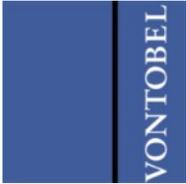


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Vontobel is the first bank to use electricity from renewable sources globally through the purchase of GoldPower certificates

By purchasing GoldPower certificates for all its locations that were previously unable to obtain renewable electricity, Vontobel can – for the first time – rely exclusively on electricity from renewable sources. The proceeds from the sale of these certificates are used in the development of projects to generate renewable electricity.

Since 2013, Vontobel has been using electricity from renewable sources for all its operations globally, including in its locations outside Switzerland. This is possible thanks to GoldPower certificates – an innovative product from Southpole Carbon, a provider of climate protection projects and services. GoldPower certificates enable companies to purchase renewable electricity even in locations where local providers do not offer the corresponding electricity products. Southpole Carbon uses the proceeds from the sale of these certificates to finance projects for the generation of renewable electricity, such as wind parks or solar energy systems. Unlike many other renewable energy products, GoldPower allows for the targeted expansion of capacity in this area – resulting in more climate-friendly forms of energy production.

Publication of Vontobel's Sustainability Report

A transparent information policy is an integral part of a sustainable approach to business. In its Annual Report, Vontobel therefore reports for the third time on its commitment to sustainable banking and the progress it has achieved in this area. For example, its volume of sustainable investments rose by 17% in 2013 compared to the previous year – illustrating the growing client interest in forms of investment that focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) topics.

Energy consumption per employee decreased by a further 8% at Vontobel. The transfer of computing capacity to one of the most modern data centres in Europe, as well as the purchase of energy-saving equipment, contributed to this reduction. Thanks to its transparent disclosure on climate risks, Vontobel was once again included in the Carbon Disclosure Leaders Index.

Vontobel's Annual Report once again meets all the requirements – in terms of content and form – to achieve the Level B standard of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), an internationally recognized standard for sustainability reporting. The Sustainability Report is

supplemented by the GRI Index, which provides detailed information on numerous other indicators.

Vontobel's Sustainability Report 2013 and the GRI Index on the Sustainability Report 2013 can be downloaded from its website at: www.vontobel.com/sustainability

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Vontobel's mission is to protect and build the wealth our clients have entrusted to us over the long term. Specializing in active asset management and tailor-made investment solutions, we provide responsible and forward-looking advice. In doing so, we are committed to Swiss quality and performance standards. With their good name, our owner family has stood by these principles for generations. As of 31 December 2013, Vontobel held CHF 163 bn of client assets. Around 1,400 employees worldwide provide first-rate, customized services for clients with an international focus. The registered shares of Vontobel Holding AG are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. The Vontobel families and the Vontobel Foundation hold the majority of shares and votes in the company. www.vontobel.com

South Pole Carbon, which started as spin-off from the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH), was founded in 2006 and has grown rapidly and internationally since. Today, South Pole Carbon has offices in 15 countries. With approximately 100 employees around the globe, South Pole Carbon enables and supports high quality projects to reduce greenhouse gases in 25 countries worldwide. Innovative sustainability solutions for corporations complete the portfolio.

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