Sustainability Report 2023











Craftsmanship.
Precision down to the last detail.



FRENER & REIFER
Excellence in facades since 1974.



"The pursuit of sustainability is firmly anchored in our corporate values. We implement concrete measures to systematically achieve our goals."



As an internationally active facade construction specialist, sustainable construction presents us with diverse and complex challenges. We face up to this responsibility with seriousness and commitment. As a South Tyrolean company, we live in close contact with nature and have a keen sense of environmentally friendly behaviour. Environmental, economic and social sustainability have therefore always been firmly anchored in FRENER & REIFER's corporate values.

Two years ago, we systematically identified the impact of our actions on the environment, people and society with a materiality analysis and defined three key areas of action: the sustainable use and recycling of materials and resources, the coordination of construction site management and the training and development of our employees.

In this updated edition of our sustainability report, we describe how we have driven these key aspects forward and will continue to do so. It is the sum of many smaller and larger measures that will lead us towards sustainable construction in the medium and long term. We would be delighted if you would continue to accompany us on this journey.

#### Alessandro Andreetto

President of the Board FRENER & REIFER GmbH



**Andrea Borgato**Board FRENER & REIFER Holding AG

With 50 years of experience, FRENER & REIFER are experts in the planning and construction of complex facades. We are delighted to bring our comprehensive expertise as a full-service provider to bear in advising our customers, property developers and project developers. In the spirit of value engineering, we provide support and advice right from the early stages of development and help to find and implement customised and sustainable solutions for all challenges in facade construction.

Professional maintenance, repair and revitalisation of building envelopes are essential to maintaining the value and functional reliability of buildings in the long term. Through innovative maintenance concepts and the expansion and training of our after-sales department, we help to increase the service life of facades while conserving resources. Their concrete involvement in our projects ensures that our after-sales team is familiar with the special requirements of every facade from the outset, enabling them to carry out assignments efficiently.

We will continue to support our customers as an expert partner focusing on the entire life cycle of a building. Thank you for your trust!

"With our consulting expertise and our trained after-sales team, we help to extend the life cycle of buildings."



# The Company

FRENER & REIFER is the innovative specialist for facades and building envelopes. We develop and manufacture highly complex special constructions made of metal and glass glass for visionary architectural projects all over the world. We accompany architects, specialist planners and clients throughout the entire process: from consulting and design via production and installation through to maintenance and refurbishment.

The passion for extraordinary facade constructions goes back to the company's two founders: Franz Reifer, a courageous designer with a sense for intelligent technical solutions, and Georg Frener, a visionary and industry expert. The two mountain farmers' sons from South Tyrol completed their traineeships as craft metal-workers and founded FRENER & REIFER as a specialist metalworking shop in Bressanone/South Tyrol in 1974. After only a short time, the two of them established themselves as excellent bespoke facade construction innovators. FRENER & REIFER also took on a pioneering role in the field of environmentally friendly energy use at an early stage: the facade specialists were the first company in the country to offer insulated windows and realised a facade with integrated photovoltaic modules over 30 years ago.



"FRENER & REIFER has always been a pioneer in innovative facade construction. With our technical expertise, craftsmanship and creative thinking, we develop solutions not found in any textbook."

∍erhard Ploner, General Manager

FIRST CHALLENGE

#### **NEW HEAD OFFICE**



#### **INNOVATIONS**

FRENER & REIFER



#### **SPECIALISATION**

FRENER & REIFER establishes itself architects such as Hadi Teherani, Renzo Piano, Herzog & de Meuron



#### **INTERNATIONALISATION**



#### 50TH **ANNIVERSARY**



#### **FOUNDING**

Georg Frener and Franz Reifer found the FRENER & REIFER primarily carries out metalwork. After the first six months as a



#### **MARKET EXPANSION**

FRENER & REIFER receives its abroad, such as the facade construction for Giuffré, il Sole 24





#### **INNOVATIVE FACADES**

FRENER & REIFER realises its first



#### **FIRST BRANCH ABROAD**

The first branch office in Munich



FRENER & REIFER opens a



#### **MANAGEMENT BUY OUT**

private life. Long-standing FRENER & REIFER Holding AG in

# The company at a glance



"In collaboration with renowned architects such as
Norman Foster, Kenzo Tange and Zaha Hadid,
FRENER & REIFER has already realised over 1,300
projects all over the world, including several certified green buildings."

Michael J. Purzer, Business Development



50

Years of experience



135

Employees from 10 countries

Up to **150 local** installation staff

+1.300

Projects realised

in 17 countries on 5 continents



Italy, Germany, France, USA, England Cooperation with the most renowned

**ARCHITECTS** 

worldwide, including 9 Pritzker Prize winners

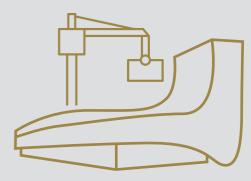


#### **PRESTIGIOUS CLIENTS**

such as Apple, Red Bull, Audemars Piguet, Hyundai, Swiss Re, and many more.

In-house

DESIGN, FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION

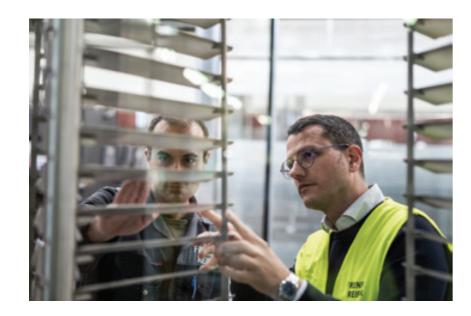


### Corporate sustainability

#### Responsible along the entire value chain

Facades have a significant influence on energy consumption in buildings and on the microclimate in their immediate surroundings. As a developer and manufacturer of building envelopes and special constructions in glass and metal, we therefore recognise a special commitment to sustainability. A central cornerstone of sustainable building is the consideration of the entire life cycle of a building: from design, through construction and operation, to refurbishment and decommissioning, including the recycling and disposal of building materials. This holistic view is reflected in our objectives and actions for the implementation of sustainable facade solutions: from concept design and the selection of suppliers and materials, via the creation of efficient production and logistics processes, to increasing the durability and recyclability of our facade solutions.

"Our in-house team works continuously on sustainability issues with external experts."





#### Materiality analysis to identify relevant issues

Together with our stakeholders we have identified and analysed the environmental, governance and social impacts of our own activities and prioritised them according to relevance and value. The results served as a basis for determining the most important issues for our sustainability strategy.

