

Fighting food waste

This topic has been on the Group's agenda of concerns for several years, through the way it conducts its businesses for the efficient management of raw materials, throughout their value chains. There is a clear objective: to prevent waste production, using an approach incorporated in the five pillars of its Corporate Responsibility strategy:

- Promoting Good Health through Food, by supplying ready-made soups and salads, incorporating products that are not standardised for sale;
- Respecting the Environment, endeavouring to reduce the waste generated;
- Sourcing Responsibly, by purchasing non-graded food products, which previously had little or no economic value. This practice guaranteed the use of over 13,300 tonnes of products during the year;
- Supporting Surrounding Communities, by donating more than 10 thousand tonnes of food to social institutions reaching hundreds of people in need, thereby contributing towards the fight against hunger and malnutrition;
- Being a Benchmark Employer, by training employees to identify, select and separate safe food to be donated.

In 2016, the Group was recognised for its actions by the European Business Awards, having won the National Champion and Ruban d'Honneur awards in "The Award for Environmental & Corporate Sustainability" category. Within this context, the Ethical Corporation also awarded an honourable mention in the "Most Effective Domestic Community Investment" category.



Stakeholder Engagement

For the Jerónimo Martins Group, stakeholder engagement plays an important part in defining and managing material environmental, social and economic aspects, as well as in formulating the communication strategy.

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With a view to continuous improvement, the Group furthers its engagement with stakeholders that depend on or influence its activity, by using various communication channels, with the objective of being more in line with their needs and expectations.

Stakeholders	Interfaces	Communication Channels
Shareholders and Investors	Investor Relations Department.	Corporate website, e-mail, Annual Report, half-yearly corporate magazine, financial releases, meetings, conferences, roadshows, Investor's Day and shareholders' meetings.
Analysts	Investor Relations Department, Communications and Corporate Responsibility Department.	Corporate website, e-mail, Annual Report, half-yearly corporate magazine, financial releases, meetings, conferences and Investor's Day.
Official Bodies, Supervising Entities and Local Councils	Investor Relations Department, Tax Departments, Legal Departments, Communications and Corporate Responsibility Department.	Corporate website, e-mail and post, half-yearly corporate magazine and meetings.
Suppliers, Business Partners and Service Providers	Commercial, Marketing, Quality and Private Brand Development, Food Safety, Environment, Regional Operations, Technical, Expansion, IT Departments and Ethics Committee.	JM Direct Portal, follow-up visits, quality and food safety audits, business meetings, direct contacts and half-yearly corporate magazine.
Employees	Human Resources Departments, Training School, Ethics Committee and Employee Assistance Services.	Employee Assistance Services (telephone line, post and electronic mail), internal magazines, intranet, operational and management meetings, interpersonal relationships, annual performance appraisal, training sessions and internal climate surveys.
Customers and Consumers	Customer Services, Customer Ombudsman and Ethics Committee.	Toll-free phone lines, e-mail, corporate website and post.
Local Communities	Communications and Corporate Responsibility Department, Stores and Distribution Centres (DCs).	Follow-up visits, meetings, protocols and partnerships/patronage.
Journalists	Communications and Corporate Responsibility Department.	Corporate website, press releases, press conferences, meetings, Annual Report and half-yearly corporate magazine.
NGOs and Associations	Communications and Corporate Responsibility Department.	Follow-up visits, meetings, partnerships/patronage and half-yearly corporate magazine.

In 2016, three years after carrying out the last exercise of listening to its stakeholders, the Group decided to re-evaluate the material topics to be considered, both at a management level and a reporting level, within the scope of its Corporate Responsibility strategy.

This exercise was carried out directly - through interviews and questionnaires - with all the Group's stakeholders, except Official Bodies, Supervisory Entities and Local Councils, for whom the listening process was based on an analysis of legal documents and strategic programmes in force.

Out of a total of more than 4,790 responses, including those from the Group's top management, it was possible to confirm the validity of the material aspects that incorporate the strategic plans, among which the following are highlighted, in descending order:

1. Quality and food safety;
2. Selection of suppliers based on sustainability criteria;
3. Offer of products of a sustainable origin;
4. Working conditions;
5. Preference for local suppliers;
6. Engagement with and support to employees, their families and surrounding communities;
7. Offer of healthy products;
8. Waste management and recycling;
9. Energy efficiency and reduction in water consumption;
10. Supplier relations management.

The Group's reporting of the actions in each of these material topics can be found throughout this chapter, in the area dedicated to each of the action pillars that embody the commitment to sustainable development.

In order to also ensure compliance with the Principles of Corporate Responsibility, and to disclose and reinforce them, the Group also has the Committee on Corporate Governance and Corporate Responsibility, which works closely with the Board of Directors, and the Ethics Committee, which monitors the disclosure of and compliance with the Code of Conduct in all the Group's Companies.

The responsibilities of each of these Committees are described at www.jeronimomartins.pt, in the "Investor" area.

At the end of 2016, LinkedIn, the professional social network, had more than 87 thousand followers and has been an important vehicle for disclosing the Group's activity, including the actions carried out within the scope of the five pillars of Corporate Responsibility. Within this context, throughout 2016, 78 posts were released relating to Corporate Responsibility, resulting in over 2.4 million impressions¹.

Non-Governmental Organisations and Associations

At an institutional level and with regard to its Companies, the Jerónimo Martins Group is part of various national and international organisations and initiatives concerning Corporate Responsibility:

- BCSD Portugal – Conselho Empresarial para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável
- Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
- Forum Odpowiedzialnego Biznesu (Responsible Business Forum)
- Global Social Compliance Programme (GSCP)
- Grupo de Reflexão e Apoio à Cidadania Empresarial (GRACE)
- London Benchmarking Group (LBG)
- Retail Forum for Sustainability
- The Consumer Goods Forum (CGF)
- The Supply Chain Initiative (SCI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- We Mean Business

For further details about relations with stakeholders and about the organisations to which the Group belongs, please go to www.jeronimomartins.pt, in the "Responsibility" area.

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¹ This indicator refers to the number of times each post was displayed to LinkedIn users.