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FIRST COFFEE ROASTERY IN THE WORLD TO ACHIEVE CARBON NEUTRAL GOLD STANDARD

Climate change is having a detrimental impact on global coffee production, with drastic consequences for our producers around the world. As a result, we have had every reason to take a proactive and holistic approach to mitigation and adaption.

One Carbon World is an initiative which aims to reduce climate change and assists organisations in achieving carbon neutrality over the next four years. Working with One Carbon World (<https://www.onecarbonworld.com/>), we verified our carbon footprint methodology and results, and offset our emissions by purchasing certified credits from a tree planting project in Uruguay and a wind energy project in India. As a result, we are proud to be the first roastery in the world to achieve the Carbon Neutral Gold Standard.

As part of our commitment to net zero emissions, we have also now joined the **UN Climate Neutral Now Initiative**. Launched in 2015, this scheme aims to encourage and support all levels of society to take climate action to achieve a climate neutral world by mid-century, as set out in the Paris Agreement.

Our journey is ongoing, and we will continue report annually on this - and all our sustainability initiatives. You can read the latest report here: http://www.1kcloud.com/edlv_xOh7v/#2

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

About Matthew Algie:

Happy farmers. Happy planet. Happy customers. That's the Matthew Algie mantra.

Established in Glasgow in 1864, the company supplies to cafés, bars, restaurants, hotels and businesses across the UK & Ireland.

Further details can be found at matthewalgie.com

Top Ten Facts About Matthew Algie:

1. They've been around for a very long time – over 150 years!
2. Matthew Algie was a real person. Born in Greenock, Matthew was a grocer; selling tea that arrived on the famous Clyde Clippers.
3. Matthew Algie was instrumental in developing the nation's taste for freshly ground coffee. By selling coffee machines to offices, restaurants and hotels in the early seventies they directed tastes away from instant and towards fresh.
4. Matthew Algie helped start Britain's espresso revolution. After a trip to Portland, Oregon, Matthew Algie's Managing Director saw the light and introduced the UK to the Fairtrade espresso bean in 1997.
5. They know what it takes for a coffee business to earn their keep – and they share insights and tools to grow their business.
6. Matthew Algie offers industry-leading coffee training at their SCA accredited training campuses in London, Dublin and Glasgow.
7. Matthew Algie was the first company to offer triple certified espresso coffee - approved by the *Fairtrade Foundation*, *Rainforest Alliance* and *Organic Food Federation*.
8. Matthew Algie uses cryogenic grinding to produce some of the world's freshest ground coffee. By sending the beans directly from the roaster to the grinder in airtight tubes and using liquid nitrogen to super-cool the coffee and grinder blades, it doesn't get a chance to stale or heat up.
9. Matthew Algie goes to extraordinary lengths to source the tastiest beans. By travelling to origin and working hand-in-hand with farmers from around the world, their customers get the best tasting coffee possible.
10. Matthew Algie was the world's first coffee roaster to achieve the Carbon Neutral Gold Standard and to join the UN Climate Neutral Now initiative.