



ALPINTER

Sustainability Report 2024

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Introduction



Introduction

Message from the CEO

Since Alpinter's creation in the 80s, we have witnessed significant shifts in the world and the humanitarian aid market. In 2024, the effects of climate change, and the increase in frequency and severity of crises, undoubtedly mark one of humanity's greatest challenges.

Alpinter leads innovation and acts with urgency. The holistic concept of considering social, environmental, and economic impacts has been at the core of Alpinter's operations for decades. Product development ambitions such as using recycled materials, closed loop manufacturing, and designing for second-life applications, along with development of industry wide shipping optimisations, list a few of Alpinter's most recent activities. This past year, Alpinter's efforts were celebrated with the Sustainability Initiative Award at AIDEX.

With profound enthusiasm, we are observing growing attention for sustainability in the business landscape. It is with this inspiration that we are sharing this report. A document that not only outlines Alpinter's past achievements but also provides a transparent view of our progress with ongoing initiatives. It is more than a mere fact and figure compilation; it reflects our commitment to self-regulation, fully acknowledging that this process is challenging, yet the most productive path toward sustainable growth.

Glenn Verborgh,
Founder and CEO of Alpinter

Introduction

About Alpinter



History

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History

Alpinter was born in the heart of Ronse, a city with a rich textile trade history.

Alpinter was founded

1988

ALPINTER

Rwanda: First international delivery

1994



Hurricane Mitch: First intervention in Latin America

1998



Aftermath of Balkan and Kosovo War: First intervention in a conflict region

1999



1989

Focus on shelter supplies for Belgian organisations



1998

Opening of bonded warehouse for relief items in Belgium



1999

First tent development: Yukatan tent

History

Tsunami: Supply of entire global stock and direct shipments from suppliers

2004



Pioneering production of Fleece Blankets in Pakistan

2009



NIZAM

2000

Start of partnership with H. Nizam Din and Sons



2007

First framework agreement with UNHCR for Jerrycans.



2012

Development of the Family Tent

History

Ebola crisis: HUB tent becomes the global standard for Multipurpose Tents

2013



Migrant crisis Europe: Alpinter partnered with most European NGO's

2015



Rohingya crisis: Large shipment of Tarpaulins and HUB Tents

2017



2014

Ebola crisis: Alpinter supplied tents to NGO's



2016

Creation of ANI (now called WOT Middle-East)

History

Tent development with UNICEF: High Performance Tent (XPERT)

2019



Creation of World of Tents group

2020



First supply of EMT-2 Field Hospital for the Belgian government

2021



2018

New HQ Office



2020

Covid-19: Supply of over 60,000 tents and large quantity of Hygiene Kits



2021

ISO 9001 certification



2022

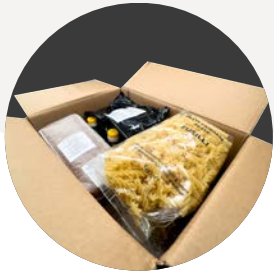
Ukraine war: Supply of over 2,000 trucks with relief items

History

Creation of Alpinter Bulgaria
2023



First supplies of Food Parcels
2023



2023
ISO 14001
certification



2023
Award at AIDEX:
'Sustainable Initiative
Of The Year' for
Recycled Blankets

With excitement we
look forward to 2024
and the positive impact
Alpinter can have

Locations

With its offices, warehouses, production and assembly sites, Alpinter is spread out across the globe.



Product Overview

Alpinter holds a diverse and ever-growing product portfolio to best serve situations of crisis and hardship.



Family Tents



Multipurpose Tents



Shelter Materials and Tools



Blankets and Bedding



Hygiene Kits



Jerrycans and Buckets



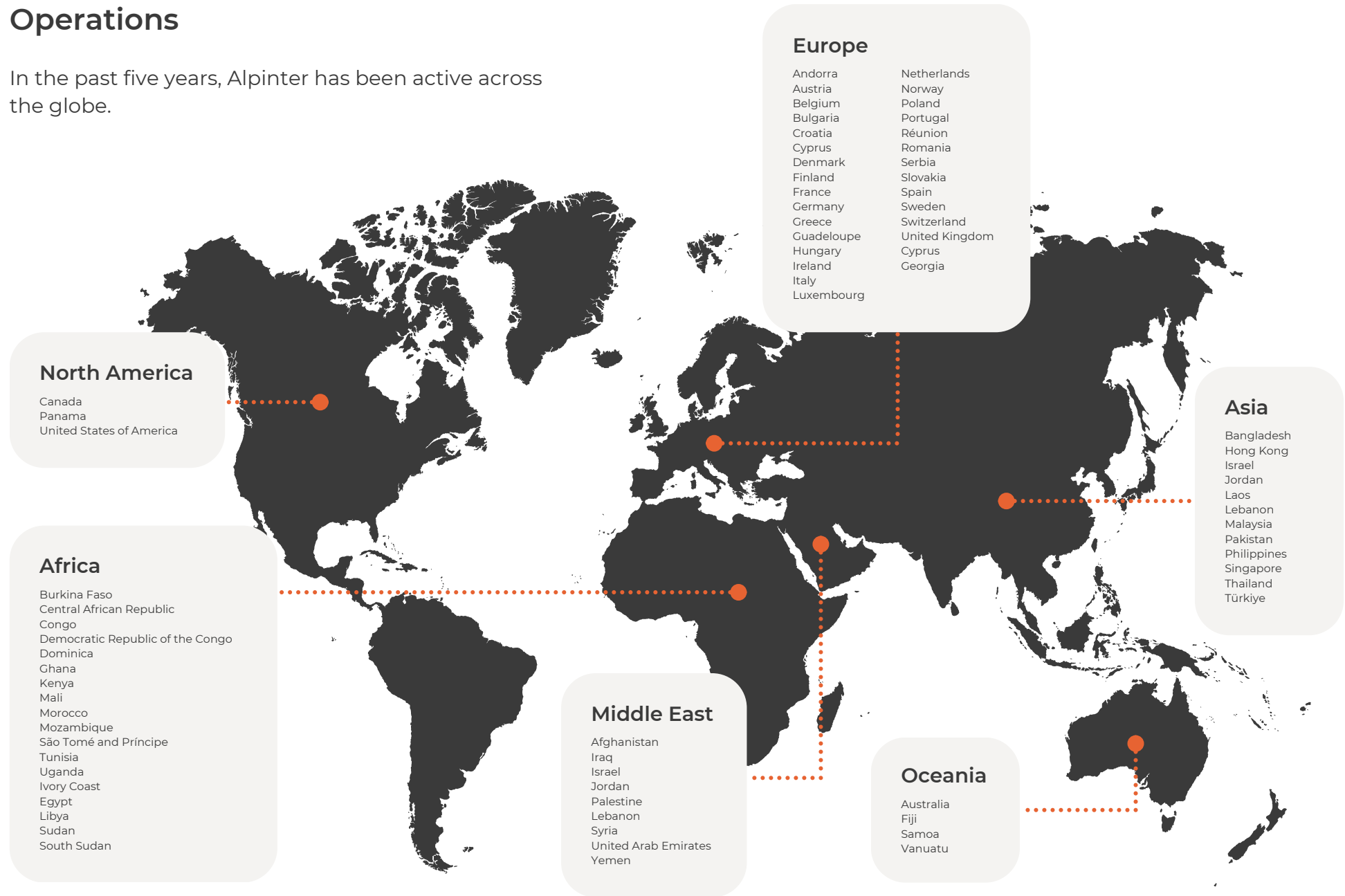
Cookware



Food Parcels

Operations

In the past five years, Alpinter has been active across the globe.