#### Key issues:

- » Foster environmental protection at the production site
- Continuous investment in production technologies
- » Employee health and safety
- » Enhance positive image with stakeholders
- Transparent governance
- » Increase employer attractiveness
- » Guarantee compliance with legal requirements
- » Increase recycling rate and minimise use of resources
- » Innovative maintenance concepts
- » Optimise project management in terms of costs and adherence to deadlines
- » Functionality of the facade
- » Technical standards and certifications
- » Purchase raw materials in an environmentally and socially responsible manner
- » Reduce number of transports
- » Coordination of site management and installation work
- » Strive for sensible digitalisation of processes
- » Financial stability
- » Guarantee sustainability in the value chain
- » Foster digital innovation
- » Foster long-term partnerships



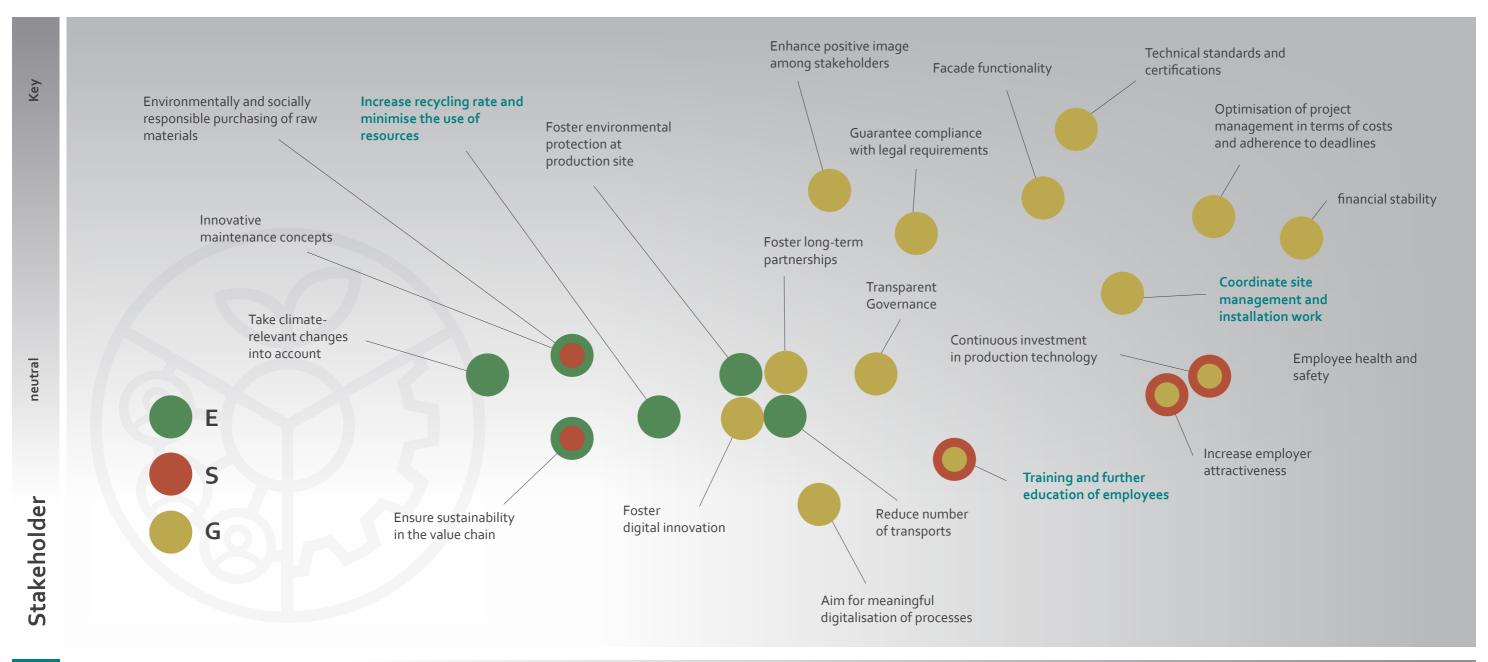
#### Focus on key areas for action

Three key areas of activity for our company emerged from the materiality analysis evaluations. We place these at the centre of our strategy, define goals in all three areas and set priorities in the development of appropriate actions.

#### Our three main action areas and goals:

- » Increase recycling rate and minimise use of resources
- » Coordination of construction site management and installation work
- » Foster and challenge continuous training and development of employees

#### Materiality matrix





key

#### Structured implementation within the company

An in-house sustainability team works on a variety of sustainability issues in cooperation with external experts. The aim is to define ambitious and meaningful sustainability goals based on sound analyses of social and environmental risks and to implement these systematically. As a first step, we prepared an ESG rating and a materiality analysis. This was followed by the preparation of carbon footprint and sustainability reports, which serve as a basis for the definition of our sustainability strategy. A working group, consisting of employees from diverse departments, develops strategic goals and concrete measures for the three main areas of action. These are then submitted to the management for review and approval. A dedicated company sustainability officer coordinates and monitors the entire process. Implementation of the measures is reviewed annually and adjusted if necessary.

To ensure both concrete implementation of our sustainability strategy and continuous improvement in performance in all areas of the company, we regularly review our processes and have them assessed by independent inspection bodies:

- Regular meetings of the internal sustainability team to define targets and measures and evaluate their implementation
- Annual legal check in the area of environmental management and occupational safety
- » Annual audit carried out by external auditors
- Annual management review with the Executive Roard
- > ISO certifications 9001, 14001 and 45001 with annual audit





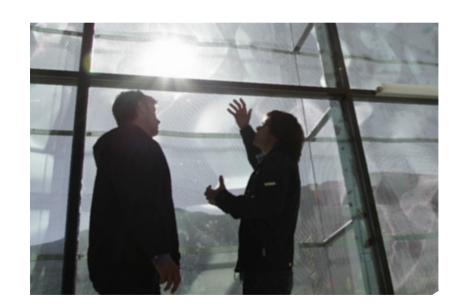
# GREEN BUILDINGS

# Green Buildings: Sustainable building

Buildings in industrialised nations require high consumption of land, energy and water and are accordingly responsible for changes to air quality and the earth's atmosphere. The building sector is therefore increasingly focusing on green buildings developed under the guiding principle of sustainability along the entire life cycle. Green buildings pay close attention to environmental performance and resource efficiency, all the way from design, operation and maintenance through to decommissioning - while simultaneously ensuring high quality indoor environments and frequently impressing with their innovative architecture. FRENER & REIFER actively seeks to contribute to the construction of sustainable buildings and has already been involved in several certified green building projects.

Over the decades we have acquired practical experience of and extensive expertise in the certification systems for sustainable building such as LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and DGNB (German Sustainable Building Council).

"As specialists, we take pride in supporting our clients with expert advice and professionally implementing sustainable facade solutions."





