



## International gold medal for Girsberger in the 2019 EcoVadis ratings for corporate social responsibility

### Key information:

**Girsberger has received the 2019 international gold medal from rating organization EcoVadis for corporate responsibility, scoring 65 out of 100 possible points.**

**The Girsberger company group therefore sits in the top 5% for its overall score in corporate social responsibility (CSR), in the top 4% for environment, and in the top 3% with regard to sustainable sourcing out of all of the global companies in the furniture-producing sector certified by EcoVadis.**

Bützberg, 17.09.2019 – Corporate responsibility – now generally referred to as corporate social responsibility (CSR) – stands for social and environmentally responsible actions by companies based on the principle of sustainable and future-oriented business. This includes a wide range of measures and management systems as well as their effects on the environment, adherence to labour and human rights, ethics and the practice of sustainable sourcing.

In July 2019, Girsberger was awarded a gold medal by rating organization EcoVadis, scoring 65 out of a possible 100 points overall. (A total score of between 62 and 100 points is required for this top award). Girsberger therefore sits in the top 5% for its overall score, in the top 4% for environment, and in the top 3% with regard to sustainable sourcing out of all of the global companies in the furniture-producing sector certified by EcoVadis.

EcoVadis provides companies with comprehensive corporate responsibility ratings through a global, cloud-based SaaS platform. The evidence-based ratings are translated into easy-to-read scorecards with point scores from zero to one hundred (0-100) and medals (bronze, silver and gold). Furthermore, the scorecards highlight strengths and areas for improvement, which the companies assessed can use to focus their sustainability efforts more effectively and create corrective action plans to improve their CSR rating. The company under assessment can also see how they compare to the rest of the industry.

The management at Girsberger considers the result very pleasing and a useful and targeted stimulus for highlighting certain areas in more detail and continuing to improve. For Girsberger, the award represents another special milestone in sustainability management.

Procurement departments in companies can easily incorporate the EcoVadis scorecards into their daily business practices and choose their suppliers – such as Girsberger – according to their sustainability practices. This creates positive incentives for companies to improve their corporate responsibility in all particular aspects and to make it transparent.

EcoVadis has already assessed over 45,000 business partners around the world. This has made a positive contribution to the environment, promoted trust and transparency, and boosted innovation.

### **About Girsberger:**

The Swiss company group was established in 1889 as a woodworking shop and soon made its name as a manufacturer of seating furniture. Today, it focuses on providing high-quality and innovative furniture solutions for offices, public spaces and homes and has particular expertise in processing solid wood. Its own production sites combine a variety of different manufacturing disciplines, thus providing a high degree of production versatility and allowing the strategic move into Customized Furniture and Remanufacturing. From Koblenz, close to the border with Germany, the wood trade unit supplies furniture manufacturers and carpentry businesses with top-quality solid wood. Today, the international company group is managed by Michael Girsberger, who is the great-grandson of the company's founder. Outside Switzerland Girsberger has sales companies in Germany, France, the Benelux countries, Austria and Turkey; the company's headquarters are in Bützberg, near Berne. Production locations are situated in Bützberg (Switzerland), Endingen (Germany), Kraljevci (Serbia) and Silivri (Turkey).

For more detailed information about the company visit [www.girsberger.com](http://www.girsberger.com).

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