

### Sustainability: From Words to Actions

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### Agenda

- 1. Why we care
- 2. Zalando Sustainability Strategy
- 3. Wrap up







### Why do we care?





### The global fashion industry is one of the top polluting industries.<sup>1</sup>

It takes about 2,700 liters of water to make just one t-shirt.<sup>2</sup> Nearly <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of all clothing ends up in landfills.<sup>3</sup> Less than 1% of material is recycled into new clothing.<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> New York Times (2018)
<sup>2</sup> WWF (2013)
<sup>3</sup> Pulse of the Fashion Industry (2018), p. 59
<sup>4</sup> Ellen MacArthur Foundation, A new textiles economy: Redesigning fashion's future, (2017), p. 20



> Globally, consumers are becoming more aware of the social and environmental impact of their garments.

Our customers expect us to address these issues and to help create more transparency in the industry.



### WGSN **Newsbite**



Brand Dependance



81% consumers feel that companies should help to improve the environment.<sup>1</sup>

Demographic Demand

**48%** of Gen Z & Millennials say they have abandoned purchases because a brand or retailer does not fit with their values.<sup>2</sup>

**Building Consumer Trust** 



2 in 3 consumers think brands that make a public promise to be sustainable are more trustworthy.<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Nielson (2018) <sup>2</sup> Drapers (2019) <sup>3</sup> GlobalWebIndex

The Zalando customer puts words into action when shopping with us



#### increase

in conversion rate when articles are flagged as sustainable



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### We don't need a few people to be doing sustainability perfectly, we need a billion people doing sustainability imperfectly.





### Zalando Sustainability Strategy



Setting priorities and tracking progress has been key







#### Celebrating our sustainable assortment...

**Your Product Information** 



DESCRIPTION SIZE & FIT DELIVERY REVIEWS

#### MATERIAL & CARE

#### Outer fabric material: 100% lyocell

Lining: 100% polyester

Care instructions: Do not tumble dry, machine wash at 30°C, Machine wash on gentle cycle

#### DETAILS

Neckline: Low-cut v-neck Collar: Lapel collar Pattern: Plain Details: Belt included, inseam pockets, bust darts, slip Article number: BJ721C09R-A11

#### SPOTLIGHT ON SUSTAINABILITY

#### Eco-fibre mix

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This label has been defined by Zalando to highlight items that include materials which have been sustainably sourced or have a lower environmental impact. Examples include TENCEL® / lyocell, linen, hemo. recycled content and cotton sourced through the Better Cotton



Your Brand Stories

G-STAR RAW



Joint Inspirational campaigns



Size v Brand v Price v Colour v Length v Pattern v Collection v Show all filters







#### ...and strong partnerships



We run brand working groups to **define new sustainability criteria** (e.g. shoes and denim)



Together with Sustainable Apparel Coalition, we trial and error new approaches and use the Higg Index to drive improvement across the industry



Partnering with innovators to change the fashion game (e.g. Fashion for Good, circular.fashion)





# We want to be the starting point for sustainable fashion.

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## Our sustainability commitments



### Jointly enabling customers to live their social and environmental values

Flawless Choice	x10 growth of our sustainable assortment share by 2023
	Zign becomes our first sustainable private label by 2020
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### We cannot do it without ou, our partners.

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### Our key ask to you

Grow your sustainable assortment on Zalando  $\rightarrow$  x10 by 2023

Train your teams on our requirements and processes

Provide us the necessary information to flag your products

Collaborate with us on content





### Wrap up



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# What are your commitments?

### How can you join us on our journey?





### Thank you!

