



# STEENS

## GROUP

Environmental Sustainability Programme **2020**



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**CARBON  
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**WE STRIVE TO BE YOUR SAFE, LOCAL SUPPLIER AND RELIABLE PARTNER.**

We have 60 years' experience in producing wooden furniture, with an eye for quality, design, current trends and value for money.

**Above all, we respect the environment. This is what makes us proud.**

We embrace the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which aim to make the planet a better place to live by 2030.

Steens Group is focusing mainly on two of the SDGs.

**For SDG 15 - Life on Land - we work to manage forests and timber sustainably.**

**For SDG 13 - Climate Action - we are actively working to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> footprint in our buildings, production and supply chain.**

**These are the first initiatives on our journey to achieving CO<sub>2</sub> neutrality.**

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The mark of  
responsible forestry







FSC®

**WE LOVE FORESTS. WE WANT TO USE THEM RESPONSIBLY.**

We are dedicated to the UN's Sustainable Development Goal SDG 15, "Life on Land." That is why we ensure 100% of our pinewood is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council® - or FSC.

An FSC certification is the global, gold standard of sustainable forest management. We want to ensure that forests thrive today and for future generations, with zero deforestation and environmental protection.

We fell no old-growth trees. We use only timber from nearby forests in Sweden and Finland. We harvest pine trees after 80 years - the point at which the *pinus sylvestris* - or Scots Pine - reaches maximum CO<sub>2</sub> accumulation.

By that time we have already planted an equivalent stand of new pine trees nearby to keep the sustainable cycle going.

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# Recycling Timber

STEENS GROUP RECYCLES OR REUSES ALL OF OUR WASTE WOOD.

We reuse everything. We heat our plant and machinery 100% with the sawdust and wood scraps from production. We press surplus waste wood into pellets and supply these to the local, district heating company - replacing otherwise CO<sub>2</sub> heavy fuel.

In our commitment to the UN's SDGs 13 and 15 - climate action and sustainable forestry - our timber recycling program helps us toward both.

It is one of our long-term, sustainable initiatives that is leading us on the path to a CO<sub>2</sub> neutral future.

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# Sustainable Surface Treatments

**WE WANT OUR END CUSTOMERS AND THEIR CHILDREN TO BE SAFE WITH OUR PRODUCTS.**

We also strive to keep our workers safe in production. Therefore, all our surface treatments have been approved under the EU regulation of **REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals**.

We ensure this by sourcing all surface treatments from one, well-known and respected supplier, Sherwin-Williams.

We use their laboratory in Sweden and an independent laboratory in Denmark for testing, providing a Safety Data Sheet for each coating.

In our production, we use robot technology to apply coatings with intelligent edge spraying, leaving minimal waste. All coatings are applied in closed units to keep the operators safe.

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# Recycled Cardboard

**AT STEENS GROUP, WE TAKE OUR PACKAGING AS SERIOUSLY AS OUR PRODUCTS.**

As we continue on our journey to improve our total environmental footprint, we are doing everything we can to make our packaging sustainable.

Currently, 70% of our cardboard is from recycled sources. We are phasing out EPS foam, which is non-recyclable and harmful to the environment.

We are replacing it with honeycomb cardboard.

Furthermore, we supply assembly instructions to our products on non-bleached, recycled paper.



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# Reduced Power Consumption

**STEENS GROUP CARES FOR THE CLIMATE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE UN SDG 13, CLIMATE ACTION.**

We strive to find new ways to reduce our power consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

compressors with intelligent control, keeping energy use to a minimum.

We use low-energy, intelligent LED lighting in our buildings and production. It lights only when there is movement in a room and additional light is necessary.

A heat recovery system sends the generated heat back to production. In addition, we use intelligent management of our central ventilation and local exhaust systems to keep energy use down.

We have reduced our outdoor lighting. In our factory, we are using new, low-energy

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# Reducing Our Plastic Footprint

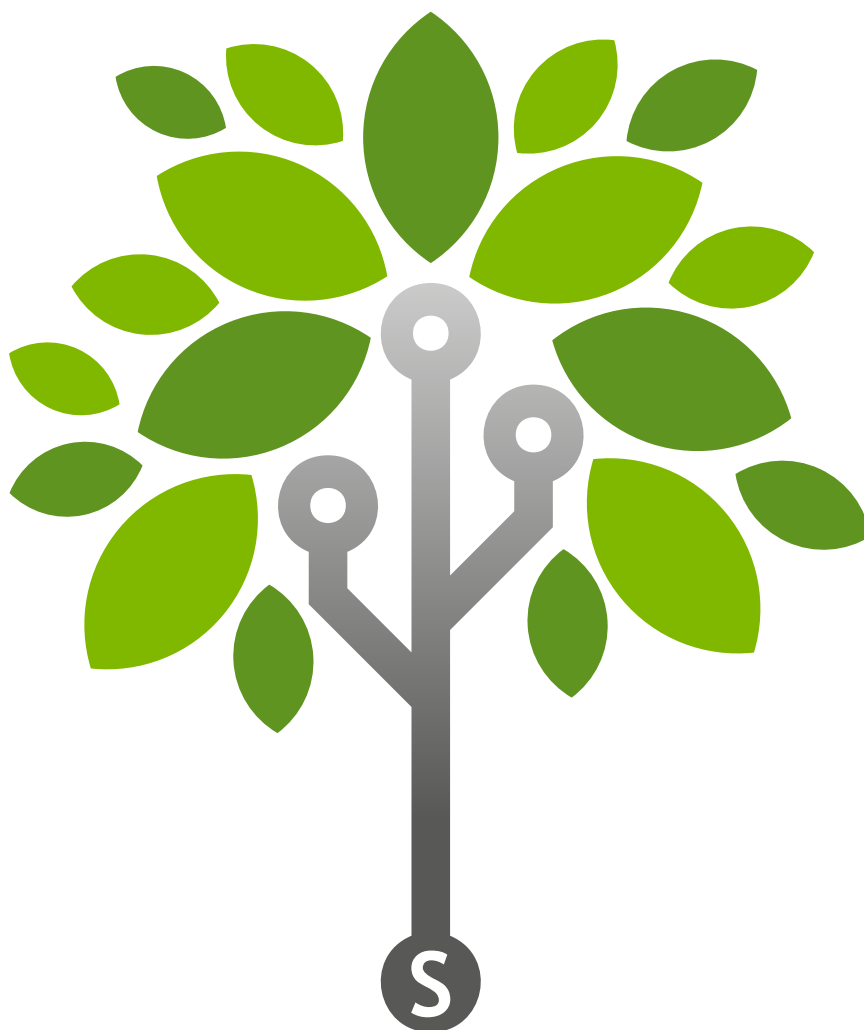
**WE ARE FACING THE WORLD'S PLASTIC POLLUTION ISSUES AND WE TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY.**

That's why we are working on reducing the plastic we use in furniture and packaging.

Whenever possible, we use recycled plastic. We are also phasing out our plastic

fittings bags. We are replacing them with cardboard boxes whenever possible, or otherwise using recycled plastic.

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# Supply Chain Sustainability

WE ARE ON A NEVER-ENDING JOURNEY TO REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

Therefore, it is important to us that our suppliers are on the same journey.

“We have only one earth,” says Steens Group’s Range Director Keld Dissing.

We work with them to help them comply with our own sustainable initiatives, as well as the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals.

“Let us work together to keep it healthy for future generations, so they are able to see the full beauty of nature that we have also experienced.”

We aim to produce our furniture under these norms all the way down the supply chain.

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## OUR ACCREDITATIONS



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## THE GLOBAL GOALS

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