

B-CORP FURNITURE MANUFACTURER INVESTS IN SOLAR TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE BRITISH MANUFACTURING

Rawside Furniture appoints Seed Renewables to deliver rooftop solar installation at Hampshire manufacturing facility

Rawside Furniture, the British commercial furniture manufacturer and certified B-Corp company, has invested in rooftop solar energy at its Hampshire manufacturing facility as part of its ongoing commitment to sustainable and responsible manufacturing.

The company appointed Seed Renewables to design and install a rooftop solar PV system at its production facility near Winchester, enabling the business to generate clean renewable electricity directly on-site to support day-to-day manufacturing operations.

The project was designed and delivered by Seed Renewables, the commercial and industrial renewable energy specialist providing turnkey energy solutions across the UK. The bespoke rooftop solar PV system was tailored to the operational requirements of the manufacturing facility, helping maximise on-site renewable generation while integrating seamlessly into day-to-day operations.

Known for creating furniture for hospitality, workplace and commercial environments, Rawside has sustainability embedded throughout its business, from material sourcing and production processes through to long-term operational decision-making. The solar installation forms part of the company's continued investment in reducing environmental impact while improving energy resilience and supporting the energy transition in British manufacturing.

Richard Gann, Co-Founder of Rawside Furniture, commented: *"At Rawside, we care deeply about responsible manufacturing and creating products rooted in sustainability and innovative design. Seed Renewables has done a brilliant job integrating renewable energy into our UK operations, allowing us to further strengthen our sustainability commitments while helping power our factory with clean renewable energy."*

The installation comprises 191 solar panels and is expected to generate almost 100,000 kWh of renewable electricity annually — enough to avoid approximately 32.5 tonnes of carbon emissions each year while supporting on-site manufacturing activities.

Liz Close, Co-Founder of Rawside Furniture, added: *"Seeing how much of our electricity can now be self-generated through on-site solar energy has really demonstrated the potential of solar for our manufacturing facility. The project has been a valuable investment in both sustainability and the long-term resilience of our business."*

Manufacturing facilities are particularly well suited to rooftop solar, as much of their energy demand occurs during daylight hours when solar generation is at its highest. Seed Renewables worked closely with Rawside throughout the project to ensure the installation was delivered safely, efficiently and with minimal disruption to ongoing manufacturing operations.

Lee Heath, CEO of Seed Renewables, said: *"Manufacturing businesses are well suited to rooftop solar, particularly where energy demand aligns with daytime production. Projects like Rawside show how commercial solar can help businesses reduce grid reliance, lower carbon emissions and make better use of existing roof space."*

The project is another example of the growing role renewable energy is playing within UK manufacturing, as businesses seek to improve sustainability performance, manage energy costs and strengthen operational resilience. It also reflects Seed Renewables' growing portfolio of manufacturing-sector projects supporting the transition to cleaner, more resilient energy systems.

Notes to Editors

About Rawside Furniture

Founded in 2014, Rawside Furniture is a British-made furniture manufacturer creating sustainable, design-led furniture for hospitality, workplace and commercial environments. Operating from its purpose-built workshop in Hampshire and with a dedicated showroom in Shoreditch, Rawside combines innovative design, advanced manufacturing technology and traditional craftsmanship to produce furniture built to last. Certified as a B Corp in 2023, the family-run business is committed to responsible manufacturing and embedding sustainability throughout its operations.

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About Seed Renewables

Seed Renewables is a UK-based EPC contractor and renewable energy developer, delivering end to end solutions for solar PV, CHP systems, energy storage, EV charging infrastructure, mechanical and electrical services, and Operations & Maintenance. Founded in 2013 as part of the Seed Group, it combines over 30 years of engineering expertise with a commitment to sustainability. Seed Renewables works nationwide with both CapEx and fully funded options via key partners including Zestec Renewable Energy (powered by Octopus Power Generation).

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