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Hi, I'm Amy Rauen, a fractional Chief Product Officer making sustainability and circularity simple for the American fashion brands.

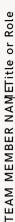
Having spent the last 20 years in the fashion industry building brands for world class companies such as Donna Karan, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Lord & Taylor I now use my background in textile innovation, product development, and global supply chains to help brands solve complex sourcing challenges and increase their value starting with their sustainability strategy.

As an accredited Circular Economy Pioneer through The Ellen MacArthur Foundation and certified through the Sustainable Design

Entrepreneur program from the Fashion Institute of Technology I empower leaders with the knowledge to solve complex decisions spanning product design, supply chains, industrial processes, distribution networks, circularity, and technology innovation.

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# I Work With

leaders in organizations who have committed to be more sustainable, but have plenty of other challenges in the day-to-day business operation and are not sure how to prioritize efforts and resources. Through my work, I have found that they all have encountered

# 3 common challenges



01

Sustainability can be confusing and there are **NO GUIDELINES** that they can follow to become more sustainable.

02

They have several **OTHER PRIORITIES** and sustainability is just another layer that requires a portion of already strapped resources.

03

They don't know **WHAT INITIATIVES TO FOCUS ON** to make the most of limited financial and human resources and in which sequence to tackle them.



## Deliverable

Once we work together to address those challenges you will have:

#### **3 FOCUS AREAS**

Establishing top priorities that the leadership team is aligned on so that everyones efforts can be focused.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

Outlining objectives, key activities, budget, time and resources needed.

#### **ROADMAP**

A one-page visual of the above that identifies the steps you need to take, in what order, and how your company will benefit from achieving these priority goals.



# Real Life Examples

Previous work with clients and actual deliverables.

# Building a Strategy

Start with time bound and measurable goals.

Do this jointly with your management team. Make sure you start with understanding what issues you want to tackle and have a positive impact on. There are no right or wrong here.

Sustainability means different things to different companies.

Make sure you know what you want to work with and make that your definition.

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#### **Opportunities**

Where do you go from here? Sustainability and ESG directives are not just about looking back, but also looking forward.

t is essential to know, on a fundamental level, why you're doing what you're doing and what your unique positive impact will be. Sustainability is not one-size-fits all, there are myriad routes one could take and they all have value.

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- Certified sustainably sourced fabrics
  Commit to increasing sustainably sourced materials in your production by X%.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Packaging
  Review all product packaging configurations and
  reduce them to minimal volume and waste by
- Establish Relationships
  Ask critical questions of suppliers /
  manufacturers. Compliance with all legal
  requirements/permits within the last 12 months.
- Sustainability Strategy
  Define a vision for your overall impact on
  people, environment, and community. Create
  a mini-team and task them with developing an
  overall strategy.



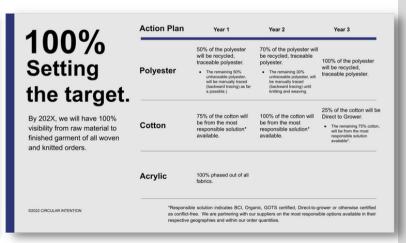
Priority Goal and Targets:

Waste Reduction
100% of pre-consumer
mono-material waste in our
production facilities to be upcycled
in 202X.

02 Plastic Packaging
100% of plastic packaging to be
recycled, reusable or recyclable by
202X.

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Our Purpose We are a net positive company helping people thrive while regenerating our planet.				
Focus Areas	Sustainably Sourced Fabrics Reduce W		Waste Mapped Supply Chain	
Objectives	50% of the polyester will be recycled, traceable polyester.	Review all product packaging and reduce by X%.	Map Tier 1/2/3/4 for Top 3 styles by volume.	Compliance within the next 12 months.
Key Activities	JAN: Your Key Performance Indicator goes here	FEB: Your Key Performance Indicator goes here	MARCH: Your Key Performance Indicator goes here	JAN-DEC: Your Key Performance Indicator goes here
Resources	Outsourced Fabric Manager	Product Development, Production, Merchandising Teams	Outsourced / Freelance Manager	Audit partner
Time Needed	12 months	3 months	6 months	12 months
Budget	\$85,000 / year	\$xx.xx	\$40,000	\$15,000
Impact	Reduced 2.3 tons of CO2.	Saved \$18,500 in costs & reduced freight fees.	Increased customer awareness by 25%.	Shared SMETA Audits Saved \$15,000.
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To achieve this deliverable we use our proprietary
MOMENTUM Method.

In this one-day workshop we will follow a proven process that is highly facilitated to guide your leadership team.



#### 8 STEP PROCESS

#### 1. SHARE

potential opportunities

We look at a range of recommendations from people to materials & manufacturing to packaging to inspire your own focus areas

#### 2. INSPIRE

with Case studies

We review real life examples so you can get inspiration on what priorities could be aligned with your brand.

#### 3. BRAINSTORM & CREATE

a list of focus areas

In groups of 2 or 3, using prompts and guided questions, we brainstorm opportunities, short-term or long-term. This will be the basis for prioritization.

#### 4. FRAME & PRIORITIZE

the 3 biggest opportunities

Each group does a short report out of their top 3 themes and recommendations.

#### 5. GAIN

alignment

During group discussion you will have the opportunity to discuss anything that wasn't addressed and put things in a 'parking lot' to address later.

#### 6. DEFINE

SMART objectives for each of the 3 priorities

By assigning specific, measurable and time-bound objectives you help the rest of the team/company understand where to focus their efforts and when they achieve success.

#### 7. AGREE

on key activities & assign resources

Based on your organization's workflow and calendar we identify what needs to be done and in what order. This includes human, budget, and time needed.

#### 8. UNDERSTAND

benefits of the investment

Identifying this helps define what drives you as a company to invest in this.

### Momentum Method



Previous work with clients and actual workshop materials.

#### **MATERIALS**



#### **Progressing**

#### Recommendations:

- Review all 8 factors in sustainable materials sourcing and research the application of each one to your end materials.
- Commit to increasing sustainably sourced materials in your production by X%.
- ☐ When sourcing a new fabric, search among certified sustainably sourced fabrics.
- Commit to eliminating "worst offender" materials from production.
- Commit to decreasing use of synthetic materials created from crude oil by X%.

# What are some 'north star' stakes that the company? Prioritize the top 3 areas of greatest opportunity within each bucket Bucket 4: Identify 1-3 major breakthrough lidas or geale sy us think would produce the greatest opportunity within each bucket Be bold regardless of resources, dollars, and time.

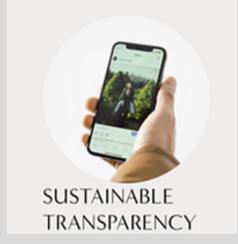
# Sustainable Fashion Scorecard

I created this tool to help senior leaders inside Lifestyle and Apparel Brands understand the specifics of their company's impact and what initiatives to prioritize.

The SUSTAINABLE FASHION BRAND SCORECARD gives you a baseline of where your company is on its sustainability journey.

#### **GET YOUR SCORE NOW**





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