

## **AKMERKEZ GYO ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY**

As Akmerkez, we host many “firsts” for our visitors and guests, with carefully considered details. We place importance on sustainability and shape our activities with the aim of being one of these “firsts.” In line with the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Policy we have developed to make sustainability a part of our corporate culture, we are committed to:

- Complying with the legislation, standards, and certifications we are obligated to follow in the areas of environment and climate change,
- Minimizing our negative impacts on the environment while maximizing our positive contributions,
- Prioritizing the circular economy; effectively separating waste at the source according to categories and hazard classes; properly storing waste in designated areas based on its characteristics; not exceeding the legal storage period, and delivering it to licensed/authorized companies, while maintaining records of the waste management process,
- Operating in line with the Zero Waste initiative in our country and aiming to reduce the amount of waste generated,
- Avoiding the use of hazardous materials and chemicals to minimize our negative impact on the environment and human health, and ensuring that, when necessary, they are used in appropriate quantities and with the correct methods,
- Minimizing the use of single-use plastic materials (such as shampoo, soap, slippers, packaging, etc.) and thus striving to reduce waste generation,
- Prioritizing conducting our activities through environmentally responsible products and/or suppliers. We contribute to the protection of nature by preferring products and suppliers with eco-friendly labels/certifications such as "recycled product," "environmentally friendly," and "energy-saving products,"
- Conserving water, energy, and all natural resources and using them efficiently, while informing employees, guests, and suppliers about this matter,
- Prioritizing efforts to mitigate climate change and taking action in this regard,
- Measuring our environmental management performance and increasing awareness through various training programs,

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- Sharing our policy publicly via our corporate website and informing all stakeholders through this channel,
- Ensuring that all employees play a role in effectively implementing the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Policy, with responsibility resting with the Sustainability Committee,
- Reviewing the policy and management system at least once a year, making necessary improvements and updates as needed,
- Enforcing this policy with the approval of the Board of Directors.

**Akmerkez GYO Board of Directors**