

## PURCHASING AND LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICY

### Vision

As part of our sustainability programme, in addition to protecting environmental sources, we are going to contribute the local economy by supporting local producers and service providers. Besides, Side Resort Hotel is committed to be respectful towards local culture and regulations.

### Aims & Objectives

This policy document is prepared to outline the following sustainability objectives:

**Purchasing:** In order to minimize our negative effects on environment and maximize our contribution to local economy;

- While considering the quality and relevancy of the products, we will also prefer the goods which are locally produced.
- Apart from the price, quality and relevancy of the products, we will consider not only the purchasing cost but the total life cycle cost also.
- At the purchase of any goods and services, we will consider the following criteria:
  - Is the product low energy and water consuming?
  - Is the product low waste producing?
  - Is the product recyclable or made of recycled materials?
  - Is the product made by considering sustainability?
  - Is the product environment friendly?
  - Is the producer fulfilling legal responsibilities?
  - Is the product organic, with FSC/MSC certificates?
  - Does the product leave lowest possible carbon footprint?
- We will be in contact with our suppliers about our sustainability programme in order to increase awareness.
- We will encourage our guests to prefer local merchandising possibilities, local markets and producers.

**Local Communities:** As part of our commitment to be hand in hand with local communities, we will ensure that all related parties including neighbours, local administrations, non-profit organisations, and residents of the area will benefit our operations.

- We will make donations to the local institutions which work for public benefit
- We will prefer locally produced goods and services
- We will encourage the guests to explore the destination through daily trips
- We will inform our guests about local culture and way of life
- We will let locals to make use of the hotel facilities

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