

**Michel Giannuzzi, Chief Executive Officer of Tarkett  
promotes Responsive and Responsible Leadership at the  
World Economic Forum in Davos**

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Tarkett, a global leader in innovative and sustainable solutions for flooring and sports surfaces, attends the World Economic Forum in Davos from January 17 to 20, 2017. This year's event theme is *Responsive and Responsible Leadership*.

**Michel Giannuzzi, Chief Executive Officer, presented his vision during a Round Table session on the Future of Construction** (3pm on Tuesday January 17). Transitioning to a collaborative circular economy and striving to combat climate change, Tarkett is also actively involved in addressing challenges linked to increasing urbanization and population ageing.

Tarkett also fosters cooperation with local communities, including its Tarkett Cares program which is open to all its employees. Through its commitment to sustainable development and its governance principles, Tarkett abides by the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact and intends to contribute to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

**Michel Giannuzzi, Chief Executive Officer of Tarkett, stated:** *"We are delighted to be involved again in the World Economic Forum and to be participating in the debates on issues close to our heart. Since we firmly believe that business has social, societal and environmental responsibilities, I pledge that Tarkett and each of our 12,000 employees will show entrepreneurial, responsible and collaborative leadership together and with our various partners. In an uncertain and rapidly evolving world, it is crucial for us to share and uphold our values and our long-term vision of sustainable and responsible growth in our day-to-day activities."*

As a partner of the World Economic Forum and a member of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's Circular Economy 100 program, Tarkett contributes throughout the year to the Forum's debates in three areas:

- **Accelerate innovation and develop the circular economy model** under a collaborative program coordinated by business leaders and managed by the World Economic Forum and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (Global Challenge Initiative on Environment and Natural Resource Security).
- **Combat climate change** by setting objectives and implementing concrete measures together with businesses and governments through the CEO Climate Leaders network.
- **Innovate and develop solutions promoting quality of life in urban environments** and foster cross-sector cooperation as part of the Future of Construction initiative.

For several years, Tarkett has been involved in developing a collaborative circular economy, respectful of natural resources and people's health. Since 2011, Tarkett has applied the Cradle to Cradle® principles to the full spectrum of its activities—from eco-design through to production and reuse.

In 2016, Tarkett stepped up its ReStart flooring collection and recycling program by entering into a partnership with Veolia in France. The Group has recycling centers worldwide and recently increased its recycling capacity in Brazil. Lastly, the Group continues to pursue its ambitious eco-innovation strategy to contribute to indoor air quality and suitable environment by developing floorings with very low emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and using non phthalate plasticizers in its vinyl products.

Tarkett is well known in the flooring industry for its commitment and major advances in these areas.

The Group is also engaged in the fight against climate change, notably by joining forces with the global coalition of companies and by signing the open letter for concrete action on climate change during the COP 21 Conference in Paris (November 2015).

### **About Tarkett**

With net sales of 2.7 billion euros in 2015, Tarkett is a global leader in innovative and sustainable solutions for flooring and sports surfaces. Offering a wide range of products including vinyl, linoleum, carpet, rubber, wood & laminate, synthetic turf and athletic tracks, the Group serves customers in more than 100 countries worldwide. With 12,000 employees and 34 industrial sites, Tarkett sells 1.3 million square meters of flooring every day, for hospitals, schools, housing, hotels, offices, stores and sports fields. Committed to sustainable development, the Group has implemented an eco-innovation strategy and promotes circular economy. Tarkett is listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A, ticker TKTT, ISIN: FR0004188670). [www.tarkett.com](http://www.tarkett.com).

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