# THE DIVERSITY OF OUR REFERENCES GREEN BILLI DINGS



#### KÖ-BOGEN II Düsseldorf, Germany INGENHOVEN ASSOCIATES

The innovative commercial and office building Kö-Bogen II in the centre of Düsseldorf features Europe's largest green facade. This improves the microclimate in and around the building, reduces solar heat gain, stores moisture and reduces ambient noise.

The building has been awarded DGNB Platinum and DGNB Diamond, the highest level of the DGNB certification system.







#### IOC HQ, OLYMPIC HOUSE Lausanne, Switzerland 3XN ARCHITECTS

The headquarters of the Olympic Committee in Lausanne is one of the most sustainable buildings in the world. It integrates strict criteria for energy and water efficiency while simultaneously optimising the health and well-being of its users. The building materials used meet the strictest environmental standards.

The building received the highest points rating (93/100) of any LEED v4 certified new build project to date. It is also SNBS Platinum and Minergie-P certified.





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ESO SUPERNOVA Garching, Germany BERNHARDT + PARTNER





SAINSBURY WELLCOME CENTRE London, UK IAN RITCHIE ARCHITECTS



# GREEN BUILDINGS

#### THE DIVERSITY OF OUR REFERENCES

#### **GREEN BUILDINGS**



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LA SAMARITAINE Paris, France SANAA & SRA ARCHITECTS



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VERY GOOD



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PARK HOTEL VITZNAU
Lake Lucerne, Switzerland
PALAIS COBURG & CHRISTIAN ECK





HOSPITAL, BOLZANO Bolzano, Italy TIEMANN PETRI & PARTNER





CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOLZANO, HEAD OFFICE Bolzano, Italy WOLFGANG SIMMERLE



# Research and development for the sustainable facade future

As a premium provider, FRENER & REIFER has always been dedicated to the continuous development of facades for the effective use of renewable energies and the reduction of resource consumption. Together with universities, research institutions, manufacturers and suppliers, we have been driving innovation for 50 years.

#### » Facades with integrated photovoltaic modules

As one of the first facade construction companies, we gained experience of the installation of solar modules in facades almost 30 years ago - and have continuously optimised this technology ever since. Photovoltaic modules are integrated into glass surfaces in order to guarantee the greatest possible transparency and to make optimum use of the available solar energy. The modules can be used in both vertical and horizontal applications, enabling our photovoltaic facades to open up previously unused potential for generating solar power.

#### » Solar thermal energy in facades

In another research project, we are working on the further development of semi-transparent, solar thermal facade collectors. The solar heat generated by the collector is made available to the building at a high temperature via the facade-integrated pipe system and used as drinking water, hot water and heating water or for solar cooling. The unique selling point is the combination of a system for solar energy generation and sun protection which also ensures visual transparency.

#### » minimo FR

With the minimo\_FR system family, we developed one of the narrowest transom/mullion systems worldwide, with a face width of only 30 mm. Thanks to the minimal steel profiles, resource and material consumption is significantly reduced, while simultaneously ensuring maximum transparency, a high degree of visual appeal and design freedom. The high quality of the transom/mullion system guarantees an almost unlimited service life for the facade.









# Taking joint responsibility for sustainable development

The 17 global sustainability goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030 contribute to enabling a decent life for all and to the long-term preservation of natural resources. The goals consider all three dimensions of sustainability: ecology, economics and social issues.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GEALS































In our business activities, we at FRENER & REIFER pursue the following goals for global sustainable development:



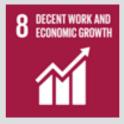
Ensure a healthy life for all people of all ages and foster their well-being.



Ensure inclusive, equitable and high-quality education and foster lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.





Foster long-term, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, productive full employment and decent work for





Design cities and settlements to be inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.



Take immediate action to combat climate change and its impacts.



Strengthen means of implementation and breathe new life into the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.



# Governance

Our values, responsibilities, strategies and goals in individual corporate divisions are anchored in information to employees, clients and suppliers. With our integrated management system, we ensure the structured organisation and monitoring of actions in the areas of occupational health



Company mission statement



Integrated Management System (IMS) Manual



Code of Ethics and Conduct



Company policy



Environmental policy



Corporate strategy



Occupational health and safety policy



"Safety in the workplace is a top priority at FRENER & REIFER and is firmly anchored in the company with our certified occupational health and safety management system in accordance with ISO 45001. We assess all safety aspects in detail for every project - from the beginning of the work right through to completion."

Christian Bonini, General Manager















#### **Our Values**

#### » Integrity

Our ethical and loyal conduct make us a trustworthy partner. We communicate clearly, openly, and honestly - and take responsibility.

#### » Teamwork

We only achieve our goals together.

We derive our strength from the constructive, respectful cooperation between our shareholders, management, all employees and our business partners.

#### » Expertise

Through our proactive approach, we continuously improve our solutions. Each employee contributes his or her ideas, enabling increases in the efficiency of our processes. We foster a good work-life balance and are vigilant about the health and satisfaction of our employees.