Operations

In the past five years, Alpinter has been able to distribute a variety of products.



176,099
Family Tents



25,806
Multipurpose
Tents



6,341,703
Shelter Materials
and Tools



6,071,913
Blankets and
Bedding



1,032,069
Hygiene Kits



2,048,729
Jerrycans and
Buckets



105,146
Cookware



57,804
Food Parcels

Introduction

Mission and Values

Alpinter was founded in 1988 with the mission to create efficient shelter and core relief solutions to support humanitarian crisis responses worldwide.



Introduction

Mission and Values

Being forward thinking and helping people when they are in most vulnerable situations are the two founding pillars of Alpinter. Activities are organised with four focus areas to help achieve the mission.



Deliver the most efficient shelter and relief solution



Guarantee the reliability of products and services



Research and develop product and service innovations



Offer immediate response readiness

Participation in Global Action

Participation in Global Action

UN Sustainable Development Goals

Alpinter has set itself ambitious sustainability initiatives and aligned these with the UN Sustainable Development Goals which embody a shared vision among suppliers and partners alike. Highlighted below are Alpinter specific SDGs.

Since January 2024, Alpinter is also part of the UN Global Compact.

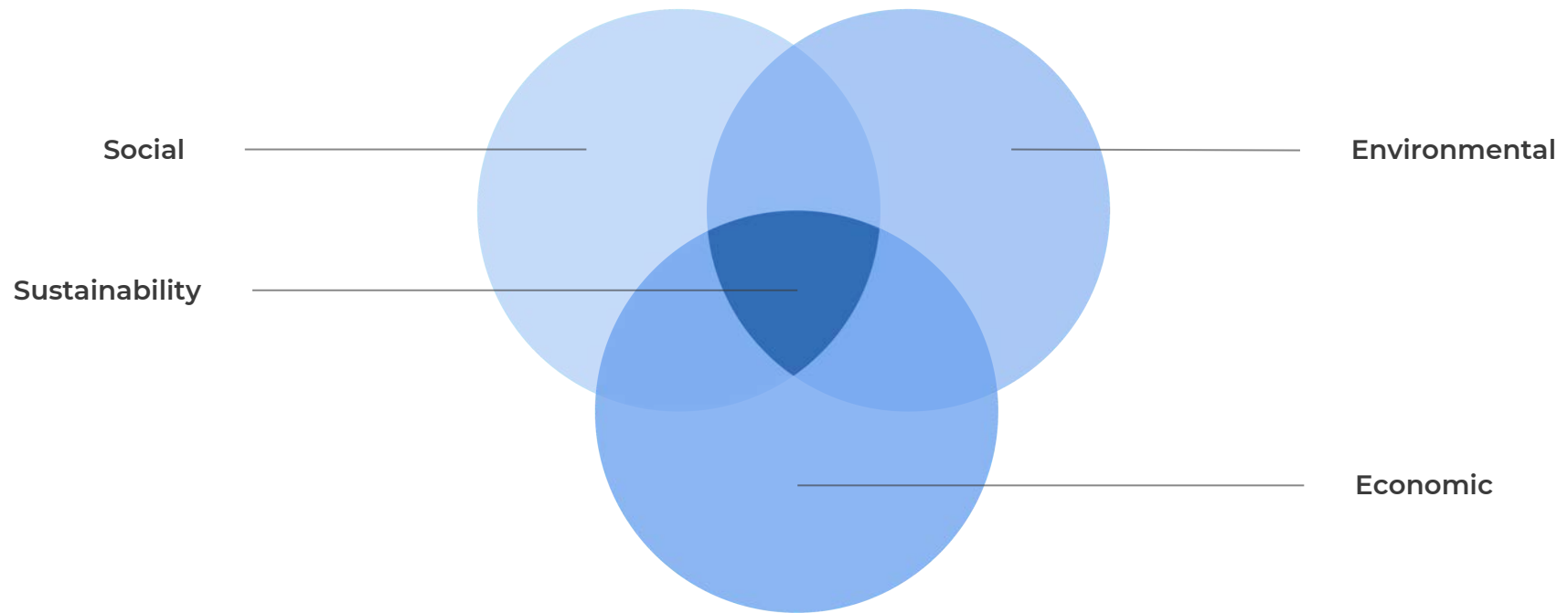


Sustainability Initiatives

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Scope

Alpinter views sustainability in its entirety with the ultimate goal of establishing a harmonious relationship between people and planet. As a company, the ability to impact sustaining life for coming generations is threefold; social, ecological, and financial.



Sustainability Initiatives

Social



Social Strategy

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Social Strategy

With a people-first approach, Alpinter invests in its human capital, building a resilient company that furthers social justice. When people and society are healthier, the planet is too and vice versa.



Diversity and Inclusion



Training and Development



Community Wellbeing



Ethics and Governance



Health and Safety

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Diversity and Inclusion

Gender Equality

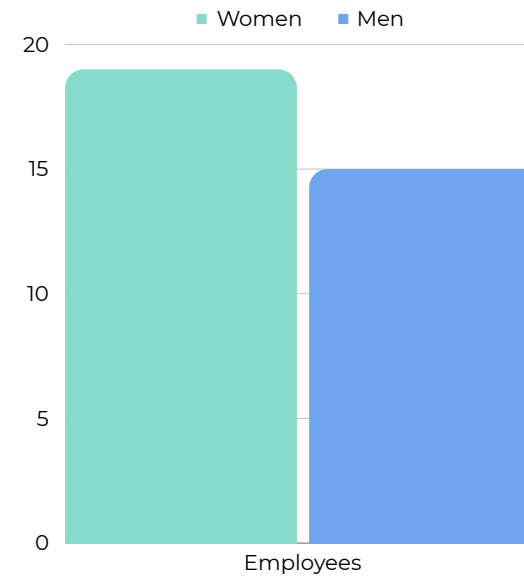
Looking back at 2023, World of Tents, of which Alpinter is part of, had a total of 34 employees. Gender distribution is relatively equal and the average age among employees is 37.

