

Challenges:



Sustainability within the furniture industry is challenging, growing, and changing. The elements BOF increasingly focus on are green design, green procurement, green transportation, and installation. They

are constantly trying to reduce environmental impact and have set a series of sustainable goals to act on. Product design and sourcing is a vital challenge – they focus on products that are built to last, that can be re-used, upcycled, and recycled to be more sustainable and reduce waste. Local sourcing and short supply chains are a high priority and always have been. BOF have seen that procuring locally has greatly reduced energy usage and carbon emissions. Recyclable and recycled packaging are also key on their agenda. For BOF, awareness towards innovative solutions focused on minimising waste is how they shape the Industry’s future - furniture can make a sustainable difference.

Impact:

Carbon neutrality: In tackling these challenges, BOF is deploying resources and sustainability tools specific to identifying and mitigating their carbon emissions. Identifying operational areas that manifest the highest carbon emissions and having the capability to effectively measure and monitor organisational carbon footprint has been critical to BOF initiating their roadmap to Carbon Neutrality.



Measuring carbon emissions: BOF uses the Sustainability Tool to calculate their Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions and to provide a good scientific data basis to work from and accurate metrics against which savings initiatives can be devised. There are also positive impacts across wider supply chain as they are now able to support their client base aspirations in them measuring and reporting their overall supply chain carbon emissions impact.

Implementing policies and procedures: BOF has utilised the free learning resources of the Supply Chain Sustainability School website, accessing numerous e-learning modules relevant to their industry and aspirations. They have also attended webinars (e.g. Measuring and Managing Carbon – Lunch ‘n’ Learn) – taking advantage of resources they believe will contribute to BOF developing and implementing policies and procedures that will deliver the carbon emissions savings they need, in a timely manner whilst

Fact box



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50

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Services

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About

With over three decades of industry understanding BOF can create inspiring environments for working and learning by designing and delivering effective workplace experiences. They are future focused and committed to protecting our planet. Working closely with their network of suppliers enables them to offer the highest quality, very latest design trends and most sustainable products.

enhancing BOF's sustainability credentials with their client base through science based carbon emissions analysis and reporting. BOF are at the early stages of developing an effective roadmap to Net Zero and having expert tools and advice at disposal to inform and guide next steps is vital to instilling confidence in the approach BOF are taking and validating sustainability gains made through implementation of related policies and procedures.

Sustainability initiatives: BOF found their Action Plan very useful; being under-pinned by expert analysis and tools it provides the required platform from which BOF can clearly see where sustainability initiatives can have the greatest impact. It allows BOF to interrogate specific operations, evaluate methods and provides resources required to initiate and implement appropriate operational changes.

Practical guidance: E-learning modules provide information and expertise relevant to what BOF is trying to achieve. The modules give practical guidance on the 'how' to effectively implement change as well as validating the company's approach by offering expert opinion and advice that can be practically applied via policies and processes. Referring to and exploiting the e-learning resources continues to help BOF develop a time-lined roadmap to Net Zero that is both realistic and achievable.

Value gained:

Access to resources on carbon: Supply Chain Sustainability School has proved pivotal in providing access to numerous relevant resources that help inform the company's overall strategy to achieve significant carbon efficiencies.

Knowledge and skills development: BOF's continued School membership has proven successful, providing knowledge, skills development and inspiration for the workplace and education for the furniture industry.

Best practice: The School has helped with a wide range of services that provide opportunity for the business to develop and excel including industry insight, best practices and training.

Networking opportunities: They see the future of the School adding significant value to BOF, with access to networking, sustainability events as well as expert advice. A key associated advantage of being a School member is the business advantages it affords BOF.

Enhanced reputation: All of BOF's framework and contract customers, many of whom are in the public sector, have increasingly stringent sustainability aspirations and targets to achieve and a synergised supply chain is critical to them realising these achievements – BOF's School membership and status (e.g. Gold) not only enhances the company's sustainable reputation but demonstrates a level of commitment to achieving sustainable goals commensurate with their own. This, coupled with the detailed reporting capability the School facilitates, makes a powerful business case for clients to look to BOF as an appropriate supply partner over the short, medium and long term.

Future proofing:

BOF would like to continue to grow with the Supply Chain Sustainability School and increase the School's awareness in the ever-expanding Industry. Together convey the importance of sustainable initiatives with a continued focus on education - communicating the benefit that can be gained from an eco-conscious furniture industry.