

Global gold: RMT Global shares its recent EvoVadis success

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RMT Global's Sustainable Dining product line

[RMT Global Partners](#) submitted its most recent sustainability questionnaire to [EcoVadis](#), a European

company that specializes in developing programs aimed at educating and scoring companies on sustainability policies, in November 2022. RMT received the results shortly after. With an overall score of 71 percent, RMT ranks in the 96th percentile of all companies scored by EcoVadis — marking the company's first Gold Status rating.

“Achieving a Gold rating from a reputable rating firm like EcoVadis is formal confirmation of the work that RMT Global Partners started in 2011 with our Sustainable Dining product line,” Richard Tuttle, President and CEO of RMT Global Partners, tells *PAX International*. “With this rating, we can show our customer base that RMT is truly a partner in realizing their sustainability goals.”



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EcoVadis determines ratings based on existing sustainability standards, like the Global Reporting Initiative and the United Nations Global Compact. At its core, the EcoVadis assessment asks a company to define its sustainability policies and show how integrated into the business and management systems those policies are. The Sustainability Scorecard rates performance in four categories: environment, labour and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement.

For RMT, EcoVadis noted the company's exceptional policy on ethics issues, its regular assessment (at least once a year) of individual performance and its comprehensive sustainable procurement policies on both social and environmental factors, Tuttle says.

He highlights the key elements of RMT's policies: "a culture of open and honest communication, respect and dignity for all individuals; a work environment that is safe and healthy with management actions based on diversity and inclusion; compliance with all rules, laws and regulations wherever we operate; and the absolute protection of information and resources." Moreover, RMT relies on a formal qualification, assessment and audit process to ensure compliance from its partners.

EcoVadis is becoming recognized as a major player in the corporate sustainability arena. To encourage businesses to meet requirements for supply chain sustainability, EcoVadis shares its results with the clients of a ranked company. In the industry, airlines and groups are outsourcing sustainability compliance to EcoVadis. Some currently in collaboration with EcoVadis are [Air France-KLM](#) and [Delta Air Lines](#).

When selecting partners within RMT's supply chain, Tuttle says decisions "place emphasis on the existence of sustainable policies, proof of policy implementation and ongoing monitoring."

Prioritizing sustainability has two direct benefits for RMT. "By focusing our decision making and actions on business ethics, environmental protection, worker welfare and corporate security, we will ensure that RMT's future is both profitable and sustainable," Tuttle says.