Equal Pay

Alpinter ensures equal pay by implementing a transparent compensation structure based on job responsibilities, skills, and experience, ensuring fairness and equity in the payment process. Alpinter's working regulations, containing the equal pay regulations, are available to all employees. If any changes are made these are reviewed and registered with the Directorate of General Control and Social Legislation in Belgium.

Fair and Equitable Hiring

The hiring process values skills objectively regardless of race, nationality, cultural background, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disabilities.



Social Goals



Training and Development

Through the collaboration with various training institutes (such as Cevora) and multiple High Schools and Universities in Belgium and abroad, Alpinter is able to offer its employees continuous learning opportunities. For external trainings, a Training Policy is available to all employees.



Social Goals



Community Wellbeing

Alpinter offers several initiatives that support the mental and physical health of employees.

As by law in Belgium, Alpinter has an external psychosocial advisor, to support employees when facing psychosocial risks.

To foster Alpinter’s tight knit community, regular team building events and get-togethers are offered, such as occasional parties, potlucks, and sports activities.

Supporting employees in their pursuit of healthy lifestyles, the HQ office receives fresh fruit and nut deliveries on a bi-weekly basis from a local supplier. The benefits of this partnership are threefold: Healthy snacks are available to all employees, Alpinter is able to support local independent businesses, and lastly these deliveries are zero waste.

Alpinter engages in opportunities to create stronger community connections and positively impact its surroundings. For example, in October 2023, the HQ office organised a community clean-up in its home-town Ronse.



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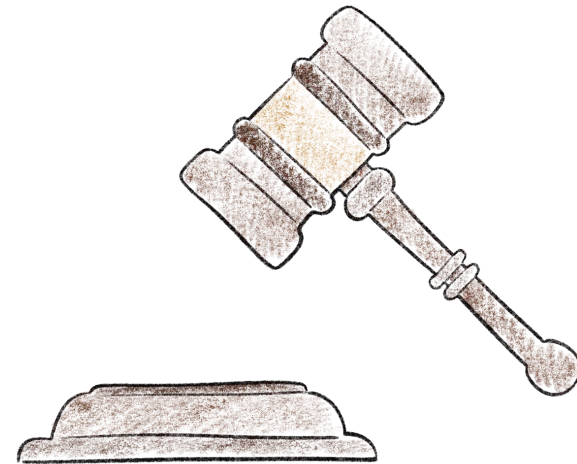
Ethics and Governance

Compliance with Belgian and EU Laws

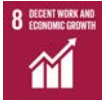
Being registered in Belgium, a member state of the EU, Alpinter exercises operations in accordance with national and international laws.

Ethics Policy

Alpinter has a detailed Ethics Policy to support a prosperous, inclusive, and respectful work environment. These guidelines are available to everyone at all times and are reviewed by Human Resources annually.



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Health and Safety

Emergency Training at HQ

To warrant appropriate and rapid response in emergencies, following the themes of prevention and protection, employees at Alpinter underwent several training courses in 2023. A first aid training was organised, and a first responder team was appointed. A fire prevention course was offered which was subsequently followed with the creation of a fire prevention team and a practice fire drill.

Company Practices

In Alpinter's HQ Laboratory, work with hazardous chemicals for test purposes is sometimes involved. For health and safety measures, these chemicals have been labelled accordingly and are stored in a designated space. Dangerous chemicals are recorded in the Chemical Log sheet.

With its suppliers, Alpinter conducts strict audits that assess the production, and (among other things) the health and safety of workers on site.



Sustainability Initiatives

Environmental



Environmental Strategy

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Environmental Strategy

Natural resources are finite and by embracing circular systems for long-term sustainability, Alpinter can support current and future generations. Recognising its role in driving positive individual and systemic change, Alpinter champions environmentally responsible practices across its various locations. Commitments extend to responsible resource consumption, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions where possible.



Alpinter Locations



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Packaging and Logistics

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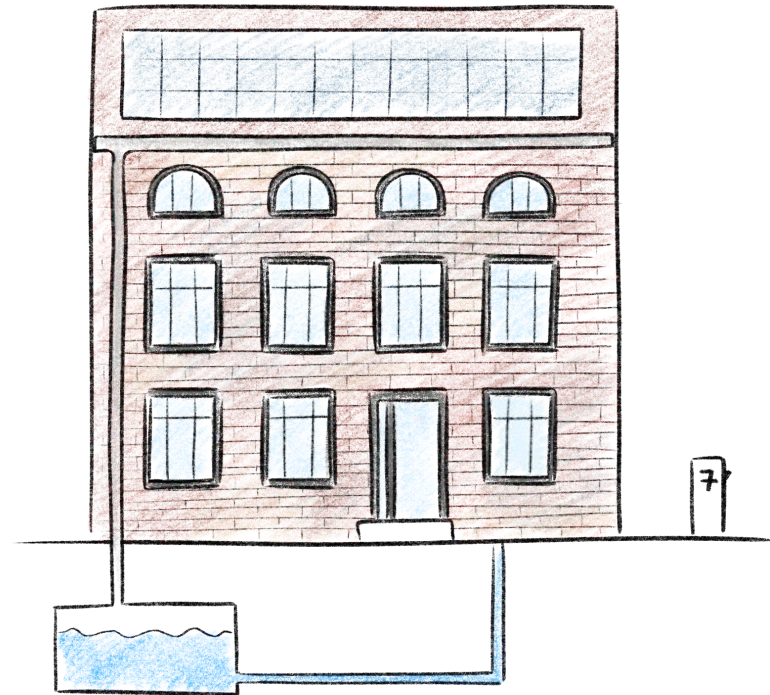


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Where Alpinter is physically situated, it aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and waste as much as possible. Initiatives include the physical building infrastructure, policies, education, and changes to individual behaviour.

Rainwater Collection

Water is an incredibly scarce resource. Though the water cycle is circular, demand is expected to rise, and therefore the amount of water available to everyone will be less. To forego freshwater use where it really isn't necessary, Alpinter collects rainwater at its HQ office (tank capacity of 12,000 Litres) and uses this to flush the office toilets.



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Low Emission Gas Heater

Heating can be a massive consumer of energy. When Alpinter’s HQ office was renovated, with the aim to preserve the existing heating infrastructure, a low emission gas heater was invested in as this presented itself as the most resource efficient and attainable option.

Smart Heating Regulation

To further push efficiency, Alpinter’s Facility department improved the monitoring of heating with remote controlled thermostats and automated timers. This way, temperature settings can be standardised according to date, time, and floor level.



