ICKO is a household name for French and European beekeepers.

Buzzing enthusiasts Charles and Emma Ickowicz founded the company in 1947 with the ambition to create tools that make beekeeping easier. For 75 years, the Ickowicz's passion for all things bee-related has run in the family and they gradually became the European leader in the field – or rather in the bee yard.

In 1985, under the leadership of Gabriel Ickowicz, ICKO broadened its offering with a full range of beekeeping goods and – in 2000 – launched API Equipement, a subsidiary for professionals.

In 2011, husband & wife team Pierre and Mathilde Ickowicz created France's first beekeeping e-shop. They adapted the product range for sales in garden centres. Later, they opened the first ICKO stores in France.

ICKO Apiculture now has 17 stores in the country and a very broad network of retailers.

NEEDS & CHALLENGES

CONTEXT

GSE designed & built a project for ICKO at Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux, north of Avignon. It provides a 9,000 m² warehouse, 3,000 m² of production space, 1,000 m² of offices and a 900 m² shop under one roof .

Completed in a record time of 12 months, the facility was handed over in November 2021 and started operating the following month.

PROJECT

The project involved the design & build of a 14,000 m² facility for logistics, production, administrative and commercial use, destined to become the company's new head office. The building provides space for the manufacture and packaging of bee feed, as well as the storage of equipment. It meets the company's needs by combining modern workspaces with facilities for beekeeping activities.

TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

Based on GSE's MODULOG® concept, the building features neat interior and exterior fixtures & furnishings. Its sophisticated design enhances employees' comfort and well-being.
In line with ICKO's environmentally responsible approach, the building and car park have solar panels on the roofing.

KEY FEATURES

The building supports a 10,000 m² photovoltaic power plant on the roof, with a further 2,000 m² of solar panels over the car parks. It also enables independent rainwater management.

Thanks to its reinforced insulation and meticulous interior and exterior design, MODULOG® shines as an exclusive GSE concept. This high-performance logistics warehouse is based on an industrialised process, making it both competitive and flexible.



GSE'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTISE AND STRATEGY

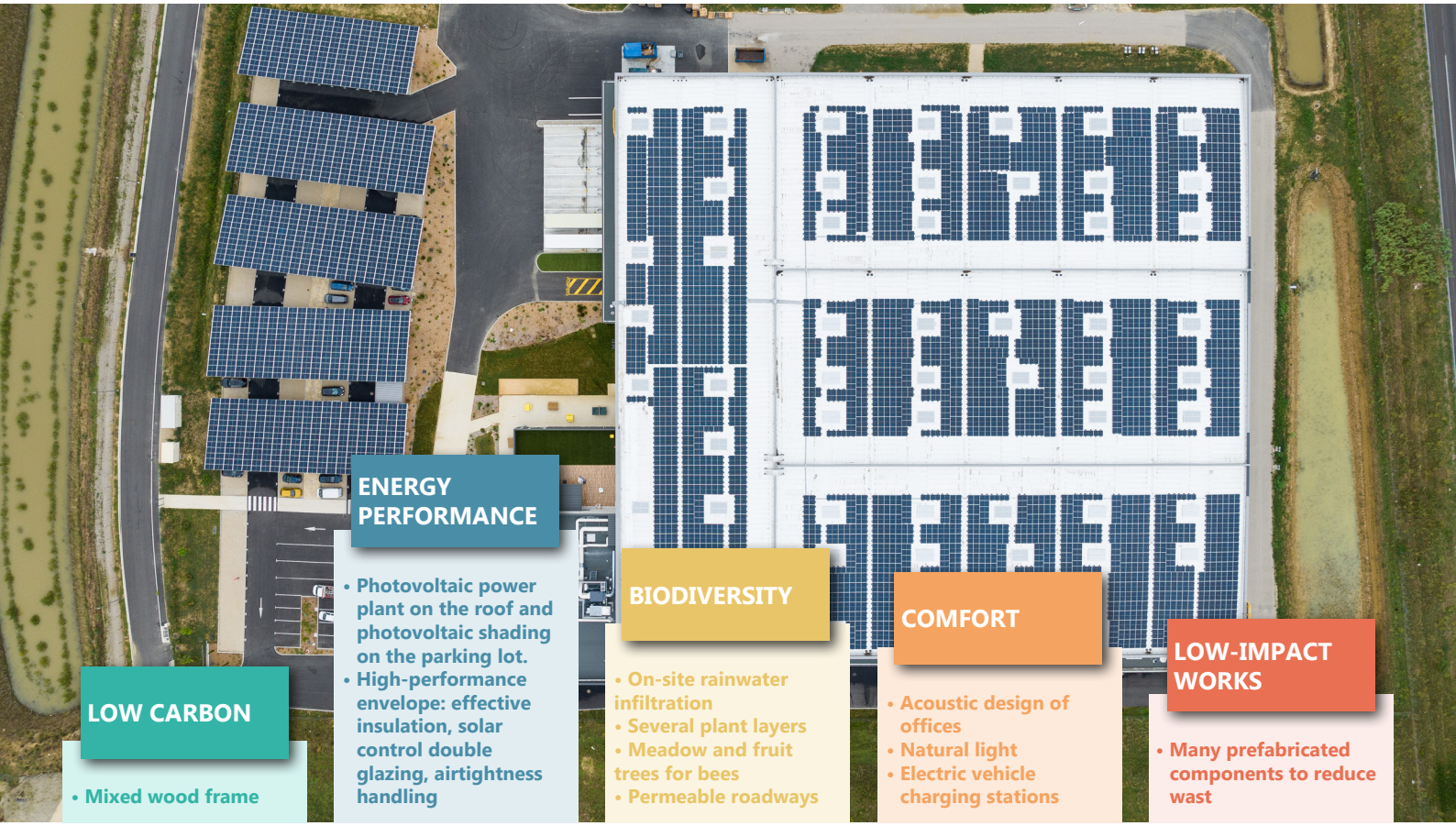
FOCUS ON CERTIFICATION

ICKO Apiculture's workplace is carefully designed for employee wellbeing. Featuring a modern, uncluttered look, the premises offer a variety of spaces, including comfortable relaxation areas, as well as interactive, modular coworking spaces, designed to satisfy and stimulate the teams' activities.

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ICKO

A 14,000 m² building for logistics, production and services.



PIERRE ICKOWICZ
ICKO APICULTURE
CHAIRMAN

Thanks to GSE, we could decide on emblematic features and design elements, such as the honeycomb on the facade and the green spaces for the bees of our on-site apiary.
The project was completed in a record time of 12 months, on budget.
Now GSE's work enables us to operate in a building designed for our employees' wellbeing and safety.