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296
key distribution
players

84
companies

30
plants

21
patents recently submitted
for registration

36
units with FSC certification

8,500,000
sq. meters of cork flooring
sold annually

50,000,000 €
invested in R&D and
innovation

143
years leading the cork
industry

534,000,000 €
of annual turnover

3,600,000,000
cork stoppers sold
annually

a sustainable leadership

Amorim leads an exemplary economic activity in terms of sustainable development. By promoting the cyclical harvest of the cork, without ever damaging the cork oak trees, the company makes the cork oak forest viable, a natural and renewable resource, with endless environmental, economic and social benefits. Cork oak forests are natural CO₂ sinks, they regulate the hydrological cycle, protect against erosion and fire and foster a biodiversity which is on a par with regions such as the Amazon forest.

It is the harvest of cork that maintains the vitality of cork oak forest and promotes the economic, environmental and social development associated to it, enabling millions of people to continue to live in areas prone to desertification.

operating in more than 100 countries

Pioneering and competitive, Amorim operates in over one hundred countries in all continents, including all the great wine-producing countries from the old continent to new markets.

The constant discovery of new possibilities for cork, on par with its application in endless solutions for various areas of business, has motivated expansion into less traditional markets. Nowadays, Amorim owns over eighty companies - 66 of which outside Portugal -, around thirty industrial units and supplies over two hundred agents. It exports 95% of its production, mainly to the European and USA markets, to more than twenty thousand direct clients.

spearheading the drive for innovation

Facing the challenge to anticipate and meet the needs of a vast range of industries and markets, Amorim enables the reach of the potential of cork to be as endless as the imagination. As a result of an unparalleled investment in R&D and Innovation and of technological advances, innovative solutions have been created which perfectly match the requirements of contemporary society and allow cork's unmatched technical performance to be enjoyed like never before.

cork oak – the portuguese national tree

With a lifespan of over 200 years, it is a paradigm of sustainability. It may be harvested every 9 years, without damaging the tree, a process that ensures the viability of the cork forest. Cork (the bark of the oak) is nature's own high-tech achievement. Down to the cell structure, its unique composition (40 million cells per cm³) and properties cannot be replicated by anything man-made.

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Amorim is the world's largest producer of cork solutions and the most international of Portuguese companies. It leads the whole sector, making a crucial contribution to the economy and innovation of the cork industry. With its origins dating back to 1870, the company soon became aware of the endless potential of this 100% natural raw material, transforming it into the sustainable choice for a modern, informed society, aware of the environmental problems that result from its consumption-related choices.

Amorim leads an ambitious project to discover new and unexpected applications for cork. It boosts partnerships with renowned centres of knowledge and industry leaders. It makes unparalleled investments in innovation and design, developing a portfolio of high added value products and solutions, which anticipate market trends and surpass the expectations of some of the most demanding industries in the world

cutting-edge solutions

A high performance range of cork products that serves some of the most demanding industries in the world. Cork stoppers for wine and spirits; flooring and insulation solutions for construction; state-of-the-art applications for transportation projects, such as railway and spacecraft; oil absorbents and solvents... Within the panorama of contemporary creation, Amorim challenges scientists, engineers, architects and designers across the world to explore the endless potential of cork, pushing the boundaries of invention.



Inspiro, the state-of-the-art Siemens metro

Inspiro, the new surface metro by Siemens, launched in Poland in 2012, is the most modern, efficient and sustainable in its class. With a modern design, cutting-edge technology and an environment-friendly concept, it is one of the lightest metros in the world as a result of the installation of the innovative AluCORK cork flooring, which contributes to a 30% reduction of the carriages weight.



Quiet Motion, a BMW-i visionary concept of sustainable mobility

Based on a passion for innovative, forward-thinking and sustainable design, the Quiet Motion project is the result of a shared vision between BMW-i and the Bouroullec designers. Using cork supplied by Amorim, as well as a colorful series of fabric's strips, Quiet Motion represents the dynamic allegory of contemplation and sustainable mobility. Benoit Jacob, Head of Design at BMW-i emphasizes the characteristics of the cork: "... I have been rediscovering the cork from a totally new perspective. When used wisely, the natural properties of this authentic material, such as its warmth, its acoustic and of course the unique aesthetic, are truly supporting our BMW-i Next Premium design philosophy."



Enabling mankind's adventure in space

Since the dawn of Space exploration, Amorim has been a key technological partner in supplying high-performance insulation solutions for NASA and the European Space Agency. From success to success, cork has been part of the Titan, Delta, Apollo, Mars Rovers and the space-shuttle's STS programmes. In the European Space programme, Corticeira Amorim has also been instrumental in the integration of cork solutions in thermal and anti-vibration shields developed for the Ariane 5 and Vega rocket systems.



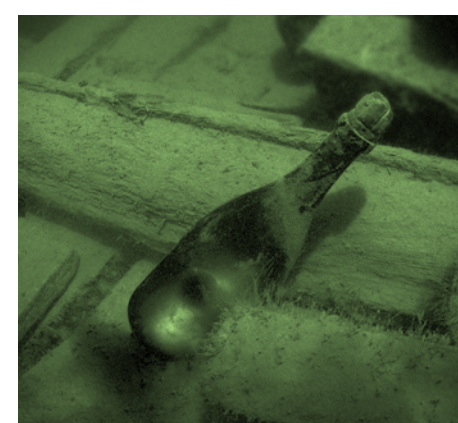
Portuguese Pavilion at international exhibitions

Cork by Amorim is a regular presence at the Portuguese pavilions in international exhibitions: at Expo Hannover (2000) under the motto "The Man, Nature and Technology", by the architects Álvaro Siza Vieira and Eduardo Souto Moura and Expo Shanghai (2010), under the motto "Better City, Better Life", by architect Carlos Costa. These pavilions have shown to millions of visitors the endless possibilities of expanded agglomerate cork, the most ecological insulation solution in the world.



Serpentine Gallery Pavilion 2012

The most visited of all summer pavilions of the famous London art gallery. The project by architects Herzog & de Meuron and artist Ai Weiwei, the Serpentine Gallery Pavilion 2012 found its transversal element in cork. «It's soft and warm to the touch, has a very distinctive smell and has the versatility to be cut and formed into different shapes», noted the architects. It also offers a unique performance in terms of acoustic insulation, fire resistance and comfort.



Amorim cork stoppers in 200-year old Champagne

Amorim's expertise was challenged to help preserving a 200-year old Champagne, discovered in the Baltic Sea. It assured the success of the complex replacement of the original cork stoppers with new ones, thus ensuring all the qualities of the Champagne. According to experts, the shipwrecked Champagne was «in good condition», which stands as testimony to the unique ability of cork to preserve wines and champagnes indefinitely.



Sagrada Família, by Gaudi

In perfect harmony with Antoni Gaudí's philosophy that «Nature is my Master», the architect Jordi Bonet i Armengol chose cork for the floor of the Sagrada Família, in Barcelona. In order to meet the needs for acoustic absorption, durability and resilience, of the utmost importance in one of the most visited monuments in the world, over 2000 m² of flooring from the Wicanders®, with a natural cork look, were applied.