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Alpinter Locations

Solar Panels

In the past year, Alpinter set itself the goal to install solar panels on the HQ office roof. Before the solar panels, office electricity was sourced from the grid. In Belgium, this is a mix of nuclear, gas, wind, and solar energy. Yet, with the solar panels, up to 50% of the HQ offices' energy consumption is self-sufficient and entirely renewable.

The energy that is not consumed on site can be fed back into the city grid.

Future endeavours concern placing solar panels on the warehouses.



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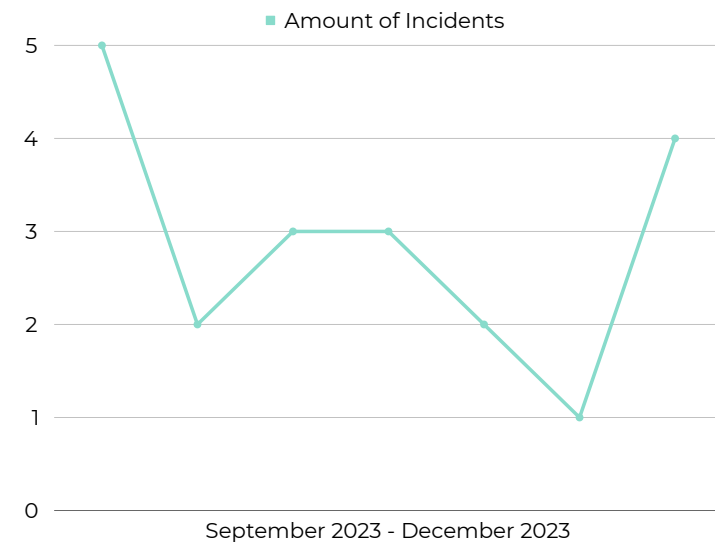
Waste Management

SEPARATE WASTE

In congruity with the ISO 14001 certification, Alpinter has expanded its waste management on site. In addition to general and industrial waste containers, Alpinter has designated recycling bins for cardboard/paper, PMD (plastic packaging, metal packaging, and drink cartons), glass, wood, metal. Random checks are performed to test for incorrectly separated waste. Alpinter is pursuing the goal that not more than five incidents occur per quarter.

REDUCE WASTE

Per year, Alpinter aims to reduce its waste by 10% per employee. To achieve this, awareness sessions are held with the focus on eco-friendly behaviour. In an effort to reduce plastic and glass bottle waste, employees were given reusable water bottles and water fountains were installed near desk spaces.



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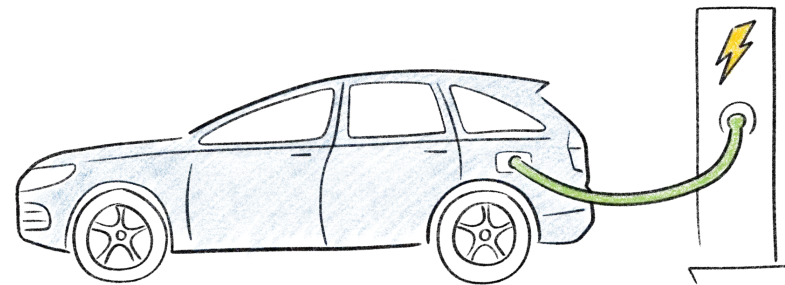
Electric Car Fleet

As the commuter culture in Belgium is strong and many employees work on site, Alpinter invested in making its car fleet 75% electric/hybrid. Though this represents a financial investment for Alpinter, it simultaneously is able to save a notable amount of emissions.

In numbers, with a petrol powered car, a daily commute from Ghent to Ronse and back in a mid-range car would produce 0.027 t of CO₂*. Over the course of a year, 6 tonnes of CO₂ emissions could be produced. By comparison, according to the International Energy Agency, the “global average energy-related carbon footprint is around 4.7 tonnes of CO₂ per person”. With an electric car, and a renewable energy source, no emissions are produced with the same commute distance.

Electric Car Infrastructure

To support the growing electric car fleet, the Facility department is busy to increase the number of loading docks and link this with the solar panels. Alpinter currently has 7 loading docks, sufficient for 14 cars, and plans to increase this number according to demand. With a higher power connection (solar panels), more electric cars can be charged at once.



*Calculations according to myclimate.org

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Sustainable Commute Allowance

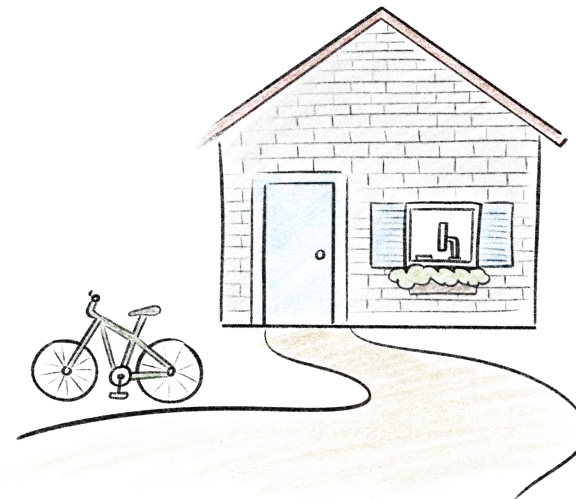
Alpinter subsidises bicycle and public transport expenses at a rate that is more than legally necessary to incentivise sustainable commutes.

Travel Policy

Alpinter’s Travel Policy is available to all employees, outlining that emissions, costs, and the number of individual trips are reduced where possible when business travels are being planned. Suggestions in the policy include: exploring alternative communication methods, considering train or car pooling options, and rationalising trips to help consolidate travel plans. The document is reviewed annually by Human Resources or as necessary.

Remote Working

To reduce commutes and give employees more flexibility, individuals are free to take up to one day of home office per week, as operations and responsibilities permit.



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Digital Workflow

Communication is a core skill and activity with Alpinter’s daily operations. To push the paperless policy and transition to digital workflows, offices are equipped with e.g. programs and presentation screens, making digital files readily available for viewing, editing, and sharing.

Though the upfront investment with digital workflow infrastructure may be higher, in the long-run Alpinter avoids running single-use resource investments. For example, by consuming less paper and printer ink, the impact that the production, supply chain, and product end of life can have is lessened. Additionally, E-waste is avoided through reselling schemes.

With the newly installed solar panels, some of the electricity needed to power digital workflows can come directly from a renewable on-site source.



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Design and Production

At the core, Alpinter is a developer and distributor of humanitarian aid products. How products are designed not only has a measurable impact on the company's carbon footprint but it can also inspire market reforms. To reference the findings of the Ellen Macarthur Foundation, “80% of a product's environmental impact is influenced in the design stage”. For this reason, Alpinter carefully considers material selection, production processes, and values a design with its entire lifecycle accounted for, all with the aim of circular product design and a circular economy.

