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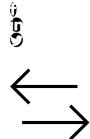
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Our efforts are underpinned by clear targets we have set. By 2025, we aim to achieve climate neutrality (CQe) for both own operations and own retail stores. We will also continue to improve the water efficiency at our highest-consuming sites, aiming for a 15% reduction in water consumption per square meter for own operations, measured against 2019, while working to achieve a waste diversion rate of 95% at own operations. We aim to steadily increase our overall environmental performance data coverage and continue to push implementing ecoefficiency standards through a holistic integrated management system (IMS) at key sites. All of these efforts will support us on our way to achieve a 30% reduction of GHG emissions across our entire value chain by 2030, measured against the baseline of 2017.

- Moving toward decarbonization: We defined a clear roadmap to achieve our emission reduction targets, including measures such as implementing on-site renewable energy production, improving energy use efficiency, sourcing renewable energy,<sup>3</sup> and renewable energy certificates.<sup>4</sup> In 2021, we kept investing in own operations and offered Green Funds to subsidize local projects to improve energy efficiency as well as on-site renewable energy production. During 2021, we implemented 13 decarbonization initiatives that included, for example, three on-site solar renewable energy projects in Herzogenaurach and Moscow, and energy efficiency projects at distribution centers such as LED retrofit, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) equipment upgrade, and energy monitoring systems. In 2021, for the first time, we collected electricity consumption data for our own retail stores globally. Data coverage with primary data for own operations was 98%, and for own retail 21%. In 2021, total energy consumption across own operations globally was 512,050 MWh, equivalent to a total of 138,411 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (12,908 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in Scope 1 and 125,502 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in Scope 2), equivalent to 0.038 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup> (25,731 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for own operations, 112,680 tCO<sub>2</sub>e own retail stores (including own showrooms)). We continue our transition toward renewable sources. 100% of our electricity consumption in Europe and North America comes from renewable energy sources in part supported by certificates for renewable energy.
- Improving water efficiency: In 2021, we invested in the installation of more efficient sprinkler systems, water submeters, and a wastewater segregation system at our headquarters in Portland. We will keep investing in water efficiency and wastewater projects in the coming years. In 2021, our water consumption at own operations totaled 0.128 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>, and we achieved an accumulative water reduction of 34% compared to 2019.
- Increasing waste diversion rates: Data collection for waste streams and volumes contributable to adidas remains a challenge, as our offices are mostly located in shared buildings for which we do not have direct

- control over waste management. As of 2021, 74% of our own operations are monitoring and tracking waste. By the end of 2021, a total of 32,951t waste was generated and we achieved an accumulated diversion rate of 92% for own operations, measured against 2019.
- Implementing sustainable processes: The Integrated Management System (IMS) helps us to secure relevant ISO management certifications for key locations, such as environmental management (ISO 14001), health and safety management (ISO 45001), energy management (ISO 50001), and introduced in 2021 and planned to obtain for 2022 facility management (ISO 41001). adidas aims to further expand these certifications to more key sites through implementation of the standards and both internal and external audits, as these support us to achieve our energy, water, waste, and health and safety targets. As of 2021, 64 sites were certified for ISO 14001, 63 sites for ISO 45001, 327 sites for ISO 50001 (applies to locations with more than 50 employees or space exceeding 4,500m²).
- Continuing Green Building certification: 'Green Building' certifications are a key enabler to reduce carbon emissions and enhance resource efficiency in the construction of facilities. adidas has been using predominantly 'LEED' ('Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design') and 'BREEAM' ('Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method') certifications for new construction and renovations for own retail stores as well as corporate facilities. As 'Green Building' certification is used for strategically relevant projects, a set of internal eco-efficiency standards have been implemented for all projects which mirror the priorities of the LEED certification. The ultimate goal is to achieve energy reduction through investment in high energy-efficient equipment and energy monitoring.
- Tracking occupational health and safety: Health and safety, especially regarding the workplace and our people, has always been a priority at adidas. We ensure that our infrastructure, assets, and operations are compliant with the ISO standard 45001, by providing a safe, secure, and healthy work environment. Monitoring our performance closely helps us keep track of our progress and identify areas where we need to increase our efforts. We have implemented training and guidelines and scaled these through the entire organization. In 2021, we recorded zero fatal accidents (2020: 0), a Lost Time Incident Rate of 0.40 for employees (2020: 0.53), and 0.97 for external workforce (2020: 0.67), as well as a zero Occupational Illness Frequency Rate ('OIFR').
- 1 Percentage of sustainable articles (by count) offered at the points-of-sale (average of Fall/Winter season of the current financial year and Spring/Summer season of the following financial year). For the calculation of the article weight, trims are excluded for apparel and accessories and gear. Only articles with verified environmentally preferred material contents are included. Licensed articles are excluded. Without Reebok.
- 2 For apparel and accessories and gear, the environmentally preferred material content is based on the article weight (at least 25% recycled content or 50% sustainable cotton; excluding trims), for footwear (only upper part) it is based on material components (at least 25% of the components used contain 50% or more recycled content) or article weight (at least 25%). The percentage of sustainable articles (by count) offered at the points-of-sale in Spring/Summer 2021 amounted to 60.6%. Only articles with verified environmentally preferred material contents are included. Licensed articles are excluded. Without Reebok.
- **3** Renewable energy is accounted for with zero emissions.
- 4 Decrease in emissions from electricity consumption in part as a result of the purchase of 'Renewable Energy Certificates.'

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## **IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING**

In spring 2021, optimism in the world was in short supply. Yet adidas chose to see possibilities. We relaunched our iconic brand campaign 'Impossible is Nothing.'

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