

*A Better World,
Through Better Business*



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Sustainable Business

The Business Case for Sustainable Apparel

Strategy for Implementing Sustainable Raw Material Sourcing

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Apparel companies are driving sustainability improvements using several strategies:



*Strategy highlighted in green are built out in this presentation

Defining the Sustainability Strategies



Reducing Chemical Impact

Company reduces the impact of chemicals in its supply chain

Improving Water Management

Company focuses on water management through increased water efficiency, conservation, and reduction of wastewater quantity, while improving wastewater quality

Improving Energy Management

Company focuses on practices to decrease greenhouse gas emissions by focusing on improving energy efficiency, changing distributions modes, and increasing use of renewable energy

Investing in Reduction of Material Waste

Company implements practices to mitigate waste in areas such as fabric, consumer clothing, peripherals, and packaging

Implementing Sustainable Raw Material Sourcing

Company spurs innovation of new materials development and substitutes more sustainable materials in existing products and packaging

Investing in Circularity and Innovation

Company invests in innovation to achieve new circular business models which focus on product takeback and innovative design methods

Investing in Employee and Supplier Well-Being

Company improves labor conditions in their supply chain and across their corporate workforce through practices that directly and indirectly benefit the health and safety of the workforce

Investing in Sustainable Brand Marketing and Communications

Company invests in marketing and education around sustainability through engagement campaigns and branding

Implementing Sustainable Raw Material Sourcing