Project Management

At Alpinter, a project sheet is filled out with every new development. Since 2022, consideration for sustainability is a set field that needs to be filled in. In addition to this, Alpinter aims to produce one project a year that is purely centred on sustainability. The Recycled Blankets were focused on for this past year. Alpinter aims to increase the sustainable project target in the coming years.



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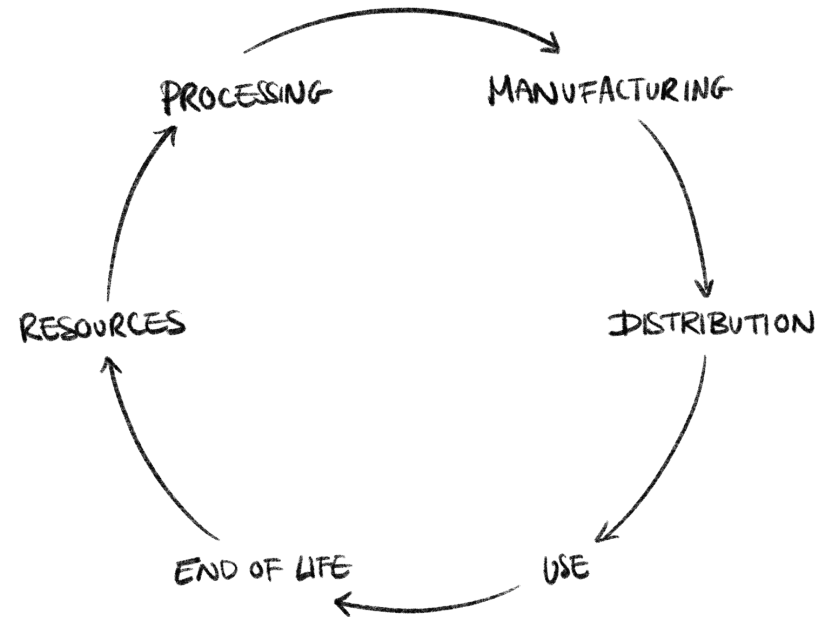
Design and Production

Prototype Production With Leftover Materials

When new products are first prototyped in the Product Development department, Alpinter consistently uses leftover materials from the sample library to reduce the purchasing and consumption of new resources.

Critical Thinking

Calculating the actual impact of a product's production is an elaborate mathematical simulation. The more volume, weight, and complexity a product has, the greater the impact in all stages of its life cycle. Current research concerns Alpinter's Hygiene Kits. Liquid detergent, shampoo, and soap have large percentages of water. This adds size, weight, and resources. The solid or concentrated alternatives offer the same performance but are much more efficient to package and transport which minimises the ecological footprint. Though solid or concentrated soap is not strictly a 'new' technological innovation, the standard in the humanitarian market is presently traditional liquid. It requires close cooperation with partners to meet market criteria, conduct adequate tests, and confirm changes to innovate on existing standards.



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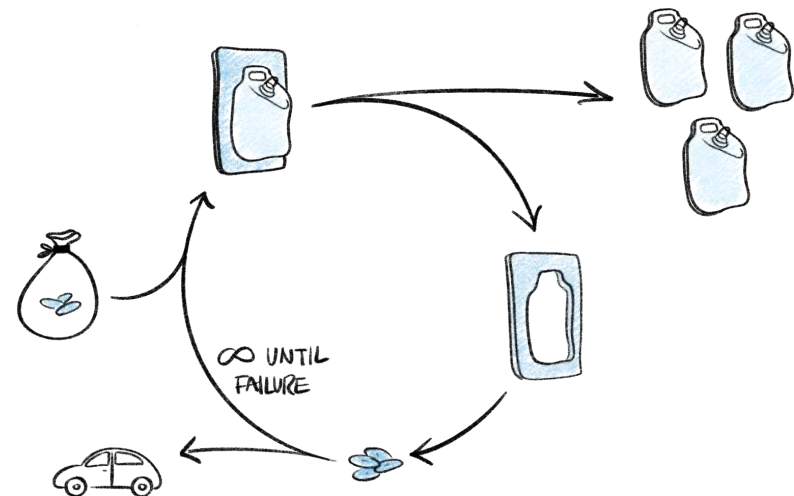
Circular Manufacturing

Jerrycans are a frequently deployed core relief item used to transport and store water in emergency situations. Alpinter Jerrycans feature a number of innovations to make their manufacture, distribution and use more sustainable.

Firstly, with a collapsible design more Jerrycans can be transported in a smaller amount of space, maximising the shipping efficiency and minimising transport CO2 emissions.

Secondly, the manufacturing process is closed loop. Production waste is fed back into the system as material input, which means that the Jerrycans produced in Alpinter’s facility on average consist of 35% pre-consumer recycled content by weight. The remaining material that cannot be used in manufacturing (approximately 3.5%) is on-sold to a neighbouring manufacturer for use in making car components, making the Alpinter production facility a zero manufacturing waste site.

In 2024 Alpinter introduced food grade, post consumer recycled (PCR) High-density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Polypropylene (PP) as the material for the neck and cap respectively. This increased the proportion of recycled content in Alpinter’s Jerrycans up to 48%. Research for including food grade recycled plastics into the Low-density Polyethylene (LDPE) body is ongoing.



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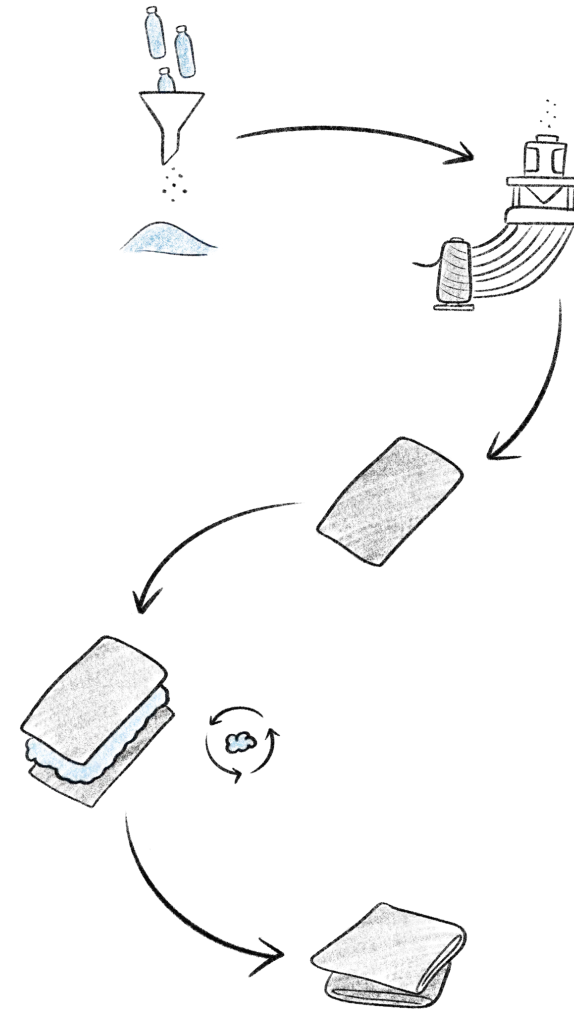
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Recycled Materials

Switching from virgin raw materials to recycled can have a sizeable impact on the ecological footprint of a product.

