WOOLWORTHS HOLDINGS LIMITED

# GOOD BUSINESS JOURNEY REPORT

2022 EXTERNAL RECOGNITION

\* WHL is included in the Consumer Services industry and the Broadline

Retailer subsector.

## EXTERNAL RECOGNITION

In general, the WHL Group (the Group) is rated highly among its local and global peers in the indices, ratings, and assessments in which it is included. This year, the Group's Good Business Journey management, performance, and reporting received the following recognition:

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**DESCRIPTION** INDEX, RATING OR ASSESSMENT **PERFORMANCE** INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING The FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Index FTSE/RUSSELL RESPONSIBLE assesses the environmental, social, and INVESTMENT INDEX AND TOP 30 WHL IS ONE OF THREE governance (ESG) performance of all companies INDEX 2022 with a full listing on the main board of the JSE. **Woolworths Holdings Limited** JSE-LISTED RETAILERS ON The Index comprises eligible companies that (WHL) was included in the FTSE/JSE THE FTSE/JSE RESPONSIBLE Responsible Investment Index and achieve the required minimum FTSE Russell ESG INVESTMENT TOP 30 rating. The FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment **Top 30 Index for 2021.** Top 30 Index comprises the 30 top-scoring INDEX FOR 2022. companies included in the FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Index. WHL was included in the FTSE4Good **Emerging Index Series for 2021/2022,** FTSE4GOOD ESG rating: FTSE4GOOD EMERGING INDEX with an ESG rating of The FTSE4Good Emerging Index Series SERIES 2021/2022 comprises companies achieving an overall WHL Industry average\* ESG rating of 2.9 or more out of 5 when the FTSE4Good criteria are applied to the companies included in the FTSE Emerging Index. The FTSE Emerging Index includes companies Subsector average\*

2020: **4.5** 

from more than 20 emerging countries,

including South Africa.

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INDEX, RATING OR ASSESSMENT	DESCRIPTION	PERFORMANCE		INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING
CDP CLIMATE 2021		B	2020: <b>B</b>	WHL  Global average  B-  Convenience Retail sector average
CDP WATER 2021	The CDP assesses companies' reporting of their environmental impacts with regards to water, climate change, and deforestation, including the governance and risk management thereof. Submission to the CDP is on a voluntary basis.  The assessment is based on companies' responses to a set questionnaire developed by the CDP, and companies are ranked from A (best) to D- (worst).	В	2020: <b>B</b>	WHL  Global average  Convenience Retail sector average  C
CDP FORESTS 2021: TIMBER		C	2020: <b>C</b>	WHL C  Global average B-  Convenience Retail sector average C
CDP FORESTS 2021: PALM OIL		C	2020: <b>B</b>	WHL C  Global average B-  Convenience Retail sector average C
CDP FORESTS 2021: CATTLE PRODUCTS		C	2020: <b>C</b>	WHL C Global average C Convenience Retail sector average C
CDP FORESTS 2021: SOYA			2020: <b>C</b>	WHL C Global average C Convenience Retail sector average C

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MSCI ESG RATINGS

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MSCI ESG ratings aim to measure a company's resilience to long-term ESG risks. Companies are scored on an industry-relative scale from CCC (laggard) to AAA (leader) across the most relevant key issues, based on a company's business model.

**PERFORMANCE** 

WHL's rating

2021: **AA** 

When compared to industry peers in the MSCI's universe of retail-consumer discretionary companies assessed (81 companies), WHL is included in the top 26%.

INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING

MSCI ESG RATINGS

CCC B BB BBB

AA AAA

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FASHION TRANSPARENCY INDEX 2021

FASHION REVOLUTION

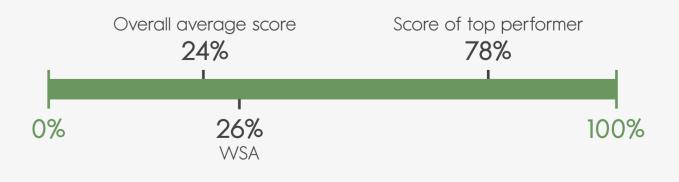
The Fashion Transparency Index ranks 250 of the world's largest fashion brands and retailers according to how much they disclose about their social and environmental policies, practices, and impact. Scores are calculated from 0% (worst) to 100% (best).

