



# Green Living, Sustainable Giving



## Our Strategy



# Our Values

Morbern's core values serve as the bedrock upon which our company's identity and operations are built. These principles are the compass by which our dedicated employees navigate their daily tasks and make pivotal decisions. Our values symbolize our unwavering commitment to both our workforce and the environment, reflecting the very essence of our sustainability strategy.



# Our Pledge



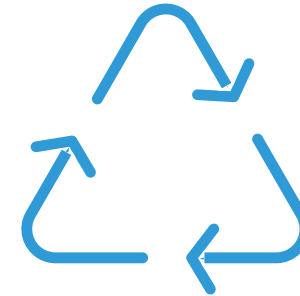
"We are dedicated to safeguarding the well-being and health of not only our employees and contractors but also our valued customers and the residents of the communities in which we conduct our operations."



"We adhere to the utmost ethical standards and ensure compliance with all relevant laws, consistently aiming to be recognized as a reputable corporate citizen on a global scale."



"We uphold a culture of professionalism, dignity, and respect when interacting with our employees and all of our partners. This environment nurtures the freedom for individuals to make meaningful contributions, foster innovation, and achieve excellence."



"We continuously harness the power of science to deliver sustainable solutions to our clients, all while maintaining a steadfast commitment to safeguarding the environment and conserving the Earth's precious natural resources."



# ISO 14001:2015



# Governance Report

Morbern's Environmental Management System outlines policies and procedures that govern the environmental impacts of our activities, products, and services. From rules on waste handling to research ventures into renewable products, Morbern continually works to be sustainable and responsible and leave as little environmental impact as possible.



# Responsibility

In addition to our own policy, Morbern fulfills all compliance obligations, rules and regulations according to ISO 14001:2015, an international standard that outlines how organizations can enhance environmental performance.

What does that mean? We decrease our environmental impact, and prevent degradation of the environment and wildlife by:

- ✓ Improving waste management
- ✓ Exploring new materials and processes with reduced environmental footprint
- ✓ Decreasing reliance on non-renewable energy
- ✓ Continually educating ourselves to prevent environmental pollution, preserve natural resources, and improve the EMS



# Achievements





### **Sustainable/Renewable energy**

- 99% of the energy (hydroelectric power) used by the Morbern production plant is renewable.

### **Air quality**

- A new coater reduces fume emissions by 50 percent, improving the community's air quality.
- Low volatile organic compounds (VOC) water-based topcoat finishes have now replaced most solvent formulations
- Morbern created one of the first flame-retardant-free vinyl
- all non-automotive vinyl are formulated phthalate-free.

### **Water usage**

- We ensure the water flowing out at the end of the manufacturing process is clean enough to drink
- Closed-loop cooling circuits installed in 2016 reduced our water consumption by more than 75%.

### **Use of Recyclable materials**

- The roll cores of FR free product range are made from recycled cardboard

### **Reduction of land fill / Use of Compostable materials**

- Our dedicated second-quality team redirects material to other markets and applications so that it is kept out of landfill sites.
- The ink room's new coater operates more efficiently than previous equipment, reducing waste disposal by 20 percent.



# EvoHide™



# Innovation

## EvoHide™

Our EvoHide™ Product embraces a renewed commitment to understanding and addressing customers' sustainability-driven innovation needs. Our strategy involved engaging in a rigorous and structured process with strategic customers and end users across the globe, aimed at gaining profound insights into their requirements. This approach was pivotal in fortifying our innovation platforms, directly dedicated to tackling sustainability challenges within our industries and markets.

Recognizing the urgency of addressing crucial issues such as connectivity and digital solutions, climate change, access to clean water and healthcare, resource efficiency, and sustainable production, EvoHide™ Product prioritized these concerns.

EvoHide™ is taking concrete actions to bolster critical science-based competencies. This includes enhancing our proficiency in lifecycle assessment (LCA), circular design, and green chemistry. We are further integrating sustainability into our enterprise and business innovation strategies, fostering a holistic approach.