UNHCR previously announced that, as of 2024, only recycled blankets will be purchased as opposed to their virgin material predecessors. To meet this new requirement, Alpinter switched to a GRS certified yarn (made of either post-industrial or post-consumer recycled material) to make its Low, Medium, and High Thermal Blankets. The polyfill for the High Thermal Blankets is additionally made of a recycled material.

Despite these material changes, Alpinter has been able to preserve the same product performance.



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Design and Production

Designing For A Second Life

Products for the humanitarian market are designed and tested rigorously as they need to be unforgivingly durable and reliable, performing consistently over long periods of time. Core relief items need to meet high criteria because they can not fail.

However, natural material degradation and the associated product performance will occur over time. Even though a good may not be sufficient for its initial purpose anymore, it can be reused in another function. It can be given a second life.

In the design stage, a second life can be supported by choosing certain materials or making certain design choices that enable flexibility in giving the product a new function.

Creating second life options for more of Alpinter's products is an ongoing endeavour.

RECYCLED BLANKETS

Alpinter's Recycled Blankets offer themselves well for a second life because of how 'simple' and thus versatile they are by design.

In cooperation with NED University, the Textile Institute of Pakistan, design research was conducted to explore second life applications of the Blankets. Ideas ranged from insulating clothing, shoe insoles, slippers and hats, to baby carriers. In addition to this, Alpinter is also presently investigating using the Blankets as insulation in wall cavities as a second life application. For this, research is being continued on shredding and sealing techniques.



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Design and Production

WOOD TENT BOXES

The wooden boxes Alpinter’s tents are packaged in have been designed with primary function and secondary versatility in mind.

In the field, the boxes are seen being reused as benches, shelves, and sleeping cots.

PLASTIC SHEETING

Alpinter’s plastic sheeting is designed to last and outperform technical requirements. In cases where it can no longer perform as tent wall or roof sections long term, the sheeting itself still has a high quality to be reused for e.g. short term emergency shelters, fences, latrines, floor covers or fumigation sheets.



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Design and Production

Monitor Product Lifespan

To guide research and development, Alpinter regularly asks for feedback from partners, and organises field visits to assess product performance in real time and under real conditions.

In the beginning of 2023, a team visited a deployed Alpinter Field Hospital in Türkiye to assess what is working well and where future improvements could be made.

Feedback is shared between the Quality and the Product Development departments. Any complaint files received, related to sustainability, are analysed and findings are quickly acted upon. Over the course of 2023, Alpinter set itself the limit of maximum five complaints. Only two complaints were filed and these were subsequently resolved.

A field assessment on the High Performance Tents is planned for 2024 to analyse product performance while optimising sustainability.



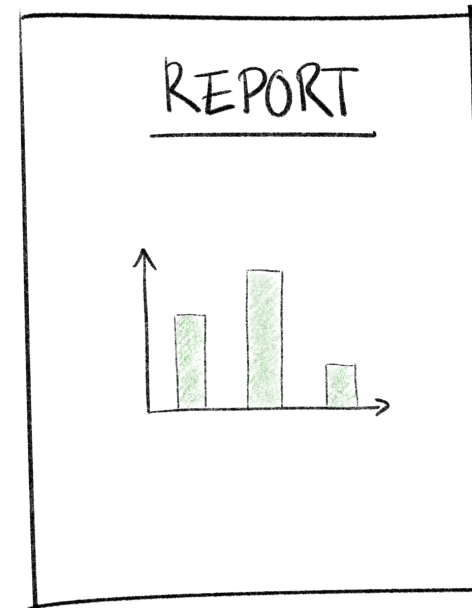
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Design and Production

Life Cycle Assessments

To further inform the design process and showcase sustainability-driven measures, Alpinter aims to create Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) for all core items. Presently, an LCA has been calculated for the Recycled Blankets and an LCA analysis for the Tarpaulins is underway.

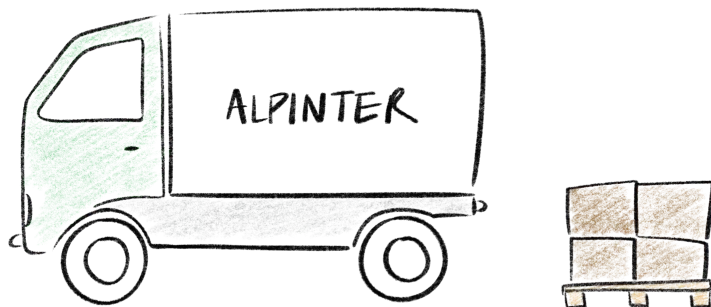


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Packaging and Logistics

By nature of the humanitarian market, logistics are an integral component of Alpinter’s operations. Transporting any good (with additional packaging) over large distances will negatively impact the carbon footprint of a product, and though this cannot realistically be nulled, Alpinter prioritises efficiency and arranges stock strategically to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Packaging

REDUCE MATERIALS

Removing superfluous packaging is an elementary method of improving a product's ecological footprint. To ensure further product viability, Alpinter tests whether changing or removing the packaging impacts the protection of the good. For example, with the Jerrycans, ingress of dust or other contaminants into the boxes was first tested for, to later confirm no additional single-use plastic bags are necessary and that these can be safely removed.

With other tests, Alpinter was able to determine that the single-use plastic bags on the Kitchen Sets do not provide added value in protecting the product, and they were subsequently removed. However, such ventures do not always result in the complete removal of packaging. With the Shelter Tool Kits, experiments showed that the LDPE packaging was necessary for rust protection, especially in humid environments. The packaging was therefore not removed.

Current tests are ongoing for the Hygiene Kits.

