENITIES EXCLUSIVOS

PRODUCT

✓ We have focused on green design in developing products that have minimal impact on the environment, without compromising on function.

✓ Our soaps are 100% vegetable based.
✓ We use recyclable materials. All our bottles, caps, dispensers and labels are recyclable and have been marked for recycling according to the type of plastic used.

✓ We have gone for plastics that are easier to recycle, such as PET, PETG, HDPE, LDPE and PP, rather than PVC.

✓ We also use recycled raw materials such as PCR (post-consumer recycled) plastic for some bottles that have been

given Ecolabel certification.

✓ Upon request, we can also produce biodegradable bottles and caps from PLA (biodegradable plastic).

✓ The paper boxes used for accessories and soaps are printed with acrylic, water-based ink.

✓ Innovatively, we provide accessories packaged in stone paper, a new and environmentally friendly material made from stone waste and without any wood fibre.

✓ We also produce complementary products from natural raw materials such as bamboo or organic cotton.

✓ About 50% of our catalogues, leaflets and brochures are printed with

vegetable ink on PEFC-certified paper (the Portuguese Certification System for Sustainable Forest Management) or on recycled FSC paper (Forest Stewardship Council).

✓ We prioritise shipping products in as small packaging as possible, avoiding the waste of cardboard, plastic wrapping, films and labelling.

✓ We are a partner of Sociedade Ponto Verde, which helps promote our sustainability cycle.

ORGANIZATION AND WORK

✓ We use LED lighting throughout our offices.

✓ We measure and register our water and energy consumption and waste volumes every month.

✓ We use timers on our air conditioning systems.

✓ We use FSC-certified paper for printing.

✓ We provide the option to print double-sided on certified paper, and the 'Preview' option before confirming the Print command.

✓ We have implemented a digital archiving system to reduce the large amounts of paper used.

✓ We have waste sorting in the leisure space including for paper, glass, aluminium/plastic, batteries, light bulbs, as well as the return of all electronic equipment to the manufacturer/agent.

✓ We provide filtered drinking water rather than bottled water.

✓ We do not use room fragrance sprays or insect sprays.

✓ We use paper hand towels and toilet paper made from recycled paper.

✓ Hand dryers used are automatic and timer-controlled.

✓ We avoid using plastic cups in favour of glasses.

✓ Use of electric powered forklift trucks

(that do not waste gas or diesel).

✓ Toilet lighting operated by movement sensors.

✓ Use of recycled printer cartridges for about 65% of print jobs.

✓ Our offices have direct natural light and our warehouse has a thermal cover.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

✓ We give priority to local suppliers: around 80% of our soaps are produced locally.

✓ We negotiate with our suppliers to reduce or remove unnecessary packaging materials.

✓ We choose our suppliers based on the range of certified products they offer and the sustainability of their practices.

✓ We have implemented a communications and information policy that privileges paperless communication.

✓ We use the product safety data

sheets as a means of comparison and to determine what the most sustainable purchase would be.

✓ We encourage our suppliers not to use Styrofoam.

✓ We firmly repudiate doing business with suppliers who do not prioritise policies to combat sexual exploitation, particularly of children and young people.