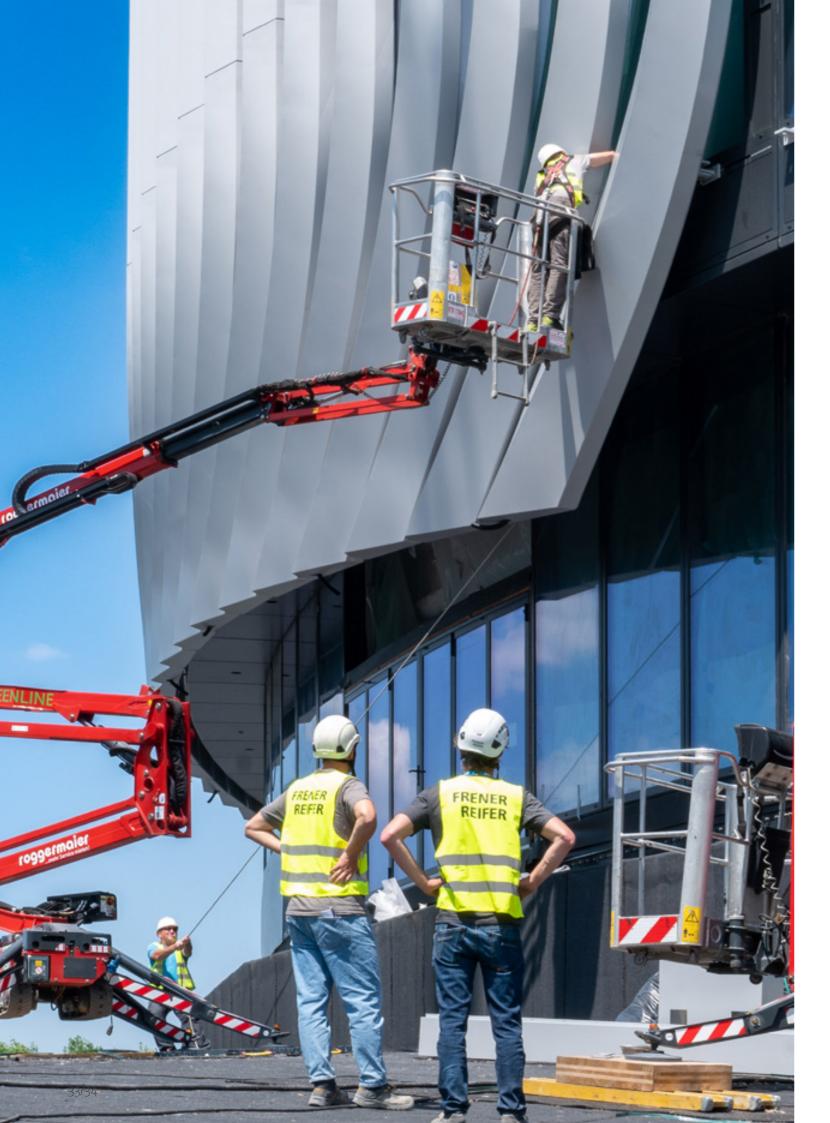
#### » Passion

We are motivated and passionate about breaking new ground to develop excellent, innovative solutions. We use our continuously growing know-how to realise the seemingly impossible.

#### » Long-term approach

A long-term, human relationship is maintained with the company's employees and business partners. relationship with the company's employees and business partners - one characterised by fairness, trust and reliability. Our high quality standards are the foundation of our projects, which are realised to be long-lasting and sustainable.







#### **SPHERE OF ACTIVITY**

# Coordination of construction site management and installation works

Construction site management is not just about the efficient planning, organisation, control and execution of work. Targeted construction management allows us to also foster environmental and social sustainability, e.g. by saving or reusing resources, avoiding unnecessary transport, optimising construction processes, promoting occupational safety and minimising nuisance for neighbourhoods. With the reorganisation of our construction site management, we have set ourselves the goal of optimising work processes for us and our customers via coordinated implementation, while simultaneously limiting impacts on people and the environment.

#### Measures implemented in 2023:

Development of proposed solutions for the reorganisation of the installation department, as well as the upstream and downstream processes



"Complex construction site management requires close cooperation between all participants. Through precise planning and organisation, we guarantee the highest quality, work safety and efficiency in the implementation of all project steps."

Andreas Reifer, Head of Site Quality Management



#### Suppliers – a long-term approach and proven quality

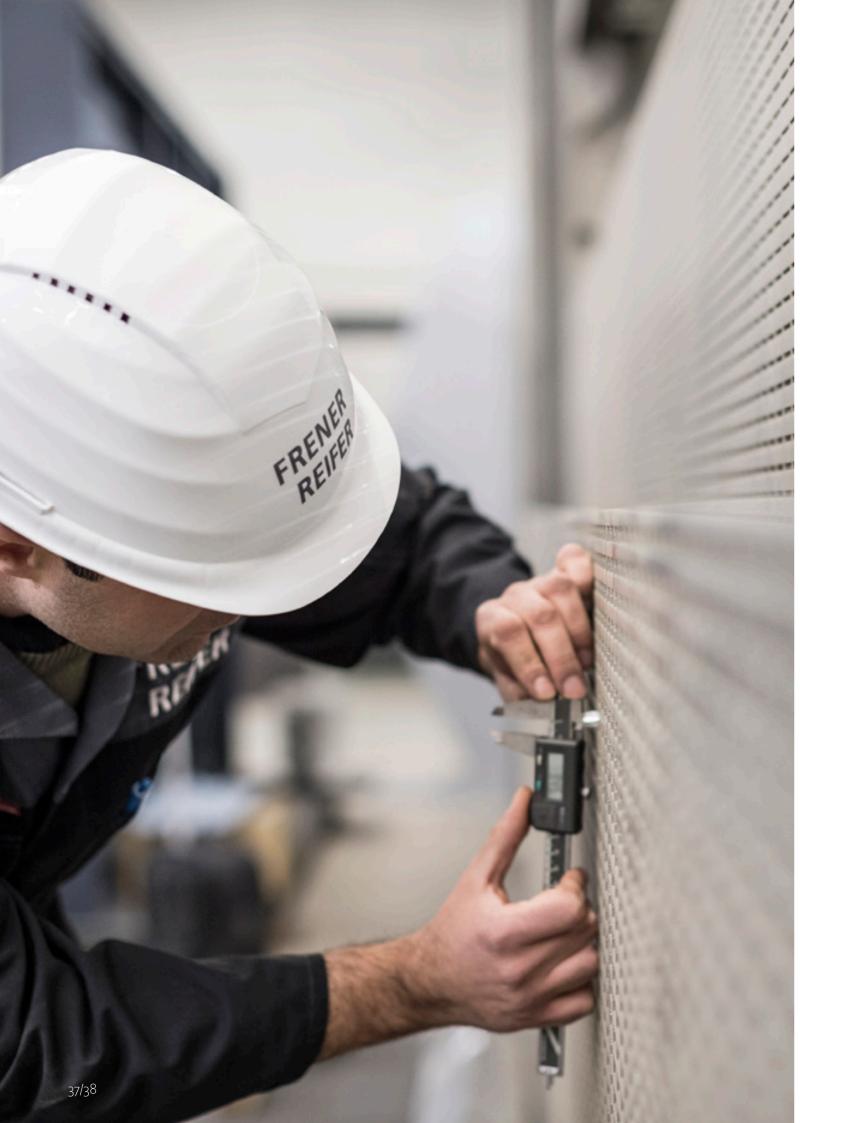
We see our suppliers as long-term partners who support our quality requirements. The principles for selecting and dealing with suppliers are laid down in our Code of Ethics and Conduct and in the detailed purchasing conditions for individual countries. A self-declaration questionnaire is used to assess the suitability of each supplier or vendor. For new suppliers, we continuously conduct audits and quality controls to check the quality of materials and products. All suppliers are selected on the basis of our ITP inspection & test plan and evaluated with regard to various criteria. Depending on the process, one of our project managers accompanies and controls their activities.



"Through a quality assurance system, training courses and quality inspections we guarantee high quality from responsible suppliers."

Luca Pedrolli, Head of Purchasing







#### Certified processes and controlled quality

We ensure the long-term effectiveness of our management systems, processes and products through certification by independent inspection bodies.

This ensures that we comply with international standards and industry-specific specifications and continuously review them.

