

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING POLICY

OUR COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

The Versò boutique hotel and the Kóz bistro are committed to a responsible sourcing policy for goods and services that have, at their core, the protection of the environment and the well-being of the local community.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Whenever possible, the Versò boutique hotel and the Kóz bistro commit to opting for suppliers or products that fall under the following categories:

- Reusable or refillable products;
- Recyclable or compostable products;
- Reconditioned products (furniture, electronic devices, household appliances);
- Bulk or large-format products;
- Local suppliers (from Quebec and Canada);
- Suppliers who use the minimum amount of packaging for their products;
- Suppliers who comply with the Environmental Quality Act and who have put in place protocols to reduce their environmental footprint.

Suppliers and products displaying the following environmental certifications will also be given preference:

- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC);
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®);
- Environmental standards such as ISO 14001 or ISO 9001;
- Certifications for eco-friendly cleaning products (ÉCOLOGO, Ecocert, Green Seal);
- Other certifications related to sustainable development (B-Corp, On s'engage en développement durable (OSED), ICI on recycle +, Programme Écoresponsable, etc.)

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Formalize guidelines for procurement practices;
- Choose goods and services sourced locally or elsewhere within Quebec;
- Increase the use of eco-friendly products.

Objective 1: formalize guidelines for procurement practices

The Versò boutique hotel and the Kóz bistro are committed to a review of this formal policy which outlines guidelines for responsible sourcing in all the group's establishments, every 3 years.

Objective 2: choose goods and services sourced locally or elsewhere within Quebec

The Versò boutique hotel and the Kóz bistro pledge to:

- Increase the amount of local (from within 100km) and organic food products;

- Acquire certifications for sustainable development such as La Clé Verte;
- Source furnishings and supplies manufactured in Quebec;
- In the restaurant and hotel: create menus showcasing products from Quebec and, in particular, from the Eastern Townships.

Objective 3: increase the use of eco-friendly products

The Versö boutique hotel and the Kóz bistro are committed to:

- Offering vegetarian and vegan options on their menus;
- Prioritizing the use of certified eco-responsible cleaning products;
- In the restaurant and hotel: choosing eco-friendly alternatives to specific food products.

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION

The management of the Versö boutique hotel and the Kóz bistro are responsible for the content, adoption, and implementation of this policy. They are also responsible for communicating how this policy should be applied to stakeholders (staff, customers, etc.)

We, the undersigned—Geneviève Filion, Caroline Gingras and Noémie Casavant—pledge that the Versö boutique-hotel and the Kóz bistro will apply the responsible sourcing policy in all areas of their establishments.

The policy, which comes into force when adopted by management, is subject to periodic updates.