# Certifications



# Sustainability

## Facts Certification

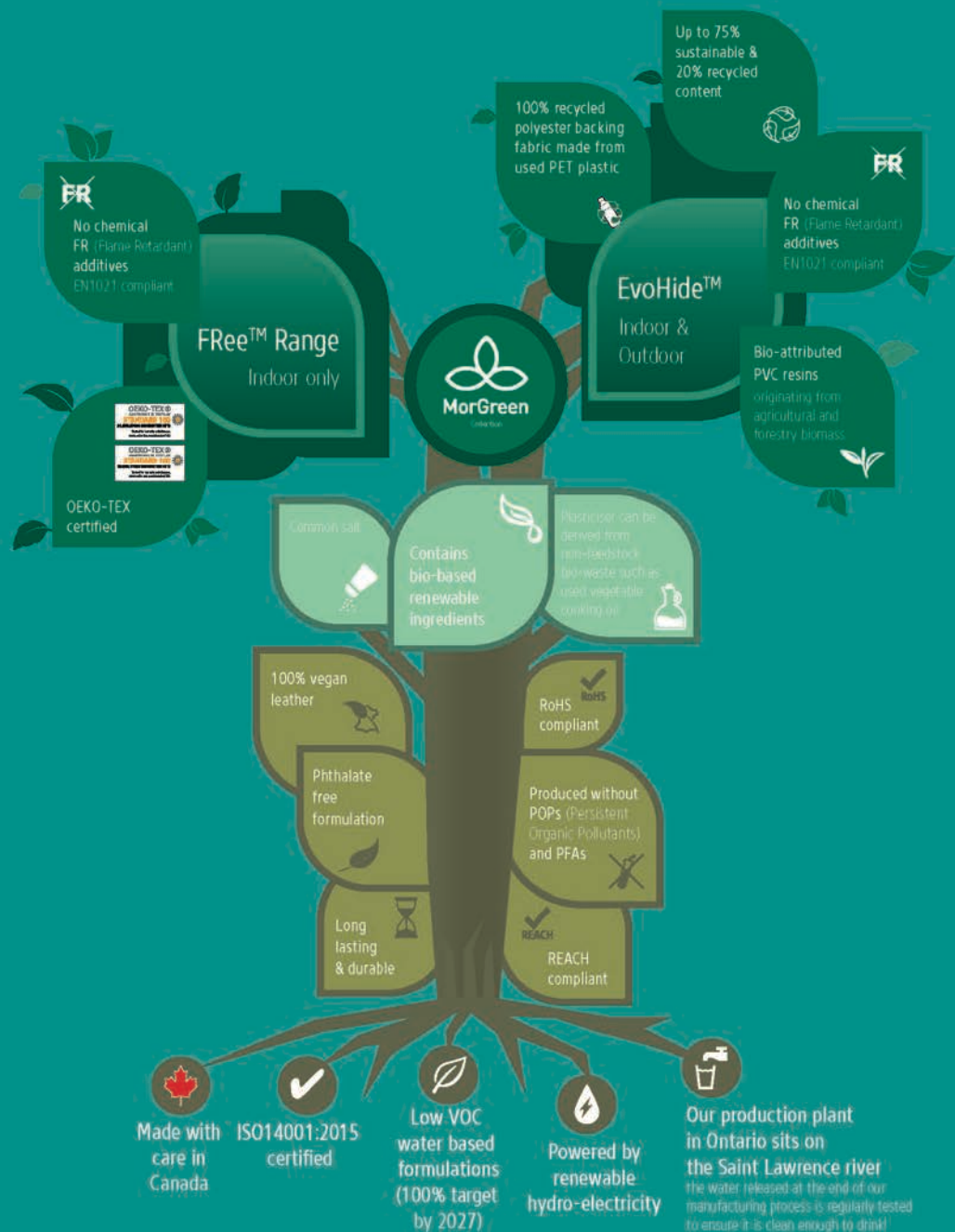
NSF/ANSI 336, or Facts® is an ANSI (American National Standards Institute) standard that assesses the level of the sustainability of commercial furnishings fabrics developed by NSF International in collaboration with ACT (The Association for Contract Textiles) and is modeled after other multi-attribute sustainability standards such as BIFMA's (Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association) Level certification. Facts is a voluntary set of guidelines and assesses a range of environmental issues specific to textile manufacturing practices including fiber sourcing, safety of materials, water conservation and water quality, energy, recycling practices, air quality in manufacturing, and social accountability.





