

## Luxury Goods International attains the highest level (Platinum) of LEED certification

Kering announces today that *Luxury Goods International* (LGI), the Swiss-based company that manages the distribution and logistics platform for most of Kering's luxury brands (Gucci, Bottega Veneta, Saint Laurent, Balenciaga, Alexander McQueen, McQ, Stella McCartney and Brioni), has gained *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design* (LEED) certification for its centre in Sant'Antonino, Canton Ticino. The building therefore conforms to the environmental criteria set by the *U.S. Green Building Council* (USGBC).

According to [www.leedonline.com](http://www.leedonline.com), Sant'Antonino is the first distribution hub in the luxury sector to attain the highest certification level, *Platinum*, thus confirming its importance as a centre of innovation and sustainable excellence.

LEED promotes a sustainability-led approach, recognising the performance of buildings in key areas such as energy and water-saving, reducing CO2 emissions, improving the environmental friendliness of the interiors, choosing materials and resources, selecting and planning the site, and innovative design. Devised by the *U.S. Green Building Council* (USGBC), the system assigns 'credits' for each requirement.

For example, compared to a standard building in the same place under equivalent climatic conditions, the Sant'Antonino building will bring savings of around 43% on energy consumption, of 56% of potable water and 70% of the total consumption of water. Moreover, LGI has completely cleaned up the site and safeguarded the underlying aquifers.

In addition, on the roof will be installed a photovoltaic system that will generate about 1'400 MWh of solar energy each year, realised by Azienda Elettrica Ticinese (AET) and co-funded with Aziende Municipalizzate di Bellinzona (AMB). Part of this electricity will be consumed on site by LGI, while the remaining part will be fed into the grid thanks to the support of AMB.

*"We are very proud to have obtained LEED certification, to add to LGI's existing certificates gained in 2009 for social responsibility (SA 8000) and in 2014 for health and safety (OHSAS 18001) and the environment (ISO 14001). This project further underlines LGI's commitment to continually improving our service offering hallmarked by eco-sustainable excellence, for the benefit of all the business's stakeholders, from our staff to our suppliers and the local community,"* said Michele Buttazoni, Group Integrated Logistics Director & LGI Managing Director.

*"LEED certification of our subsidiary LGI is a great accomplishment, and contributes to the global commitment and work that our brands are doing on a daily basis to reach our Kering sustainability targets."* commented Marie-Claire Daveu, Chief Sustainability Officer and Head of International Institutional Affairs, Kering.



#### **LGI**

*LGI, part of Kering Group, present in Canton Ticino since 1996, has been operating as a worldwide logistic platform and distribution centre for most of Kering luxury brands (Gucci, Bottega Veneta, Saint Laurent Paris, Balenciaga, Alexander McQueen, McQ, Stella McCartney and Brioni) through its offices in Cadempino, Bioggio and Sant'Antonino.*

#### **Kering**

*A world leader in apparel and accessories, Kering develops an ensemble of powerful Luxury and Sport & Lifestyle brands: Gucci, Bottega Veneta, Saint Laurent, Alexander McQueen, Balenciaga, Brioni, Christopher Kane, McQ, Stella McCartney, Tomas Maier, Sergio Rossi, Boucheron, Dodo, Girard-Perregaux, JeanRichard, Pomellato, Qeelin, Puma, Volcom, Cobra, Electric and Tretorn. By 'empowering imagination' in the fullest sense, Kering encourages its brands to reach their potential, in the most sustainable manner.*

*Present in more than 120 countries, the Group generated revenues of €9.7 billion in 2012 and had 33,000 employees at year end. The Kering (previously PPR) share is listed on Euronext Paris (FR 0000121485, KER.PA, KER.FP).*

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