



ALPHAFIXE IS NOW CARBONEUTRE CERTIFIED

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It is with great pleasure that we announce that AlphaFixe has received the Carboneutre (Carbon Neutral) certification for its 2019 activities. Issued by LCL Environnement, a consulting firm strictly dedicated to environmental issues, the certification allows companies to offset their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions with credible and ISO-14064 certified offsetting organizations.

Beyond the innovative environmental measures undertaken in our asset management (launch of Canada's first green bond fund, calculation of carbon footprint, integration of ESG factors, etc.), we also believe that it is our duty to reduce our own environmental footprint as much as possible, and to actively participate in the fight against climate change. With this in mind, we have therefore decided to put in place concrete measures to promote eco-responsible behaviours:

- Encouraging employees to purchase electric vehicles by matching existing federal and provincial subsidies;
- Refunding monthly passes for public transit (OPUS) and self-service bicycles (BIXI);
- Refunding bicycle maintenance costs, when used to commute to the office;
- Prohibiting single-use products (containers, bags, utensils, glasses, straws, etc.);
- Collecting organic matter (currently not available in the building);
- Encouraging employees to choose the train rather than flying or driving when travelling for business;
- Reducing travel by offering our clients the opportunity to meet using videoconference.

For the year 2019, AlphaFixe emitted a total of 41 tons of CO2 equivalent. In order of importance, the emissions came mainly from business travel, commuting and electricity consumption within our premises. The offsetting of these emissions was carried out in collaboration with two organizations, whose projects reflect the geographical scope of our activities.

- **Carbone boréal** is the only tree planting program entirely dedicated to university research. In connection with the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, the plantations are controlled and protected for a minimum of 150 years.
- **The Great Bear Forest Carbon Project** is a program to protect one of the world's last remaining large intact temperate rainforests. This ecological jewel of British Columbia is also bordered by one of the most productive marine areas on the planet and is home to some of the last great wild rivers on earth. The landmark agreement between the provincial government and First Nations allows for the sale of carbon credits to stop destructive forestry practices, protect the environmental integrity of the land and ensure the economic self-sufficiency of its people.

We realize that offsetting the GHG emissions does not exonerate an organization. That's why we will continue to do our best to reduce our environmental footprint and work with our partners to build a low-carbon economy.