

Interface®

Dear members of the Green Building Council Italia,

We have worked with Filippo Saba for 15 years and wholeheartedly support his candidacy to be a member for the Italian GBC Advisory Board.

Filippo has embodied the vision of Interface as a pioneer in Sustainability in his daily actions and made it a reality in Italy by bringing together key decision makers, specifiers and stakeholders in the Construction industry. His personal commitment and dedication to make a better world thanks to the implementation of sustainable solutions are clear evidences of alignment between corporate mission and personal values. Our today objective is to keep on sharing our experience and track record in sustainable construction with Filippo joining your organization for the best of our industry.

Interface is a founding member of the USGBC and UKGBC, and holds memberships around the world with similar organisations such as the Australian GBC, Singapore GBC and Indian GBC. Interface is a UN global compact signatory.

The company has been committed to sustainability for over 25 years. In 1994, founder Ray Anderson, pushed his company toward a circular process and renounced the "take-make-waste" model. The resulting vision statement, proposed eliminating any negative environmental impact from the company by 2020. 2019 was a landmark year for Interface and its sustainability journey: the announcement of Mission Zero® achievement with an important report – Lessons for the Future. Interface became the first global flooring manufacturer to sell all products as carbon neutral across their full life cycle. In production, efforts since 1996, have focused on increasing the use of renewable energies (75% at owned manufacturing, including 100% renewable electricity) and reducing water consumption (-89%), GHG emissions (-96%) and the waste production sent to landfills (-92%). The company is working closely with its supply chain to reduce its suppliers carbon footprint and source recycled and biobased components. The carbon footprint of its historical know-how, carpet tiles, dropped by 74%, and the company is actively working to reduce that of the two new activities, LVT and rubber.

In 2019, the company set a new moonshot goal: to become a carbon negative enterprise by 2040 via its new mission Climate Take Back™. The four areas of the strategy are:

1. **Live Zero** – Do business in ways that gives back whatever is taken from the Earth.
2. **Love Carbon** – Stop seeing carbon as the enemy, and start using it as a resource.
3. **Let Nature Cool** – Support our biosphere's ability to regulate the climate.
4. **Lead Industrial Re-revolution** – Transform industry into a force for climate progress.

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Interface's environmental strategy is perfectly aligned with the sector's total decarbonisation ambitions driven by CBG via Advancing Net Zero (ANZ) project.

Our products contribute to our customers achieving LEED, BREEAM and WELL through low carbon footprints, high use of recycled and biobased materials and work to ensure the use of healthy materials. Italy is an important market for us and one we see an excellent track record and a pipeline for the design of innovative sustainable low carbon buildings.

Yours Sincerely,



Eric RAMPENBERG

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