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Sustainable Supplier Diversity Directory for Fashion and Retail

The Sustainable Supplier Diversity Directory includes entities founded or led by individuals from historically underrepresented or overlooked groups. Please see our list of industry professionals and companies committed to responsible solutions in materials, packaging, transparency and other parts of fashion's supply chain.*

Materials

ALT TEX

The ALT TEX technology converts food waste into fabric that brings the performance of synthetics, with the biodegradability of natural fibers. The patent-pending technology plugs into polyester's existing system for highly scalable and economical production—enabling replacement of synthetics at scale.

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Ambercycle

Ambercycle, founded in 2015 by Shay Sethi and Moby Ahmed, is a Los Angeles-based material science company to help scale textile to textile recycled polyester. The company's first product, cycora®, transforms end-of-life textile waste into new fabrics. Contact Information: ambercycle.com

BlackCotton

Julius Tillery is a fifth-generation cotton farmer, and he founded BlackCotton in 2016 to honor his roots and promote Black-grown cotton. Mr. Tillery has created a sustainable business based on environmental, economic and social sustainability practices. Contact Information: blackcotton.us

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Bridgeforth Farms

Bridgeforth Farms is a fifth-generation Black-owned cotton farm that produces long staple cotton in North Alabama using a suite of sustainable and input efficient techniques. The Bridgeforth family has considerable experience ushering products through the textile supply chain from raw material to retail products. Bridgeforth Farms has partnered with retailers, including Target, UpWest, Victoria's Secret, and others.

Contact Information: Kyle Bridgeforth, kylebridge@gmail.com, bridgeforthfarms.com

Desserto®

Desserto® is a vegan biomaterial made from cactus as an alternative to animal leather and synthetics. The company has collaborated with iconic brands in the fashion, automotive and sports industries.

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First Nations Development Institute

First Nations Development Institute is a Non-profit Granting Intermediary that works and supports Tribal producers who work with Traditional fibers and arts.

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LOOMIA

The Loomia Electronic Layer (LEL) is an award-winning material covered by six patents. LOOMIA's soft, flexible circuit technology is designed to integrate easily with textiles and can be used in a range of industries. Among electronic options, LOOMIA aims to provide a good environmental choice—with silver-free conductors available for improved sustainability and no heavy chemical etchants used in production.

Contact Information: Madison Maxey, maddy@loomia.com

Werewool

Werewool is a biomaterials company that develops fibers with tailored aesthetic and performance properties *tailored at the DNA level*. Inspired by nature, Werewool creates low-impact materials with a circular life cycle.

Contact Information: werewool.bio

Packaging

EcoEnclose

EcoEnclose is family-owned and operated, and has developed a Sustainable Packaging Framework with shipping and packaging options for ecommerce brands and retailers. These include paper apparel mailers, reusable mailers and net negative carbon Algae Ink ™ for custom boxes, tissue paper and other items.

Contact Information: hello@ecoenclose.com, ecoenclose.com

LAMAR IOT

Dr. Brantly Fulton founded LAMAR IoT, Inc. in 2018—providing cold chain packaging solutions with granular level tracking and environmentally friendly materials for shipping. Dr. Fulton, who holds a B.S. in chemistry from Morehouse College and a Ph.D. in sustainable materials chemistry from the University of Oregon, started LAMAR during his last year of graduate school.

Contact Information: Dr. Brantly Fulton, bfulton@lamar.global

Transparency and Traceability

Nectar

Nectar Climate connects any environmental data source with any ESG platform. Nectar extracts data from utility bills, structures it, and then inputs it into existing ESG reporting software—assisting companies with government climate disclosure requirements. Contact Information: team@nectarclimate.com

Persefoni

Persefoni's carbon accounting platform enables companies to meet stakeholder and regulatory climate disclosure requirements. Persefoni makes it easier to calculate your true emissions—with its GHGP- and PCAF-aligned Calculation Engine, integrated emission factors across scopes 1-3, and robust collaboration tools.

Contact Information: persefoni.com

Vaayu

Vaayu is the world's first automated software empowering brands and businesses within the retail ecosystem to track and cut their carbon and environmental impact in real-time. Vaayu has created retail's largest and most accurate impact database which is continually evolving to power reduction at scale. Named one of TIME's Best Inventions of 2022, Vaayu leverages proprietary AI and machine learning technology to calculate impacts such as carbon emissions, water and waste across product, packaging and logistics to visualize hotspots and help lead partners toward more sustainable choices.

Contact Information: hello@vaayu.tech

Waterplan

Waterplan is the only end-to-end SaaS solution that enables enterprises to measure water risk, take action, and report their results. Waterplan provides the most complete assessment of an organization's exposure to water risk using science and technology, combined with a team of water experts to help companies build a more sustainable future. Contact Information: waterplan.com

Circularity

Africa Collect Textiles

Africa Collect Textiles (ACT) collects used textiles for reuse and recycling, in Kenya and Nigeria. ACT distributes free and affordable clothing to underprivileged communities and recycles materials into brand new items—using the power of design and creativity to lower the footprint of the fashion industry while creating jobs.

Contact Information: africacollecttextiles.com

Beloop

Beloop measures and improves the environmental impact of containers and packaging. Beloop has developed methodologies and technologies for the reduction of materials, transportation efficiency and compliance with environmental regulations.

Contact Information: beloopchile.com

Homeboy Threads

Homeboy Threads is a certified social enterprise offering reuse and recycling services for apparel and textiles. Homeboy Threads specializes in sorting, grading, and pre-processing textiles to bring circularity and sustainability aspirations to life.

Contact Information: homeboythreads.com

Novoloop

Novoloop's Lifecycling[™] platform mimics nature's own ability to break down plastic waste through the efficiency of chemistry. Novoloop is transforming plastic waste into performance materials and products that give new life to plastics and to our climate. Contact Information: novoloop.com

Refiberd

Refiberd is building an intelligent sorting technology for textile-to-textile recycling. Refiberd's technology combines a hyperspectral imaging system with artificial intelligence to accurately detect fiber composition and contaminant presence in textile waste. Contact Information: refiberd.com

Sortile

Sortile empowers the textile recycling industry with solutions that enable the identification, sorting and traceability of textiles. The Sortile device identifies the material composition of textiles, and uses near infrared (NIR) and artificial intelligence (AI) to easily integrate into your facility.

Contact Information: contact@sortile.co, sortile.co

Treet

Treet is a branded resale solution that helps brands drive revenue growth, increase lifetime value, and acquire customers while minimizing their carbon footprint. With Treet, brands can launch a tailored peer-to-peer or take-back resale experience in under a week. Contact Information: sales@treet.co