Case study: De Brauw

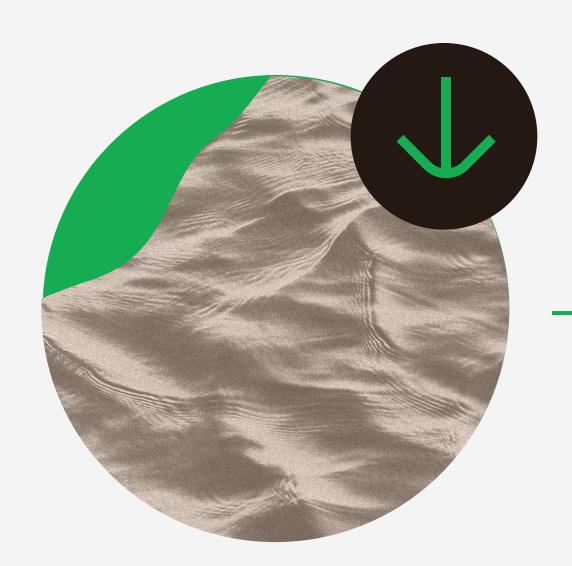
DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK



The Challenge

As a lawfirm, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek realised its negative impact on climate change. The firm wanted to gain insight into their emissions.





The Solution

A three-fold solution:

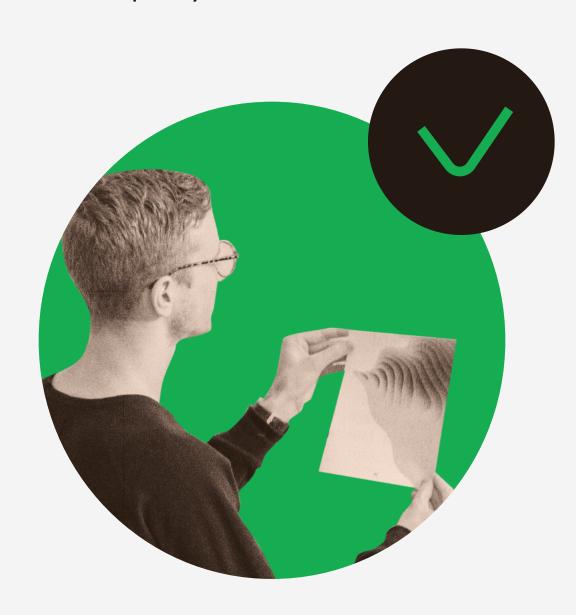
A company-wide carbon footprint assessment;

Opportunities to reduce emissions;

Offsetting scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions through a verified partner.

The outcome

De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek is now CarbonNeutral® certified company.



Company Facts

€ 101-500 m. in revenue

780 employees

5 locations

62 current EcoVadis ESG Score Silver Medal

The context

- De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek is one of the largest law firms in the Netherlands with additional offices in London, Shanghai, Brussels and Singapore;
- Business travel and energy consumption results in a negative impact on climate change;
- The desire to know its impact to reduce their carbonprint and become a carbon neutral certified company.

Project Objectives

- To assess company-wide scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions and identify emissions hotspots;
- To identify opportunities to reduce emissions;
- Setting impactful targets for reducing internal emissions;
- Offset scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions to achieve CarbonNeutral® certification.

Key Outcomes

- A calculated carbon footprint of 1.42 Tonnes of CO2 per employee, one of the lowest in the industry;
- Actionable opportunities to further reduce their footprint by 45%;
- All scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions were offset with VCS and CCB-certified carbon credits from a REDD+ in the Amazon;
- Achieved becoming a CarbonNeutral® certified company.

Nexio Projects' Solution

- Take a hands-on approach with data collection to minimise required
- resources from De Brauw;
- ü Benchmark their carbon footprint per employee against other law firms;
- ü Provide guidance and facilitate the purchase of credible carbon offsets;
- ü Submit all requirements to Nexio Projects' certification partner to
- achieve CarbonNeutral® certification.

"Nexio Projects made the process of assessing our carbon footprint and becoming a carbon neutral company much simpler. We gained very valuable insight and look forward to continuing our partnership to reduce our footprint and maintain our neutral status"

Suzanne Kwakkernaat, Head of Business Support & Facilities

