

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.

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 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

Vontobel uses only recycled paper for printing. It takes about 1,5 times less energy and 2,5 times less water to produce recycled paper than it does to produce paper from fresh fiber. Recycled paper also cuts greenhouse gas emissions by more than 20 %. We offset the remaining emissions with various CO₂ projects around the world.

Electricity

Vontobel has been purchasing electricity from renewable sources for all of our locations globally since 2013 – either directly or otherwise indirectly through regional Guarantees of Origin. The indirect purchase of renewable energy in the form of regional Guarantees of Origin is the approach taken if it is not possible to directly purchase electricity from renewable sources. This is the case if, for example, Vontobel leases its offices in one location and cannot influence the electricity mix used in those premises. When purchasing Guarantees of Origin, we comply with the requirements of the CDP. It calls for the expansion of global capacity for the production of electricity from renewable sources.

Water

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