Stollwerck | Our commitment

Without the love and dedication of our suppliers, the cocoa farmers, there is no chocolate story to tell. We are in this together, every day, united to assure the future. But our commitment towards sustainability goes way beyond that. Our world is a better, sweeter world for all.

Sustainability programmes

Stollwerck is a member of various established cocoa sustainability initiatives. The overall objective of the platforms is to bring stakeholders in the chocolate industry together to actively promote sustainability in the cocoa value chain. We offer a wide range of sustainability standards to our consumers and are certified for Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Organic and RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil).

Transparence Cacao program

This program guarantees the traceability of the cocoa from the bean to the finished chocolate and enables a direct relation with everyone in the supply chain; from the farmer to the consumer. It integrates traceability, aromatic quality and respect for the environment in the cocoa supply chain. But above all, it initiates an approach to generating wealth and transforming rural cocoa farming areas in order to contribute to an improved quality of life of the cocoa farmers. The farmers are our main business partners who produce the most important raw material of our unique-tasting chocolate.

Learn more ➔

Ecuador project

We developed our own cocoa sustainability project in Ecuador - one of the oldest cocoa origins since ancient times and one of the most biodiverse countries in the world - to strengthen our direct connections in order to support the cocoa farmers. From the start almost 200 farmers have been involved, and we expect this number to increase in the coming years. More information on the project can be found in our Sustainability Report.

Our Sustainability Report ➔

The future of packaging

At Stollwerck we focus on reducing the mountain of waste by switching to more sustainable packaging if possible. This, of course, without compromising on food safety, appearance, processability and price. To achieve these sustainability objectives, we focus on four pillars.

1. Packaging reduction: by using thinner foils, trays, cardboard, paper and
the omission of non-essential packaging, volumes are being reduced.
2. Recyclability: combined material structures are converted into so-called mono materials, making the packaging 100% recyclable.
3. Alternative packaging: replacing plastic foils, aluminium wraps, plastic trays with paper or paper-based alternatives.
4. Circular economy: innovative solutions such as bio-based plastic materials manufactured from renewable feedstock are on our radar.

Quality standards

By means of independent external audits, our quality systems are screened and assessed and we are stimulated to continuously improve. All our sites are both
internally and externally audited and certified by the recognised quality labels IFS, BRC and SEDEX.

**We care and take our responsibility.**

We act with integrity whether engaging with internal or external contacts. This is the foundation for all decisions made within our company.
