

Environmental Protection

Measures to limit the environmental and climate impacts of our operations



Vontobel is among the top 10 climate-friendly financial services providers according to the CDP.

Waste

When disposing of our waste, all paper products are sent for recycling. PET bottles and special waste such as fluorescent light tubes are also collected separately. Around two-thirds of all our waste is recycled.

Lighting

The use of energy-saving LED lighting is a standard feature of all new and renovated office buildings. Wherever possible, we switch to LED lighting in existing buildings in view of the massive reductions in electricity and maintenance costs that can be achieved. This form of lighting does not result in waste products that require special disposal.

Offices

When selecting and renovating office buildings, we systematically focus on environmentally friendly and energy-efficient measures to achieve energy savings. High energy standards and good insulation of the building envelopes are part of this approach.

Business travel

A large proportion of Vontobel's greenhouse gas emissions are caused by business travel. Employees are encouraged to travel by train whenever possible. All Vontobel offices are equipped with video conferencing facilities so that internal meetings can be conducted via this channel.

Mobility

Our Mail Services department (internal dispatch) uses two Citroën Berlingo electric vehicles to transport mail between offices in Zurich. Three Renault 'Twizy' electric cars can be used by employees to travel between two locations in the city. In addition, Vontobel representatives regularly participate in the mobility dialogue for major companies in Zurich.

Paper

All the paper we use for photocopying and printing bears the FSC label. This guarantees that the wood used to produce it originates from sustainably managed forests. The paper we use for photocopying is composed of 50% recycled paper, further reducing the consumption of natural resources. FSC paper is also used in all publications printed externally.

Electricity

Vontobel has been purchasing electricity from renewable sources for all its locations globally since 2013. Wherever possible, we do so directly and otherwise indirectly via the 'Gold Power' solution offered by South Pole Group.

Water

The taps and toilets in all our offices in Switzerland are equipped with special technology designed to reduce water usage.