- » Quality management according to ISO 9001:2015
- » Environmental management system according to ISO 14001:2015
- » Occupational health and safety management according to ISO 45001:2018
- » SOA certificate for the performance of public works in Italy
- » ESG Rating Asset Impact
- » Certificates 1400, 4500, 1090, 4501, 1401, 14351, 9001
- » CE marking
- » Welding certificates: EXC2 as per EN 1090-2 & EXC2 as per EN 1090-3, DVS SLV Munich



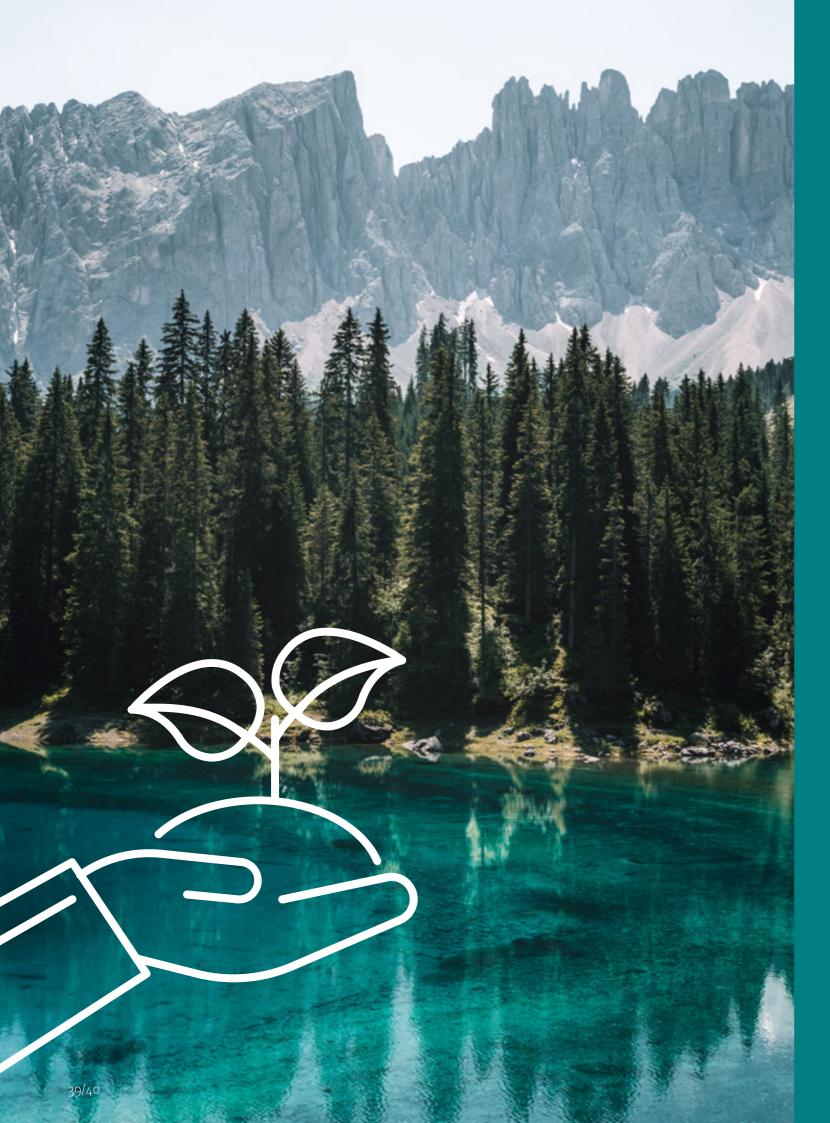












# Environmental



Alessandro Andreetto, President of the Board













#### Environmentally friendly transport and mobility

When supplying materials and delivering our products, as well as in our own mobility behaviour, we consciously pay attention to reducing emissions. Our efficient supply chain management enables us to optimise truck capacity utilisation and reduce the number of journeys. When selecting logistics companies, transport using environmentally friendly vehicles is a decisive criterion. We are converting our own vehicle fleet to green mobility and motivating our employees to switch to climate-friendly means of transport with specific measures, such as the provision of e-bikes.

#### Measures implemented in 2023:

- Efficient Supply Chain Management
- 95% of our transport is carried out by Euro 6 threshold lorries or companies with CO2neutral certificates
- 25% of the car fleet has been converted to electric vehicles
- Provision of 20 e-bikes to employees for commuting to work and for private use
- Reducing the number of kilometres travelled via online meetings and video conferences
- Encouraging the formation of car pools



commuting and in our free time"

Alessandro Andreetto, President of the Board







#### Measuring and reducing emissions

By using modern technologies, we maintain emissions from our production site below the required limits. All our emission points are authorised and certified. In 2023, we drew up a comprehensive carbon footprint for the previous year for the first time, which we now update annually.

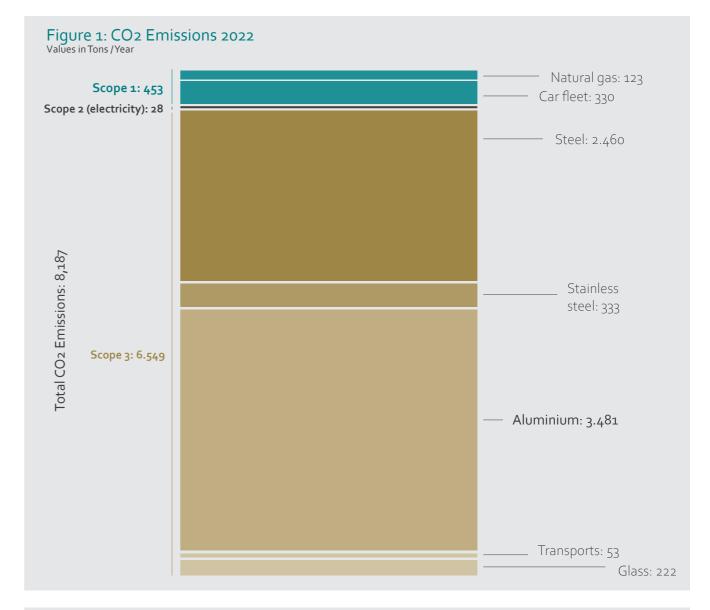
#### Emissions (Figure 1)

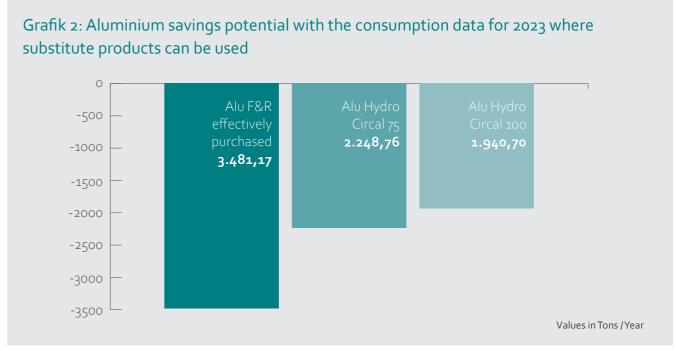
The direct emissions (Scope 1) and indirect emissions (Scope 2) caused by our activities are very low. We continue to endeavour to reduce these emissions through various measures and careful energy consumption. We have determined the indirect emissions along the value chain (Scope 3) in order to analyse the potential for optimisation. The majority of these CO2 emissions are generated during the production of our main materials, aluminium and steel, which we primarily source from suppliers in Germany.