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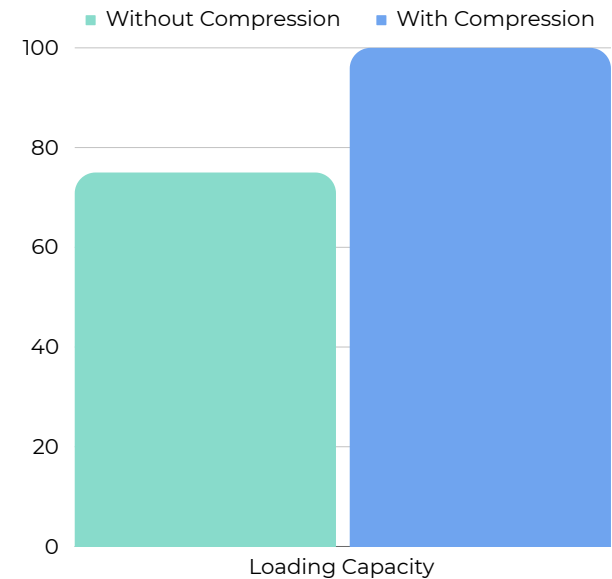
REUSE MATERIALS

Production offcuts of PE material for the Blue Geodesic Family Tent and the Red Family Tent are repurposed to fabricate the bales in which the tents are packaged. The same thinking has been applied to the Tent Accessories bags - fabric cut-offs are used to create the packaging. This avoids using new material input streams to create packaging and reduces unnecessary production waste.

EFFICIENT PACKING

With efficient packing, loading rates are increased. This means the per item emissions caused through transportation decrease overall.

For the High Thermal Blankets, Alpinter researched improving packing compression. Findings demonstrated that the number of Blankets per bale could be increased from twelve to fifteen pieces. This represents a 25% loading increase. Working transparently with partners, the proposal for this new packaging was accepted and is now routine practice.



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Packaging and Logistics

Pallet Optimisation

CRI PALLET

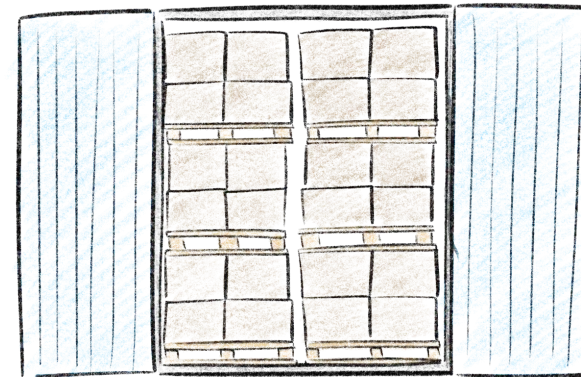
Logistics is a large component of Alpinter’s daily operations. Many shipments are performed with sea cargo. Items are loaded onto pallets, these are stacked in standard shipping containers, and then loaded onto cargo ships. Maximising the amount of items per pallet, and the amount of pallets per container can reduce empty volume when shipping.

With sea cargo, 20” and 40” shipping containers are standard. The Euro-pallet (conventional universal shipping pallet) has a dimension of 80cm x 120cm which does not allow the interior space of a shipping container to be used to its maximum potential. Alpinter developed the Core Relief Item (CRI) pallet, designed to optimise container loading rates. The CRI pallet is 75cm x 117cm which can increase container loading rates by up to 25%.

Alpinter is proud to see that CRI pallets have been accepted by major international humanitarian organisations. Increasing shipping efficiency is critical in minimising the carbon footprint of transporting relief items.

METAL STACKABLE PALLET

For heavy and bulky items, such as Family Tents, Winterisation Kits, and Shelter Tool Kits, Alpinter developed the Metal Stackable (MS) pallet. This pallet firstly allowed for easier handling and stacking, optimising loading rates. Secondly, as these MS pallets are more durable with heavy/bulky items they can be reused more often than their wood counterparts. Less waste is created.



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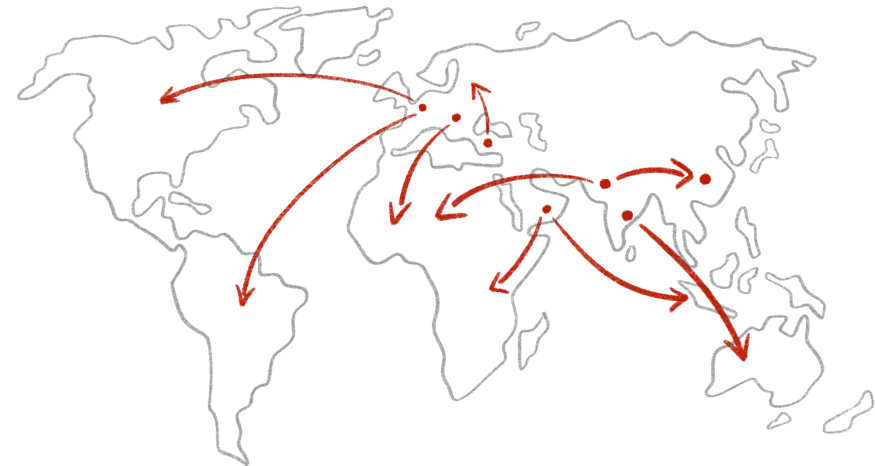
Packaging and Logistics

Strategic Stock Locations

To reduce shipping distances and travel time, Alpinter has opened warehouses in strategic locations (Belgium and UAE). In addition to these company-owned warehouses, Alpinter collaborates with its suppliers to keep a certain stock at production locations (UAE, China, Pakistan).

If additional services are required for a good (e.g. kitting), Alpinter works to select local service providers from the standpoint of where the product is made. This reduces travel distances.

With its network, Alpinter can mobilise any of its core relief items within 24 hours. Direct shipments are dispatched where possible (from supplier stocks). Alpinter is currently working on the goal to make 50% of all deliveries, direct shipments.



Sustainability Initiatives

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Economic Strategy

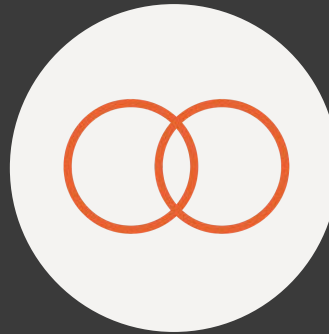
Economic Goals

Economic Strategy

Financially, Alpinter can invest in product and service innovation, and choose to work with like-minded partners and suppliers to support its environmental and social goals.



Company Efforts



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Company Efforts

Alpinter’s social and environmental initiatives are supported with its financial capabilities. Allocating a budget toward sustainability-driven projects, funds the time, energy, and resources needed to develop and execute them well.



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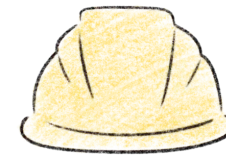
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Alpinter closely supervises its suppliers to follow certain rules to ensure fair and safe working conditions in all supply chain steps.

Fair Labour Practices

By prioritising suppliers with Ethical Labour Policies, Alpinter contributes to economic stability and social wellbeing. Adhering to fair labour practices, including reasonable working hours, fair wages, and safe working conditions are key points.