# Environmental Product Declarations

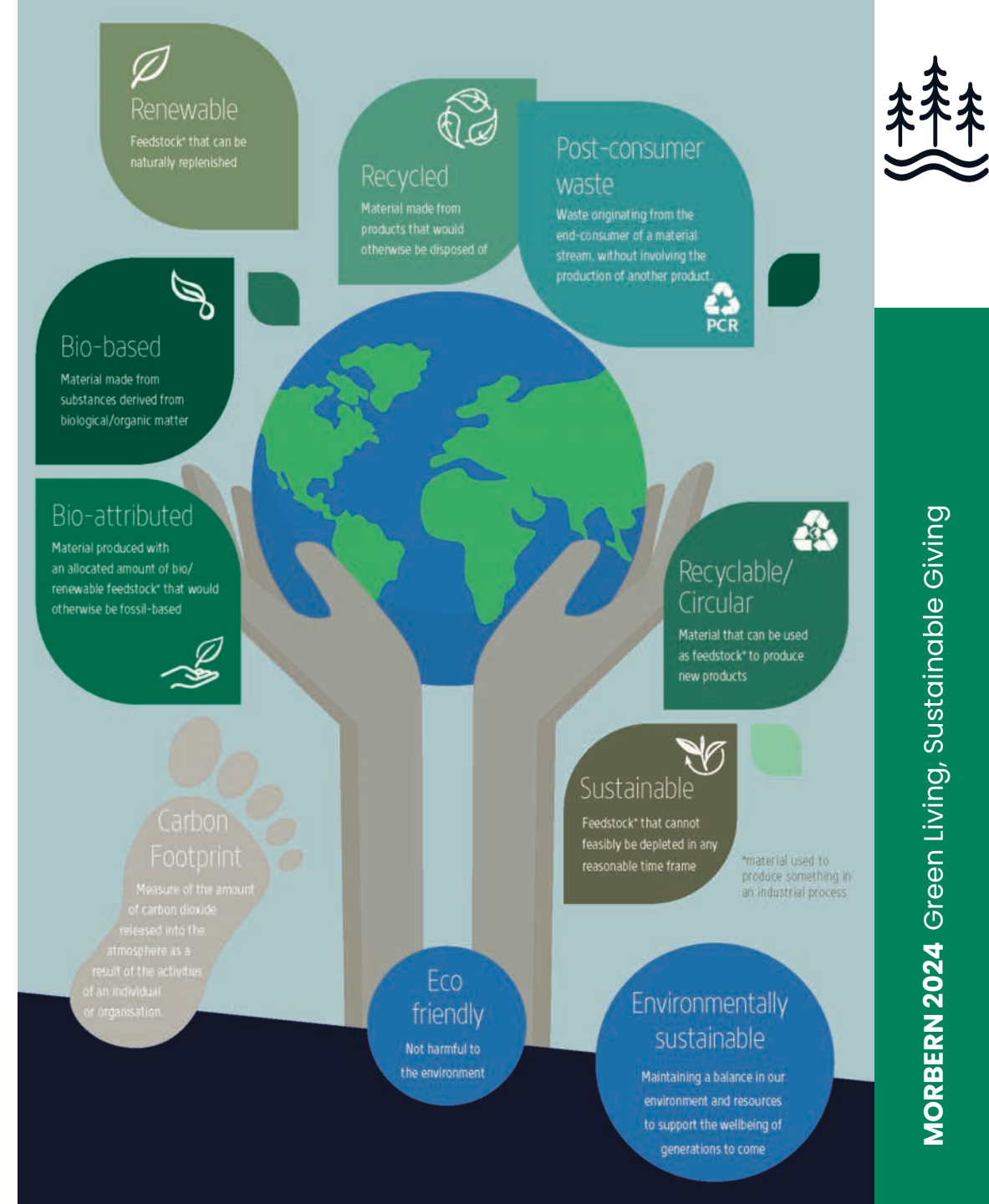
Due to the complexities of the textile supply chain, Morbern's commitment to fact-based information, and the value Morbern places on independent third-party certification and verification, Health Product Declarations (HPD's) and Environmental Product Declarations (EPD's) are not viewed as a realistic and viable means of reporting product componentry. Morbern fully supports material transparency but places the highest value on product componentry that has been independently verified by third-party certifying bodies and is reassessed on a reoccurring basis to ensure material consistency.



# Oeko-Tex® Certifications

Oeko-Tex® is a European toxicity test that evaluates textiles for the presence of a broad array of harmful substances that may cause potential health impacts through direct skin contact. Four classes of certification are granted to textiles that meet or fall below specified limits for a broad array of chemicals.

- Class I textiles are the least harmful and are approved for children up to two years old under any exposure condition.
- Class II textiles are approved for textile applications in which adult skin is exposed to large surface areas of the textile.



# Contributions



The River Institute, a non-profit science and discovery center with a primary mission centered on research, education, and community outreach concerning the St. Lawrence River, is situated on the campus of St. Lawrence College in Cornwall. Since its inception in 2003, this 4,500-square-foot facility has provided essential resources such as offices, laboratories, and a boardroom, along with a 2,000-square-foot outdoor shelter that serves as a versatile space for outdoor classes, field operations, and communal gatherings. Morbern, a valued partner, has played a crucial role in supporting the River Institute's mission. Through Morbern's contributions, the Institute has been able to make significant strides in its scientific endeavors, enhancing its impact not only locally but also on a national and international scale. Together, their collaborative efforts have deepened our understanding of large river ecosystems and their intricate components, contributing to the greater body of knowledge in this field.



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