



## SAINT-GOBAIN BECOMES AN “OFFICIAL SUPPORTER” OF THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Saint-Gobain announces the signing of a partnership with the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organizing Committee as "Official Supporter" for renovation and sustainable construction solutions.

### Shared values...

Saint-Gobain becomes an "Official Supporter" of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Group shares Paris 2024's ambition to create a responsible, fair and inclusive Olympics and is providing its expertise in sustainable construction to the benefit of both athletes and spectators.

This partnership will also be an opportunity for Saint-Gobain's employees to proudly convey the Group's purpose, "MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER HOME" via an activation campaign on the theme of "Aiming higher to make the world a better home". In-company events are planned throughout the year to celebrate this global sporting competition and unite employees around sport and the shared values of excellence, respect and solidarity, as well as performance, commitment and going beyond one's limits.

### ... at the service of a responsible project

*"Paris 2024 has made strong commitments to climate and environmental responsibility that echo Saint-Gobain's ambition: to design and develop, on a daily basis, the best solutions for sustainable construction, while addressing the major planetary challenges of climate change, resource scarcity and population growth."*

*This partnership is an opportunity for Saint-Gobain to demonstrate in concrete terms, through the completion of major construction works, the Group's responsible commitment and the excellence of its solutions in sustainable and lightweight construction as well as renovation,"* explains **Benoit Bazin, Saint-Gobain's CEO**.

"We are delighted that the Saint-Gobain group is joining the Paris 2024 adventure. With Saint-Gobain, we are driven by the same ambition to offer environmentally responsible and exemplary Games, inspired by a typically French pioneering and innovative spirit. Over and above these shared commitments, we are also delighted to be able to count on the mobilization of the Group's employees to bring the Games to as many people as possible. Welcome and thank you to the Saint-Gobain group!" **Tony Estanguet, President of Paris 2024**.

The projects in which the Saint-Gobain group has participated in Paris and in the French host cities of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games are all demonstrations of its capacity to innovate, to offer tailor-made solutions and to meet the organizers' environmental objectives.



## The athletes' Village, an open-air laboratory for the sustainable construction of tomorrow

The Saint-Gobain group has put in place innovative and differentiating solutions, specifically designed for the athletes' Village, which is intended to be a role model in terms of being both environmentally virtuous and entirely modular.

- **Building materials transported on the river**

To meet environmental requirements, alternative means of delivery were favored. Point.P, a Saint-Gobain group brand, delivers construction materials by 2 barges, which make two rotations a week via a virtuous logistics route designed with partners Haropa and VNF (Voies Navigables de France). Inland waterways transportation reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50%, i.e., -5.5kg CO<sub>2</sub> per ton delivered. On this specific site, 1,500 tonnes of materials have been delivered and 60 25-tonne trucks avoided since the start of the year.

In addition to curbing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, river transport reduces traffic nuisance, and avoids potential delivery delays due to traffic congestion in the Paris region.

- **A full-scale experiment in the reuse of construction materials**

The interior walls of the Village buildings constructed for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games have been specially designed to be dismantled and the majority of materials reused.

More than 20,000 people will be housed here during Paris 2024, and from 2025, the Village will be transformed to accommodate 120,000 m<sup>2</sup> of activities, offices and shops, and more than 2,800 new homes.

A total of 60,000 m<sup>2</sup> of demountable partitions will be available for reuse after the competition. These partitions were specifically co-developed by Placo®, a Saint-Gobain brand, to meet the objectives of the Paris 2024 Games, to be responsible and exemplary in terms of the consumption of natural resources. They will make it easy to transform athletes' rooms into student accommodation and bedrooms after the competitions. The plasterboards will then have a second life in new building sites in the Paris region as part of an experiment in a re-use channel.

- **Innovation and technological feats**

The athlete's Village buildings are unique in two respects: they are middle-rise structures with wooden facades. Weber, a leader in industrial mortars and a subsidiary of the Saint-Gobain group, worked with manufacturers to propose an innovative thermal insulation system for exterior wood facades on middle-rise buildings (max.28 meters). A tailor-made approach for an extraordinary project, thanks to the Group's pioneering spirit and innovative strength.

- **A work of art made in Alsace**

The sculpture topping the Signal Tower right in the middle of the athletes' Village, a reinterpretation of the Olympic rings, was made in Saint-Gobain's glass factory in Alsace using local manufacturing expertise.



It took a year's work with the project's various stakeholders before production could begin. Once the project had been approved, each element was heated for 10 hours at almost 800°C to soften and mold it to the shape of the previously designed cast. The glazing, 200 m<sup>2</sup> and over 2 meters high, is a unique creation with a specific grain and remarkable random patterns that heighten the play on light.

This work of art will remain in place, atop the Signal tower, after Paris 2024.

## ABOUT SAINT-GOBAIN

Worldwide leader in light and sustainable construction, Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures and distributes materials and services for the construction and industrial markets. Its integrated solutions for the renovation of public and private buildings, light construction and the decarbonization of construction and industry are developed through a continuous innovation process and provide sustainability and performance. The Group's commitment is guided by its purpose, "MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER HOME".

**€51.2 billion in sales in 2022**

**168,000 employees, locations in 75 countries**

**Committed to achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050**

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