

SAINT-GOBAIN PRESENTS ITS TEAM OF SEVEN OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC ATHLETES, MENTORED BY LUC ABALO, TRIPLE OLYMPIC HANDBALL CHAMPION

Saint-Gobain, “Official Supporter” of Sustainable renovation and construction solutions for the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games, presents the Saint-Gobain Team. Luc Abalo, triple Olympic handball champion, will mentor this collective of seven athletes, competing in various Olympic and Paralympic disciplines. Each of these seven inspiring profiles embodies the Group’s values and carries the same uplifting message: “Aiming higher to make the world a better home”.

“We are delighted to reinforce our partnership with Paris 2024 by supporting a team of up-and-coming French athletes. This uplifting of the French athletic performance reflects our commitment to contribute to a fairer, more sustainable future. Just as athletes must “aim higher” to rise to the incredible challenge of competing in the Olympic and Paralympic Games, Saint-Gobain also “aims higher” to continually innovate, based on the strength of a team of more than 160 000 employees throughout the world who all strive towards a common goal: “Making the world a better home”.

Benoit Bazin, Chief Executive Officer of Saint-Gobain



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A team of seven inspiring athletes with Olympic and Paralympic ambitions for 2024

The seven athletes of the Saint-Gobain #AimingHigher Team are: Margot Boulet (adaptive rowing), Renaud Clerc (adaptive athletics), Julie Dufour (football), Emma Lombardi (triathlon), Vincent Matheron (skate park), Antoine Praud (adaptive athletics) et Ludvy Vaillant (athletics).

In addition to representing diversity and inclusion through this team, each athlete was chosen for their strong personality and determined work ethic, and the way they exemplify the Group's motto for the 2024 Paris Olympics, "Aiming higher to make the world a better home".

To support the athletes, Saint-Gobain chose the "Performance Pact" of the *Agence Nationale du Sport and the Fondation du Sport Français*.

A mentor to help them aim higher than ever

To guide them in aiming ever higher, the Saint-Gobain Team is led by a mentor, Luc Abalo, a French handball international and triple Olympic champion. A creative, positive personality who has had an inspiring career, Luc Abalo is poised to bring into play his experience and unique accomplishments, and to pass along the values of sportsmanship and performance that have driven him throughout his twenty-one-year career.

In addition to being a star athlete, Luc Abalo is also exploring modes of artistic expression such as painting, photography, video-making and fashion. Saint-Gobain even called on his talent to capture the individual and team photos of the Saint-Gobain Team.

"In an athlete's career, the Olympic and Paralympic Games are an unforgettable experience: the incredible, ultimate challenge that motivates us to surpass our limits. To rise to that challenge, we must summon the resources... Make every effort... Patiently and sustainably build up our performance... To make that ambition a reality today and tomorrow, we must continue aiming higher."

Luc Abalo, mentor of the Saint-Gobain Team

Our motto: #AimingHigher!

"Aiming higher to make the world a better home": such is the motto of the Saint-Gobain Group in the context of its support for the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games, and its team joins in. They embody the individual and collective ambition that drives us to surpass our limitations and rise to the challenges at hand. That applies across the board, from demonstrating athletic performance at a great worldwide sports event to proposing innovative, high-performance solutions to address tomorrow's decarbonization issues in the field of construction.

**Find out more about the athletes and Saint-Gobain's commitment
to Paris 2024 in the [press kit here](#)**

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About Saint-Gobain

As the world leader in sustainable construction, Saint-Gobain develops, produces and distributes equipment and services for the housing and industry markets. It brings a continual innovation dynamic to the development of integrated solutions for the renovation of public and private buildings, lightweight construction, and the decarbonization of the construction and industrial sectors to ensure sustainability and performance. The Group is led by its purpose statement: “MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER HOME”.

51.2 billion euros of turnover in 2022
168,000 employees in 75 countries
Committed to reaching Carbon Neutrality by 2050

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