#### CO2-savings potentials (Figure 2)

One measure that results in significant savings of over a third is the use of aluminium with a high recycled content. Where possible, we use these alternative low-carbon materials. However, at present there are hurdles facing the use of recycled aluminium: there is currently no suitable substitute product for aluminium panels. In addition, the type of material to be used is largely prescribed by the customer (see Sphere of Activity: Increase recycling rate and minimise use of resources). For example, the use of Alu Hydro Circal 75 + 100 is currently not a realistic alternative, as the majority of our projects have to be implemented with a different profile system specified by the customer.

"By updating our carbon footprint annually, we can keep a **constant eye on our emissions and identify potential savings**. This gives us an effective lever to reduce emissions in the long term'







#### Recyclables and waste management

We reorganised the waste depot at FRENER & REIFER's main site in Bressanone/Brixen in 2022. By rigorously separating our waste, we are able to recycle around 97% of the total amount (see Figure 3).

#### 100%

of waste is separated according to type of recyclable

97%

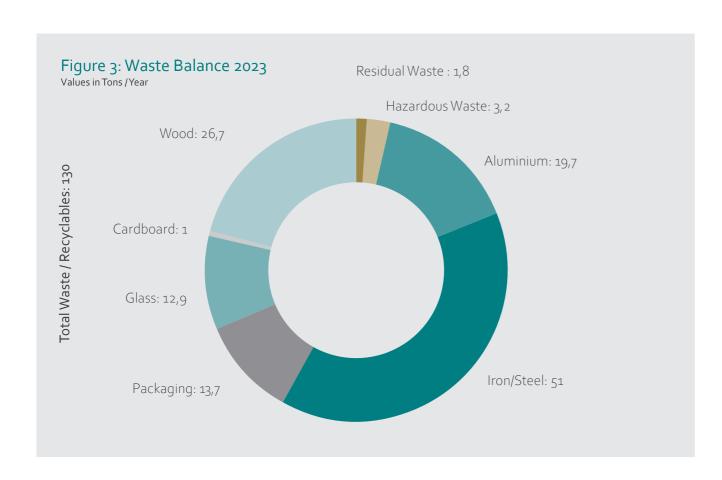
of waste is recyclable material that is returned for recycling

2,7%

residual waste

2,5%

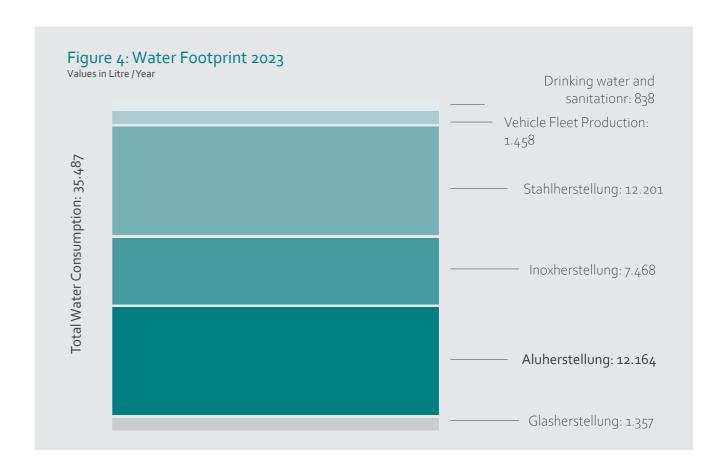
environmentally hazardous substances (paints, aerosol cans...)



#### Water consumption and waste water

Direct water consumption at our production site is very low. The waste water is properly drained, treated and returned to the natural cycle. Indirect water consumption through the production of aluminium, steel, stainless steel and glass at our suppliers is more significant (see chart 4). Our annual indirect water consumption is therefore directly related to the type and volume of the prescribed materials that we have to use for the construction projects.





#### Materials and Recycling

We pay attention to the use of environmentally friendly, recyclable materials and avoid waste by rationalising the quantity of material at an early stage when purchasing and optimising the cutting process.

In terms of logistics, we mainly use reusable racks to reduce the consumption of packaging materials. This measure also reduces indirect CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, as the return transport produces fewer greenhouse gases than the purchase of new racks.

#### **SPHERE OF ACTIVITY**

#### Increase recycling rate and minimise use of resources

The building materials we use depend on the typology of our projects. The building materials to be used are defined in advance by the clients and architects and specified in the tender. However, we want to use our room for manoeuvre: on the one hand by optimising the use of resources, and on the other by providing our customers with more advice and raising their awareness of sustainable alternatives such as recycled aluminium. We provide information about materials with a high recycled content as early as the quotation phase, and feature alternatives with substitute products in our quotations; thereby providing our customers with advice and supporting them in making more sustainable decisions.

We are continuously expanding and training our after-sales department, which plans and professionally implements maintenance, repair and revitalisation work on facades worldwide. This enables us to increase the service life of facades and save resources.

#### Measures implemented in 2023:

- Optimisation of cutting to achieve a reduction in waste
- Conducting an internal study on the use of materials with higher recycling rates (aluminium 75%, aluminium 95%)
- Continuous monitoring of the market for sustainable products
- Calculating and quoting 'green alternatives' in offers











#### Efficient use of energy from environmentally aware sources

We are continuously working on improving energy efficiency and saving energy, both at our production site and in facade solutions for our customers. At our production site, we use methane gas and 100% green electricity as an energy source.

#### Emission-free solar energy thanks to our own photovoltaic system

There are plans to install a high-performance photovoltaic system on the roof and south facade of our company HQ and production site in 2024. The aim of this investment is to reduce our carbon footprint and improve climate protection in addition to lowering operating costs and increasing our power supply autonomy.

According to projections, the PV system will supply around 300 MWh of electricity per year. This will cover around 60% of our electricity requirements from 2025.



