

## Knoll and Environmental Sustainability

# Knoll and the level™ Certification Program

### What is level™?

level™ is the certification program for the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association's (BIFMA) furniture sustainability standard.

BIFMA has established level™ as a common framework against which to evaluate the environmental and social responsibility of a variety of products. level™ is part of BIFMA's ongoing development of voluntary product and industry standards that support safe, healthy and sustainable workplaces. To achieve level™ certification, Knoll partners with Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), known for its integrity and scientific rigor.

In the BIFMA level certification process, a product, the organization and facilities that produced it are scored according to sustainability criteria in four areas: Materials; Energy and Atmosphere; Human and Ecosystem Health; and Social Responsibility.

### level™ is Understandable

- ▶ The level™ standard is applicable to all business and institutional furniture.
- ▶ level™ is modeled after the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® Rating System.
- ▶ level™ provides a single, transparent way of understanding and communicating what sustainable furniture product is.

### level™ is Comprehensive

- ▶ In the BIFMA level™ certification process, a product, the organization and facilities that produced it are scored according to sustainability criteria in four areas:
  - Materials
  - Energy and Atmosphere

- Human and Ecosystem Health
- Social Responsibility

- ▶ In order to achieve a level™ certification, a manufacturer must partner with a recognized, independent third-party certification body.
- ▶ Knoll partners with Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), the first to certify products to the level™ program; SCS is known for its integrity and scientific rigor.

### level™ is Definitive

- ▶ level™ has three conformance thresholds: level 1, level 2 or level 3 certification.
- ▶ level 3 is the highest award a product can achieve.

### Knoll level™ Certified Products

**Knoll has achieved level 3 certification for the following products:**

Antenna™ Workspaces  
AutoStrada™  
Calibre  
Dividends Horizon®  
Generation by Knoll®  
MultiGeneration by Knoll®  
Reff Profiles™  
Series 2