2021: **24%** 

WSA 2022 score

WSA scored above the overall average, and also achieved the highest overall score of any South African fashion retailer.

However, WSA performed poorly relative to our global peers, with the assessment indicating that more work is required, particularly in our approach to transparency.



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INDEX, RATING OR ASSESSMENT **DESCRIPTION PERFORMANCE** INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING INTERCONTINENTAL GROUP OF DEPARTMENT STORES (IGDS) AWARD FOR THE WORLD'S BEST SUSTAINABILITY/CSR CAMPAIGN BY A DEPARTMENT STORE 2022 The IGDS invites department stores from RECEIVING THIS AWARD around the world to submit entries for this AMONG THE WORLD'S award, which aims to foster greater corporate MOST-RENOWNED social responsibility leadership among department stores, and reward best-in-class DEPARTMENT STORES IS practices. The main judging criteria include the AN ACCOLADE WE ARE originality and pertinence of the campaign, its WSA'S ZERO HUNGER FOOD VERY PROUD OF. execution, and the resulting audience impact. SECURITY CAMPAIGN WAS AWARDED 2ND RUNNER-UP. 1GDS WWF PALM OIL BUYERS SCORECARD 2021 Woolworths scored above the **WSA 2021:** global average, and was the top-ranked South African retailer. The WWF Palm Oil Buyers Scorecard assesses 227 palm oil buyers on actions they're taking towards supporting ethical Score of top palm oil supply chains. Companies are performer Average scored from 0 (worst) to 24 (best). 13.2 22.4

(FIRST TIME PARTICIPATING)

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COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING SUPERMARKET SURVEY 2022



The Compassion in World Farming
Supermarket Survey scores and
rates supermarkets on their policies,
performance, and overall approach to
farm animal welfare for laying hens,
broilers, pigs, dairy cows, and calves.

WSA WAS RANKED 9<sup>TH</sup> OUT OF 29 RETAILERS THAT PARTICIPATED (19 FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU), 10 NON-EU). FOR INDIVIDUAL SPECIES, WOOLWORTHS WAS RANKED 4<sup>TH</sup> IN LAYING HENS, 8<sup>TH</sup> IN DAIRY, 9<sup>TH</sup> IN SOWS AND 7<sup>TH</sup> IN FISH.

ORACLE CHANGE AGENTS
SUSTAINABILITY AWARD 2021



The Oracle Change Agents Sustainability
Award is an annual global award that
honours Oracle customers who have
demonstrated excellence in environmental
leadership, cost reduction, and
improvement of business efficiencies by
using Oracle Cloud technologies.

WSA WAS THE WINNER OF THE THE EARTHFIRST AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE USE OF ORACLE CLOUD TECHNOLOGY IN CAPTURING AND REPORTING ON FOOD SUSTAINABILITY ATTRIBUTES.

#### COUNTRY ROAD GROUP AND DAVID JONES

INDEX, RATING OR ASSESSMENT **DESCRIPTION PERFORMANCE** INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING 2021 SCORES GRADING OF FASHION COMPANIES ASSESSED BAPTIST WORLD AID ETHICAL FASHION REPORT 2021 **Country Road Group CRG** 16 Baptist World Aid (BWA) is a Christian aid and development organisation that partners with Australian Christians to end poverty. B 30 DJ The annual Ethical Fashion Report grades 98 fashion companies from A+ (best) to F (worst), based on the strength of their systems to mitigate against the risks of forced labour, child **25** labour, and exploitation in their supply chains. **BAPTIST David Jones WORLD AID** 15 **AUSTRALIA** In 2020, BWA conducted a special Be Love. End poverty. assessment related to Covid-19. The purpose thereof was to highlight what steps companies were taking to protect and support the most vulnerable workers in their supply chains during the pandemic. Companies were assessed across six commitments. Both CRG and DJ were rated as having provided evidence of actions taken across all six commitments.

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