100%

green electricity from hydropower and solar energy



**2,9** kWh/h in 2021

**2,4** kWh/h in 2022

**2,2** kWh/h in2023

Reduction in power consumption per working hour



# Social

contribution to regional development. We provide numerous secure jobs, enabling our em-

As a long-standing family business, FRENER & REIFER is strongly anchored in the local community. We promote local associations, the voluntary work of our employees and support so-

'Starting where the others stop' is FRENER & REIFER's promise. Our employees deliver top their technical and social skills with numerous training programmes, focus on flat hierarchies and maintain a constant exchange between all specialist areas.



"The growth of each individual is important to us – with supporting and training our apprentices a particularly high priority."









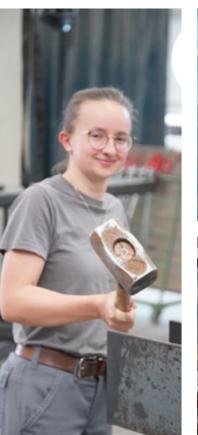








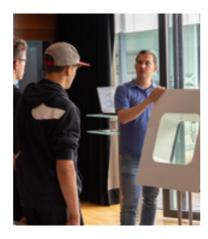




















#### **Education and Training**



We require and promote the continuous education and training of each individual through in-house and external training courses on technical or personality skills issues. We support our employees extra-occupational training through provision of working time and financial contributions. We open up opportunities for in-house career development and for professional transfer between our different departments.

#### Up-and-coming talent



We train young people in various apprenticeships every year. We supervise pupils on a company internship in all areas, and support students in writing their bachelor's and master's theses. We maintain close contacts with local vocational and secondary schools, organising regular company visits and career orientation days for pupils.

#### **Structured Onboarding**



New employees are welcomed with a round of introductions, a tour of the company and a welcome kit with a wealth of information about the company, our processes and policies. All new starters are assigned a mentor during their introduction period.



#### Teambuilding



Friendly cooperation, mutual trust and team spirit characterises teamwork in our company. Through regular employee events as well as sports and leisure activities, we promote cohesion and strengthen the positive working atmosphere.

#### **Benefits and Welfare**



- **»** work-life balance through flexible working hours in the office
- » no shift work in production
- » social benefits such as supplementary health insurance, private pension schemes, assistance with tax returns
- » vouchers, bonuses and company benefits
- » Birthday present
- » part-time working models for parents, employees with farms (seasonal part-time working) and for employees with special needs
- » support for voluntary work in emergency organisations.

#### **Diversity and Equality**



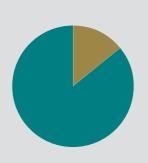
We are located in a multilingual region where people from German and Italian cultures live together. We promote linguistic diversity in the company through individual language courses and the courses offered by our in-house English teacher.

As a globally active company, we employ people from various countries. The way we treat each other is anchored in our Code of Ethics and Conduct. Failure to comply with the Code or practising discrimination as defined within it is penalised. Conduct that violates the Code of Ethics can be reported to an independent body. The anonymity of the reporting person is guaranteed. No violations of this nature have yet been reported in the company.

# Employee key figures 2023 \*

135
Total employees





8**7%** m

13%

**%** wome

11

average length of service in production and installation in years

8

average length of service in office departments in years



40

average age in years

5

6

trainees

summer interns

1.400

total training hours

10

average training hours per employee





#### **SPHERE OF ACTIVITY**

# Driving and requiring the continuous training and development of employees

Through annual employee appraisals, we assess the needs and interests of each employee for their professional and personal development. In consultation with the department heads, we organise training courses to promote the growth of each individual. The integration, support and training of our apprentices is also important to us. We want to open up prospects for all employees so that passionate practising of their profession becomes a long-term career.

#### Measures implemented in 2023:



- Introduction of a rotation system for apprentices with a focus on training in the metalworking and sheet metal department
- Issue of a fully equipped tool trolley for all apprentices
- Medium-term goal: implementation of a mentoring system for every apprentice up to the time of their trade test
- Improvement of communication on our internal information portal (FRIP)
- Conducting communication training for over 70 employees
- Promotion of cross-departmental exchanges focusing on in-house internships in production for design-engineers and on the construction site for production employees
- Encouraging employees to change departments in order to give them the broadest possible view of our business activities
- Implementation of an employee survey starting in November 2024 to optimise our employee development plan in the long term.

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| GENERAL INFORMATION                                                                                                                               |                                                                                  |
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| 2-4 Correction or restatement of information                                                                                                      | Annual sustainability report update                                              |
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| Sustainability reporting                                                                                                                          |                                                                                  |
| Details / Information 2-15 Conflicts of interest                                                                                                  | The guidelines for ethical and lawful conduct are set out in the Code of Ethics. |
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| Details / Information 2-26 Procedures for seeking advice and reporting concerns  Details / Information 2-27 Compliance with laws and regulations. | There were no legal violations during the reporting period.                      |
| Details / Information 2-27 Compliance with laws and regulations.                                                                                  | There were no legal violations during the reporting period.                      |
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| GRI 3 KEY ISSUES (SELECTION)                                                                                                         |                                        |
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| 201-2 Financial implications of climate change for the organisation and other risks and opportunities associated with climate change |                                        |
| 201-3 Liabilities for defined benefit pension plans and other pension plans                                                          |                                        |
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#### GRI 202 – Market presence

202-1 Ratio of standard entry level salary to local statutory minimum wage broken down by gender

202-2 Proportion of executives recruited from the local community

#### GRI 203: Indirect economic impacts

203-1 Infrastructure investments and subsidised services

203-2 Significant indirect economic impacts

201-4 Financial support from the public sector

#### GRI 204: Procurement practices

204-1 Proportion of expenditure on local suppliers

FRENER & REIFER does not have a specific policy on local purchasing. To ensure security of supply, raw materials must be procured where they are globally available.

GRI 205: Anticorruption

205-1 Operating sites audited for corruption risks

205-2 Communication and training on anti-corruption policies and procedures

205-3 Confirmed incidents of corruption and actions taken

No known cases of corruption during the reporting period.

#### GRI 206: Anti-competitive behaviour

206-1 Legal proceedings due to anti-competitive behaviour, cartel and monopoly formation  $\,$ 

No violations or legal proceedings were registered in the reporting period.

