

**Press release**

September 24th, 2024

## **Façades specialist Kyotec joins forces with three major industry players to create Weclad: a leading international alliance in Europe**

**Kyotec, a major European provider of complex and sustainable architectural façades, has joined forces with three major façades operators to create Weclad: a leading international alliance of façades specialists in Europe.**

**Established in Luxembourg, Belgium and France in 2008, Kyotec has been active in the UK since 2015. As the leading specialist provider of complex, technical and multi-material building envelopes for major projects across Europe and the UK, the company's high-profile project portfolio includes London's Manhattan Loft Gardens, the iconic Royale Belge building in Brussels, and Luxembourg's Skypark.**

All four façade organisations within the Weclad alliance are subsidiaries of the French construction Léon Grosse Group. In creating Weclad, they bring together their organisation's technical, industrial and commercial capabilities under one roof to become a leading provider of bespoke architectural façades for new-build and refurbishment projects in both the public and private sectors.

The Weclad alliance comprises Kyotec, Rinaldi, De Groot & Visser and Techniwood.

- **Kyotec** is the European façade specialist in complex, technical and multi-material building envelopes for large-scale projects.
- **Rinaldi** is the definitive French cladding company developing bespoke prefabricated solutions.
- **De Groot & Visser** is one of the leading Dutch façades companies for new buildings and transformations, focusing on low-carbon solutions.
- **Techniwood** specialises in the design and manufacture of wooden off-site façades, and is the originator of Panobloc® wood technology.

With teams operating in seven European countries, Weclad benefits from wide geographical coverage and a local presence across the European market. Its combined specialist capabilities will enable Weclad to provide the market with sustainable solutions based on high-quality design.

### **Integrated technical teams**

Weclad represents the largest international network of integrated façade design experts, spread across Europe in six design offices. The alliance's knowledge of the specific regulatory requirements of each country, the sharing of best practice from its portfolio of European projects, and its experience of cross-cultural collaboration combine to provide a compelling offer. Design teams are involved right from the commercial phases and liaise closely with the production teams from the outset to ensure total visibility and control of each project.

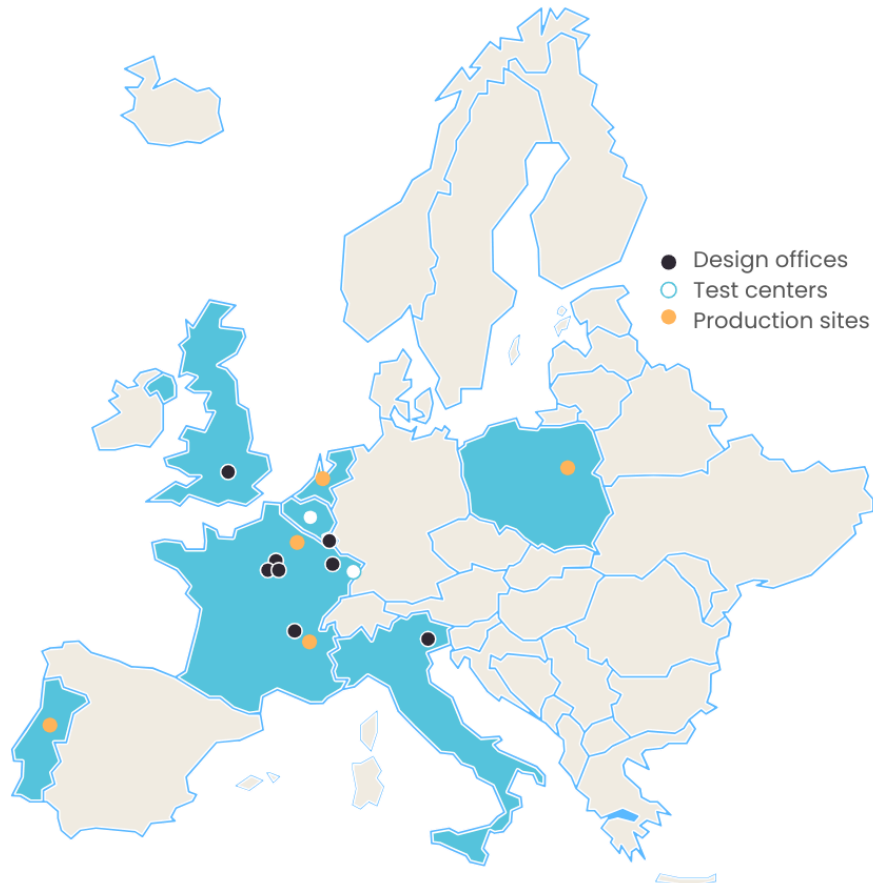
### **Pooling pioneering sustainable solutions**

The patented solutions developed by each business within Weclad are also shared across the alliance. These include the Panobloc® façade panels (made from renewable materials), the Evost® HVAC system (energy-efficient and modular), and Kyofix (an invisible fixing system for stone cladding).

As part of the Léon Grosse Group's decarbonisation strategy, the Weclad businesses automatically offer a low-carbon alternative in the commercial phase and share the same overall timetable for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2025.

### **A shared production capacity unique in Europe**

Weclad's five production plants (in France, Poland, Portugal and the Netherlands) give the alliance the capacity to support projects of all types in Europe. This multi-site production capability means that the technological options available for customised design can be increased tenfold, while providing more flexibility in terms of production and logistics.



*Weclad Alliance sites in Europe*

**Thierry Foucart, Managing Director, Kyotec, said:** "Kyotec is a highly respected and established player in the façades arena, with a strong track record of managing complex technical and multi-material façades for major high-profile projects across Europe. It will play an important role within Weclad, maximising the combined synergies of the alliance to deliver our UK and European clients the very best value-added solutions for challenging large-scale schemes."

**Bruno Moyne, Managing Director, Weclad alliance, said:** "The Weclad alliance consolidates the extensive specialist expertise of leading European players in the architectural façades sector, providing a compelling offer of high-performance, tailor-made solutions for our customers' requirements throughout Europe."

## Notes to Editors:

### Weclad in figures

- 580 employees in eight countries: United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Italy, Portugal and Poland
- six design offices, two test centres and five production sites
- €140 million turnover

**Major achievements of alliance members:** see attached document.

### About Kyotec

Kyotec is the European façade specialist in complex, technical and multi-material building envelopes for large-scale projects.

At the cutting edge of energy-carbon regulations, and involved in the entire project chain (design, construction, installation), Kyotec focuses its value engineering on the energy efficiency of façades.

A member of the Weclad alliance, Kyotec brings together 220 experts committed to the architectural and environmental transition of towns and cities. [www.kyotec.com](http://www.kyotec.com)

### About Weclad

Weclad is the leading alliance for sustainable architectural façades in Europe. Backed by the Léon Grosse Group, it offers a complete range of off-site façades through its four entities: Kyotec, Rinaldi, De Groot & Visser and Techniwood.

With its fully integrated design teams, European coverage and multi-site production capacity, Weclad guarantees its customers local, high-quality and flexible solutions.

Weclad comprises 580 experts committed to the architectural and environmental transition of cities. [www.weclad.com](http://www.weclad.com)

### Press contacts

[Henry Columbine/Sara Champness / 07962 387 949](mailto:henry.columbine@secnewgate.co.uk)  
[henry.columbine@secnewgate.co.uk](mailto:henry.columbine@secnewgate.co.uk)  
[sara.champness@secnewgate.co.uk](mailto:sara.champness@secnewgate.co.uk)

[Loïc Perhaut / +33 \(0\)6 99 13 82 16 / l.perhaut@weclad.com](mailto:l.perhaut@weclad.com)