Alpinter encourages suppliers to have fixed employees and notifies opportunities for health and safety investments. For example, with one supplier Alpinter asked for the purchasing of a wrapping machine to speed up packaging time and contribute to greater worker safety.



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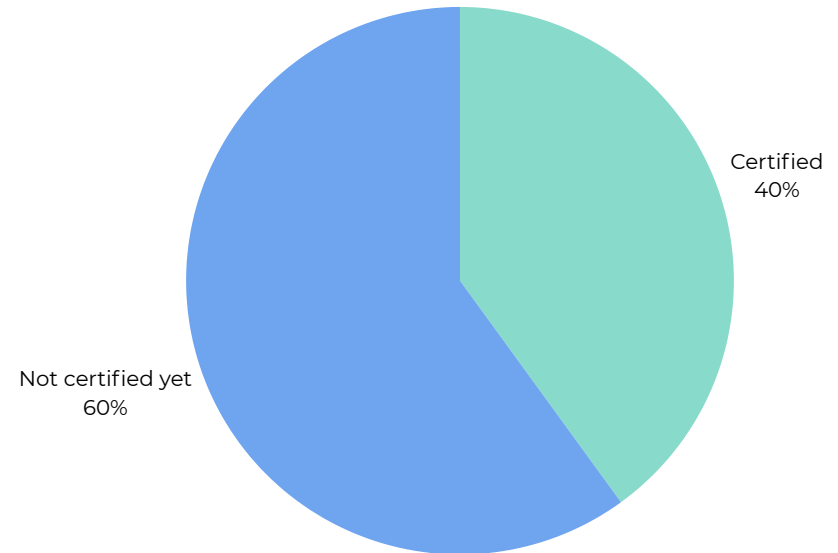
Risk Management

By diversifying Alpinter’s own supplier base and requesting the same from suppliers, Alpinter can continuously assess potential economic risks and safeguard against disruptions. This ensures the stability of the supply chain and the company's economic performance.

Compliance and Ethical Standards

For Alpinter, supplier requirements include adherence to ethical standards and legal compliance. These non-negotiable standards guarantee that economic transactions align with moral and legal frameworks cultivating a positive business environment.

Alpinter encourages suppliers to apply for the same certifications as it holds. In 2023, 41% of critical suppliers were also ISO 14001 certified. By requesting planning and certification from suppliers, hopefully in the near future, more than 50% of critical suppliers will be ISO 14001 certified.



Economic Goals



Partnerships

In all its activities Alpinter assists its partners in making well-informed product purchases. To raise awareness about sustainability, related content is regularly posted on social media channels. In February 2024, Alpinter will be participating in the webinar series “Sustainability in Supply Chains: Bringing Suppliers on Board”.

Expert Guidance

Alpinter provides expert guidance to partners by leveraging its extensive experience and knowledge in the relief market.

Comprehensive Product Information

Providing educational resources and documentation empowers partners with a deeper understanding of the products available. This helps navigate product features, benefits, and potential applications more effectively.



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Partnerships

Needs Assessment

Alpinter engages in a thorough needs assessment process with partners to understand the challenges and goals they aim to address through their product purchases. This allows for the identification of the most appropriate solution that aligns with the specific needs.



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Partnerships

Sustainability Considerations

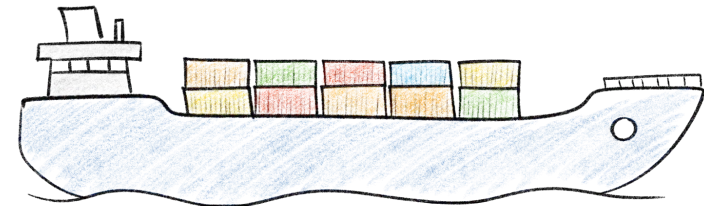
Alpinter integrates sustainability into its product recommendations, guiding partners toward options that align with environmental and ethical considerations. This enables partners to make purchases that not only meet their immediate needs but also contribute to sustainable and responsible practices.

Taking the example of the Thermal Blankets, it is routine for Alpinter's Sales team to offer the sustainable product alternative even when the non-recycled version was initially inquired about. This procedure is part of Alpinter's engagement to clearly communicate innovation and inspire new standards. In experience, the recycled version is typically opted for, speaking for the strong product development and market readiness.

Transport Methodologies

Though Alpinter is not strictly speaking a logistics service company, it is a fundamental task. If a product can not reach its destination, then it can not serve its purpose.

Since the beginning, Alpinter has built strong connections with transportation services, that, if the need arises, Alpinter can courteously and reliably offer shipment to destination. From an ecological standpoint, sea cargo is less harmful. Alpinter therefore helps and advises its partners in making sea shipments as much as possible in all scenarios and under all deadlines.



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Collaborations

Alpinter deeply values its reputation as a pioneer in product development and optimisation, and is proud to be considered a trusted partner in the joint search for more sustainable solutions. Alpinter takes responsibility to invest in research both internally and externally through collaborations.

Closed Loop Fashion

Together with Alpinter’s production partner Nizam, Alpinter has engaged in a large-scale sustainability project, led by Closed Loop Fashion. The objective of the project is to increase knowledge and build awareness about the circular economy, and identify more sustainable solutions in the production process of humanitarian Blankets.

Shelterbox

Together with Shelterbox, one of Alpinter’s partners, a complete product portfolio analysis was conducted to investigate where single-use plastics can be removed. Based on the findings, packaging was subsequently eliminated where appropriate.



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Donations

In the past two years, Alpinter has made various donations to projects and initiatives around the world. The largest donations went to a Belgian-French organisation supporting communities in the aftermath of the Türkiye Earthquake, and to the youth project Diospi Suyana in Peru.



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Closing Remarks

Throughout decades of operation, Alpinter's mission has remained unchanged and ever-relevant: to create a positive global impact through the development of reliable and efficient core relief solutions. Inseparable from this aim is the holistic approach to consider social, environmental, and financial aspects.

The landscape of the humanitarian market is changing as global dynamics shift, and 2024 is a pivotal year. This report is a valuable tool to measure, understand, and assess Alpinter's sustainability initiatives, both for itself and for its partners.

The sustainability strategies of Alpinter focus on investing in human capital to build social justice, reducing the ecological footprint of offices, products, and distribution, and lastly furthering innovation, and working with

suppliers or partners who share the same values. As outlined above, significant changes are already in place or are underway, to give the Recycled Blankets, the CRI pallets, and the solar panels as examples. Yet, opportunities to build global resilience are by no means exhausted. Alpinter will continue to work on meeting goals with persistent self-reflection and improvement.

Being forward-thinking and fast-acting is the very life and breath of Alpinter.

We are beyond excited to take on new challenges.



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