#### GRI 207: Taxes

207-1 Tax concept

207-2 Tax governance, control and risk management

207-3 Stakeholder engagement and management of fiscal concerns

#### GRI 301: Materials

301-1 Materials used according to weight or volume

301-2 Recycled raw materials used

301-3 Recycled products and their packaging materials

| GRI 302: Energy                                   |                      |  |
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| 302-4 Reduction of energy consumption                                                                                                                                            | Environmental, p. 50        |  |
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| 302-5 Reducing energy demand for products and services                                                                                                                           |                             |  |
| GRI 303: Water and wastewater                                                                                                                                                    |                             |  |
| gog-1 Water as a shared resource                                                                                                                                                 |                             |  |
| 303-2 Dealing with the effects of water recirculation                                                                                                                            |                             |  |
| 303-3 Water withdrawal                                                                                                                                                           |                             |  |
| gog-4 Water recirculation                                                                                                                                                        | Environmental, p. 46        |  |
| 303-5 Water consumption                                                                                                                                                          | Environmental, p. 46        |  |
| GRI 304: Biodiversity                                                                                                                                                            |                             |  |
| 304-1 Owned, leased and managed business premises located in or adjacent to protected areas and areas of high biodiversity value outside protected areas                         |                             |  |
| 304-2 Significant impacts of activities, products and services on biodiversity                                                                                                   |                             |  |
| 304-3 Protected or renaturalised habitats                                                                                                                                        |                             |  |
| 304-4 Species on the Red List of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and on national lists of protected species that have their habitat in areas affected by business activities |                             |  |
| GRI 305: Emissions                                                                                                                                                               |                             |  |
| 305-1 Direct GHG emissions (Scope 1)                                                                                                                                             | Environmental, p. 43, p. 44 |  |
| 305-2 Indirect GHG emissions (Scope 2)                                                                                                                                           | Environmental, p. 43, p. 44 |  |
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| 305-4 Intensity of greenhouse gas emissions                                                                                                                                      |                             |  |
| 305-5 Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions                                                                                                                                      |                             |  |
| 305-6 Emissions of ozone-depleting substances                                                                                                                                    |                             |  |
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| GRI 306: Wastewater and waste                                                                                                                                                    |                             |  |
| go6-1 Wastewater discharge by quality and discharge point                                                                                                                        |                             |  |
| go6-2 Waste by type and method of disposal                                                                                                                                       | Environmental, p. 45        |  |
| 306-3 Significant leakage of harmful substances                                                                                                                                  | Environmental, p. 44        |  |
| 306-4 Transport of hazardous waste                                                                                                                                               |                             |  |
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| 306-1 Waste generated and significant waste-related impacts                                                                                                                      |                             |  |
| go6-2 Management of significant waste-related impacts                                                                                                                            | Environmental, p. 44        |  |
| 306-3 Accumulated waste                                                                                                                                                          | Environmental, p. 44        |  |
| 306-4 Waste diverted from disposal                                                                                                                                               |                             |  |
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| GRI 308: Environmental assessment of suppliers                                                                                                                                   |                             |  |

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GRI 401: Occupational activity

401-1 New white-collar hires and employee turnover

| 401-2 Company benefits offered only to full-time employees, but not to temporary or |  |
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| part-time employees.                                                                |  |

401-3 Parental leave

#### GRI 402: Employee-employer relationship

| 402-1 Minimum notice period for operational changes                                                                 |                         |
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| GRI 403: Occupational health and safety                                                                             |                         |
| 403-1 Management system for occupational health and safety                                                          | Governance, p. 38       |
| 403-2 Hazard identification, risk assessment and investigation of Incidents                                         |                         |
| 403-3 Occupational health services                                                                                  | as required by law      |
| 403-4 Employee participation, consultation and communication on occupational health and safety                      | Governance, p. 33       |
| 403-5 Employee training on occupational health and safety                                                           | Governance p. 38, p. 58 |
| 403-6 Promoting the health of employees                                                                             | Governance p. 34, p. 38 |
| 403-7 Avoidance and mitigation of occupational health and safety impacts directly related to business relationships | Governance p. 34, p. 38 |
| 403-8 Employees who are covered by a management system for safety and Health and Safety at Work                     |                         |
| 403-9 Work-related injuries                                                                                         | 6 accidents > 3 days    |
| 403-10 Work-related illnesses                                                                                       | 6 Injuries              |
| GRI 404: Education and training                                                                                     |                         |
| 404-1 Average number of training / further education hours per year and white-collar worker                         | Social, p. 56           |
| 404-2 Programmes to improve the expertise of employees and transitional assistance                                  | Social, p. 58           |
| 404-3 Percentage of employees receiving regular appraisal of their performance and career development               | Social, p. 56           |
| GRI 405: Diversity and equal opportunities                                                                          |                         |
| 405-1 Diversity in regulatory bodies and among employees                                                            |                         |
| 405-2 Ratio of basic salary and remuneration of women to basic salary and remunera-                                 |                         |

tion of men

#### GRI 406: Non-discrimination

406-1 Incidents of discrimination and remedial actions taken

There were no discrimination proceedings in the reporting period

#### GRI 407: Freedom of association and collective bargaining

407-1 Business premises and suppliers at which the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining may be threatened

FRENER & REIFER is not aware of any business premises or suppliers at which freedom of association and collective bargaining are threatened.

#### GRI 408: Child labour

408-1 Business sites and suppliers at which a significant risk of incidents of child labour exists.

FRENER & REIFER is not aware of any business premises or suppliers at which a risk of incidents of child labour exists.

#### GRI 409: Forced and compulsory labour

409-1 Business premises and suppliers at which a significant risk of incidents of forced or compulsory labour

FRENER & REIFER is not aware of any business premises or suppliers at which a significant risk of incidents of forced or compulsory labour exists.

#### GRI 410: Safety practices

410-1 Security personnel trained in human rights policies and procedures

#### GRI 411: Rights of indigenous peoples

411-1 Incidents in which the rights of indigenous peoples were violated

| GRI 413: | Local | communities |
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413-1 Business premises with involvement of local communities, impact assessments Social, p. 52 and support programmes

413-2 Business activities with significant or potential negative impacts on local commu-

| GRI 414: Social | evaluation | of suppliers |
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| 414-1 New suppliers evaluated on the basis of social criteria       | The requirements for our suppliers are defined in the Code of Conduct for suppliers. |
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| (1) a Nogative social impacts in the supply chain and actions taken | No restrictions were identified during the reporting period                          |

#### GRI 415: Political influence

415-1 Party donations

FRENER & REIFER does not support any political party through financial contributions or donations in kind.

#### GRI 416: Client health and safety

416-1 Assessment of health and safety impacts of different categories of products and services

416-2 Violations related to the impact of products and services on health and safety

#### GRI 417: Marketing and labelling

| 417-1 Requirements for product and service information and labelling |  |
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| 417-2 Infringements in connection with product and service information and labelling | There were no substantiated complaints during the reporting period. |
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| 417-3 Infringements related to marketing and communication                           | There were no substantiated complaints during the reporting period. |

#### GRI 418: Protection of client data

418-1 Justified complaints regarding breaches of client data protection and the loss of

There were no substantiated complaints during the reporting

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