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SIG PUBLISHES FIRST COMBINED CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND ANNUAL REPORT

## SIG reports strong ESG performance, sets bold 2025 commitments and highlights industry-leading sustainable innovations

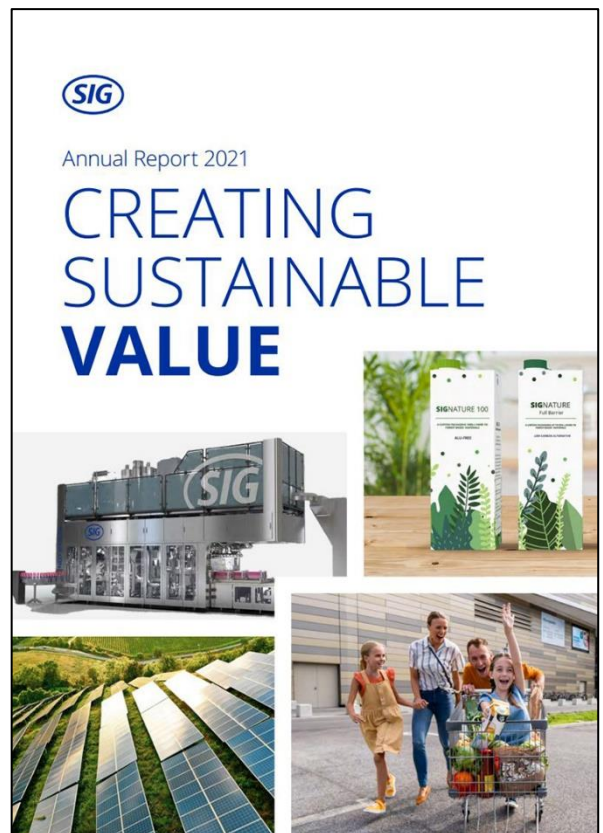
Published today, SIG's first combined Annual and Corporate Responsibility Report for 2021 explores the company's progress on the Way Beyond Good as part of its core business strategy, highlighting increased uptake of SIG's most sustainable packaging solutions and the launch of new industry-leading sustainable innovations.

*"We have set big ambitions on the Way Beyond Good for 2025 and beyond, and made strong progress in 2021," said Samuel Sigrist, CEO of SIG. "Our relentless focus on sustainable innovation continues to deliver results for our customers and our business. Uptake of our most sustainable solutions has continued to rise in 2021. And both SIG NEO, our next generation filling machine, and SIGNATURE EVO, the latest aluminium-free solution for our packs, will further support customers in meeting their environmental goals."*

### Progress on the Way Beyond Good

Highlights in 2021 include:

- Platinum rating maintained in the latest EcoVadis assessment, scoring among the top 1% of participating businesses
- On track to meet target of 30% women in leadership positions by 2025, with 20% female



- leaders in 2021 and one third female Group Executive Board members as of January 2022
- SIG NEO next generation filling machine designed to cut the carbon footprint of filling and packing by 25%, and further reduce our industry-leading waste rate of 0.5% or less
- 21% increase in sales of SIG's most sustainable **SIGNATURE** portfolio solutions in 2021
- **SIGNATURE EVO**, the world's first aluminium-free full barrier aseptic carton solution, developed for launch in early 2022
- Over 660 million SIG packs now sold with Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) label and SIG remains the only carton producer to offer packs with ASI-certified aluminium
- 10.6 billion litres of nutritious food and drinks that contribute to a balanced diet and lead to better health (as defined by the independent Health Star Rating System) delivered in SIG packs in 2021
- Carbon neutral production maintained with 100% renewable energy used to make packs
- 74% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions, and 20% reduction in Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions per litre of food packed (since 2016), staying on track to achieve 1.5°C science-based targets
- 100% paperboard purchased with FSC™ certification from January 2021

SIG has set bold commitments for 2025 and beyond on the Way Beyond Good, with a strong focus on four key action areas: Forest+, Climate+, Resource+ and Food+.

### **Responsibility built in**

Previously published in a standalone Corporate Responsibility (CR) Report, SIG's in-depth CR reporting is now included within the Annual Report.

This evolution in the company's reporting responds to growing interest from investors in environmental, social and governance (ESG) topics. It also emphasises SIG's longstanding 'responsibility built in' approach.

SIG's commitment to go Way Beyond Good for people and the planet is built into the Corporate Compass, governance structures and core business processes. The company has reinforced this approach further by introducing an ESG performance measure in its Short-Term Incentive Plan in 2021.

### **Transparent reporting**

Key elements of SIG's strategy and progress on the Way Beyond Good are included throughout relevant sections of the Annual Report.

The report also offers detailed ESG disclosures for experts in a dedicated CR Report chapter that describes SIG's CR governance as well as management approach, performance and targets related to its most material environmental and social issues.

SIG reports in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards: Core option. Visual cues in the CR Report chapter signpost where SIG is leading the industry, as well as highlighting key challenges the company is working to overcome. Key performance indicators are externally assured.

### **DOWNLOAD SIG'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

<https://bit.ly/3tk8nKi>

### **READ SIG'S ANNUAL RESULTS MEDIA RELEASE:**

<https://www.sig.biz/en/media/press-releases/growth-above-guided-range-and-record-profitability>

**About SIG**

SIG (FSC™ trademark licence code: FSC™ C020428) is a leading systems and solutions provider for aseptic carton packaging. We work in partnership with our customers to bring food and beverage products to consumers around the world in a safe, sustainable and affordable way. Our unique technology and outstanding innovation capacity enable us to provide our customers with end-to-end solutions for differentiated products, smarter factories and connected packs, all to address the ever-changing needs of consumers. Sustainability is integral to our business and we are going Way Beyond Good to create a net positive food packaging system.

Founded in 1853, SIG is headquartered in Neuhausen, Switzerland. The skills and experience of our approximately 5,900 employees worldwide enable us to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of our customers in around 70 countries. In 2021, SIG produced 42 billion carton packs and generated over €2.0 billion in revenue. SIG has an AA ESG rating by MSCI, a 13.4 ESG Risk Rating (low risk) score from Sustainalytics and a Platinum CSR rating by EcoVadis. For more information, visit [www.sig.biz](http://www.sig.biz)  
For insights into trends that drive the food and beverage industry and inspire us to innovate, visit our SIGnals blog: <https://www.sig.biz/signals/en>

**PICTURE CAPTION:**

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