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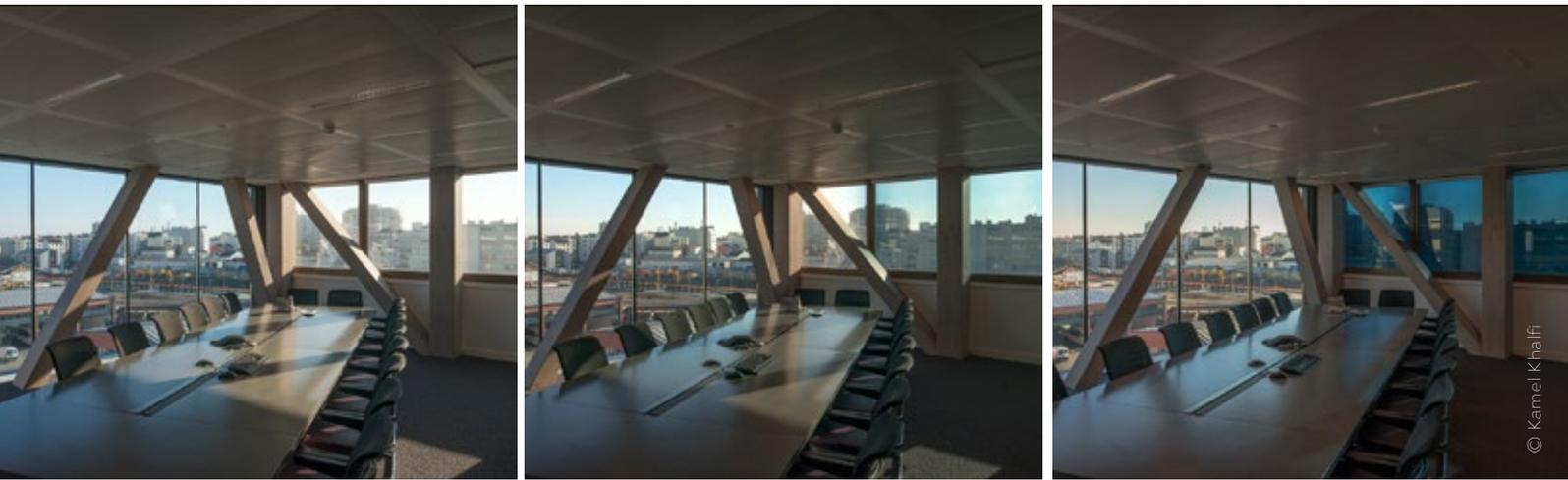
INPI AND SAINT-GOBAIN PROMOTE THEIR CSR APPROACH WITH A PARTNERSHIP AROUND THE SAGEGLASS® SOLUTION



Romain Soubeyran, CEO of the French Patent and Trademark Office (INPI) and Pierre-André de Chalendar, Chairman and CEO of Saint-Gobain, unveiled today the new glazing of INPI's headquarters: **1,400m² of dynamic SageGlass® panels, an innovative Saint-Gobain technology. They were fitted into this high environmental quality (HQE) building to provide comfort, daylight and thermal performance to the 550 employees working here.**

Located in Courbevoie, the INPI head office is one of the first buildings in France equipped with the SageGlass® solution.

By installing this technology, INPI seeks to reach a dual objective as part of its CSR approach: care for the environment and enhancement of employee comfort.



SageGlass® is the result of **25 years of Research and Development** and over **500 patents have been filed**. It is much more than a piece of glazing: it transforms buildings by making façades and glass roofs adaptive and intelligent. This active glass, unrivalled in terms of performance on the market, darkens and lightens electronically while constantly remaining transparent, to ensure **thermal and visual comfort** to the building's occupants, whatever the weather.

SageGlass® provides INPI's employees with optimized working conditions. With a simple gesture, they can **modulate the intake of daylight** in meeting rooms for the purposes of a presentation, or let in as much light as possible and enjoy **a permanent view of the outside world** in their offices, without having to put up with dazzle or annoying reflections on PC screens. SageGlass® also makes it possible to **minimize the need for artificial lighting** and will **reduce INPI's heating and air-conditioning costs**.

The far-reaching partnership between Saint-Gobain and INPI is totally consistent with their CSR commitments.

About INPI

Beyond its activity of granting patents and registering trademarks and designs, the French Patent and Trademark Office fosters economic development through its actions to raise awareness and promote innovation and its key issues. INPI helps all innovators transform their projects into tradable goods and derive value from their innovations. A self-financed public establishment placed under the authority of the ministry responsible for industrial property, INPI also plays an active role in preparing and implementing public policies in the field of intellectual property, innovation support and business competitiveness, as well as the fight against counterfeiting.

About Saint-Gobain

Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures and distributes materials and solutions which are key ingredients in the wellbeing of each of us and the future of all. They can be found everywhere in our living places and our daily life: in buildings, transportation, infrastructure and in many industrial applications. They provide comfort, performance and safety while addressing the challenges of sustainable construction, resource efficiency and climate change.

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