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Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statement

The table below shows Bird & Bird's firmwide emissions for FY24 and FY25 and is calculated according to the GHG Protocol Standards below:

- 1. The GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (WBCSD/WRI Revised Edition 2015) for Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions
- 2. GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance (An amendment to the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard (WRI 2015) for Scope 2 GHG emissions
- 3. The Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard (WBCSD/WRI 2011) for Scope 3 GHG emissions
- Scope 1 includes fuel combustion (natural gas and diesel), fugitive emissions (refrigerants), and emissions associated with long-term lease company vehicles.
- Scope 2 includes consumption of purchased electricity, heating and cooling.
- Scope 3 includes the purchase of goods and services, capital goods, fuel and energy-related activities, upstream transportation and distribution services (postage and couriers), waste generated in operations, business travel, employee commuting, leased assets (sub-let office space), and investments. Our business travel emissions include radiative forcing.

Assurance statement

Our Scope 1, Scope 2, and selected Scope 3 emissions have received independent limited assurance for the reporting period, in accordance with the International Standard for Assurance Engagements ISAE 3000 (Revised). This assurance was conducted by ERM CVS, ensuring the accuracy and reliability of our reported data. You can find our <u>statement here</u>.

Firmwide emissions (tCO2e) for period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2025:

	Emissions (tCO ₂ e)	
	FY24	FY25
Stationary combustion	450	349
Mobile combustion	1	0
Fugitive emissions	126	163
Scope 1 emissions subtotal	576	512
Electricity (market-based)	1,627	1,475
Electricity (location-based)	2,037	2,717
District heating	73	159
District chilled water	221	118
Scope 2 emissions subtotal (market-based)	1,921	1,753
Scope 2 emissions subtotal (location-based)	2,331	2,995
Purchased goods and services	10,340	10,534
Capital goods	2,290	2,206
Fuel and energy-related activities	807	947
Upstream transportation and distribution	336	156
Waste generated in operations	247	571
Business travel	6,734	6,677
Employee commuting	1,894	2,053
Upstream leased assets	39	41
Investments	5	5

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Scope 3 emissions subtotal	22,692	23,190
Total scope 1 and 2 emissions (market-based)	2,497	2,265
Total scope 1 and 2 emissions (location-based)	2,907	3,507
Total scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions (market-based)	25,189	25,455
Total scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions (location-based)	25,551	26,704

Intensity metrics (tCO2e) for period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2025:

	Emissions (tCO₂e)	
	FY24	FY25
Total scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions per €M turnover (market-based)	40.29	38.24
Total scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions per €M turnover (location-based)	40.87	40.11
Total scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions per FTE (market-based)	7.77	7.50
Total scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions per FTE (location-based)	7.88	7.92

Global energy consumption (MWh) for period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2025:

	Total energy consumption (MWh)	
	FY24	FY25
Renewable electricity	4,130	6,187
Non-renewable electricity	3,344	2,888
Other non-renewable energy (heating and cooling)	4,123	4,013
Total	11,597	13,088

Footnote

We use the operational control approach to determine our inventory boundary and collect data on all business activities - all the scope 3 categories relevant to Bird & Bird are measured and reported above. Two methodologies are used to calculate Scope 2 emissions; a location-based method which reflects the average emission intensity of grids on which energy consumption occurs, and a market-based method which reflects emissions from electricity that companies have purposely chosen (or lack of choice).

Estimations are made when data is not available for an office by leveraging either historical data to trend/make accurate estimations in cases where actual historical data is available or by estimating using facility information (such as square footage) and publicly available data (average energy costs in country/location) to make informed estimates where no actual data is available.

Our carbon accounting is administered by a third party, Watershed, who use their Comprehensive Environmental Data Archive (CEDA) methodology, to calculate our emissions across 60,000 emission factors, 400 industries and 149 countries.

We have a threshold to recalculate our base year emissions if there are significant changes to our GHG inventory following the guidance given in the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard and Scope 3 Standard. Significant is defined as a change or series of changes that impact the base year inventory by more than 5%.

The GHG Protocol requires Scope 3 categories to account for the Scope 1 and 2 emissions of the activities they cover. For upstream categories (3.1-3.8), inclusion of well-to-tank WTT and transmission and distribution (T&D) is mandatory; for downstream categories (3.9-3.15), it is optional. Watershed includes these upstream energy emissions across all Scope 3 categories as best practice and are therefore included in our emission figures above.

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Comparability to FY24

Under current guidance from the GHG Protocol and our third-party assurers, our European football tournament has now been excluded from our inventory. Additionally, we have opened a new office in Tokyo, Japan and have collected data as best as we can for this financial period, we have also included facility information for a serviced office in Istanbul, Türkiye and in certain locations our office space has increased. However, none of these changes meet the significant threshold for recalculation purposes outlined above.

Additionally, in FY25, we observed a significant increase in gas consumption at our UK (London) office, a 22.92% rise compared to FY24. Emissions have been calculated using our standard evidence-based methodology, relying on supplier invoices to ensure accuracy and consistency. Given the scale of the increase, we are currently investigating the cause with our energy supplier. Any necessary adjustments will be reflected retrospectively in our FY26 reporting, once the investigation is complete.

Emission Reduction Targets

Bird & Bird has set near- and long-term company-wide emission reductions relative to a FY23 baseline year with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). The targets are as follows:

Near-term targets

- Bird & Bird commits to reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 55% by FY2032 from a FY2023 base year.
- Bird & Bird also commits to reduce absolute scope 3 GHG emissions by 50.4% within the same timeframe.

Long-term targets

- Bird & Bird commits to reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 90% by FY2040 from a FY2023 base year.
- Bird & Bird also commits to reduce absolute scope 3 GHG emissions by 90% within the same timeframe.

Net zero target

Bird & Bird commits to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions across the value chain by FY2040.