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# VF Outdoor Canada Inc.



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VF Outdoor (Canada), Inc., designs, manufactures, and markets branded apparel and related products. The company's commitment for an environmentally responsible facility drove them to team up with LEED Certified architects and designers, as well as developers with experience in other LEED projects.



VF Outdoor's new corporate headquarters is located in a single storey multi-tenant building in Ville Saint-Laurent, Quebec with easy access to public transportation. The 28,000 square feet space houses both closed and open offices, sales showrooms, an employee gym, kitchen, and warehouse space.



VF Outdoor (Canada) Inc. was designed to optimize energy, minimize water consumption, integrate a maximum of both regional and recycled content material, and provide an attractive and healthy environment for its employees. In addition, the project adopted various Green building practices both during construction and post-occupancy, including measurable ways to reduce waste, cleaning and maintenance guidelines, as well as educational programs.

## Design Approach/Strategy

### Health & Well Being

VF encourages cycling to work by providing secure bicycle storage, showers and change rooms located within its facility. In addition, a gym has been provided and a portion of the original planned parking area was converted to a green space for employee use.

### Water Efficiency

All standard plumbing equipment was upgraded to water efficient fixtures, resulting in a 41% reduction of potable water consumption, and contributing to Innovation credits.

### Lighting and equipment

To reduce overall energy consumption, daylight sensors, occupancy sensors, timers and energy efficient light fixtures were selected for all workspaces. Additional savings were made by using *EnergyStar* rated equipment (71%).

### Indoor Air Quality

With employee comfort and well-being at the forefront, upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system were made, including CO2 detection. Other measures taken include the use of low VOC paints and adhesives, as well as superior filtration media both during and after construction.

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### Materials & Resources

To reduce the demand on raw material, products with high recycled content (22%) were selected and/or from local suppliers (57%). During construction, 89% of waste was diverted from landfills. Thereafter, a strict recycling program was put in place. In addition, 90% of VF Outdoors' existing furniture was re-integrated in their new space.

### Operations

Multiple initiatives have been put in place including Green education and Green-housecleaning. Educational efforts include call-out signage in key locations throughout the facility, pamphlets for use when touring visitors as well as a partnership with the US head office's speaking series and intranet site.

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