



Sustainable
Apparel Coalition

SAC MEMBERSHIP

Vision

An apparel, footwear, and textile industry that produces no unnecessary environmental harm and has a positive impact on the people and communities associated with its activities.

Current Focus

The SAC is focused on scaling use of the Higg Index across the apparel, footwear, and textile industry. These self-assessment tools promote a sustainable industry.

Organizations can measure their social and environmental impacts and take steps to make year over year improvements.

In 2020, the Higg Index will become public-facing, engaging consumers in value chain transparency.

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

The Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC) is an industry-wide group of more than 230 leading apparel, footwear and textile brands, retailers, suppliers, affiliates (*service providers*), trade associations, nonprofits/NGOs, and academic institutions working to reduce the environmental and social impacts of products around the world.

Through multi-stakeholder engagement, the Coalition seeks to lead the industry toward a shared vision of sustainability built upon a common approach for measuring and evaluating product sustainability performance that spotlights priorities for action and opportunities for technological innovation. The SAC was incorporated as a 501c(6) nonprofit organization and launched the groundbreaking Higg Index suite of tools in 2011.



MEMBERSHIP & HIGG INDEX ACCESS

The SAC has three membership types that encourage broad participation throughout the apparel, footwear, and textile industry. SAC members, non-member manufacturers, and SME brands and retailers can access the Higg Index.

Member Types

Corporate Members: Includes any company directly involved in the manufacture or sales of apparel, footwear, and textile products (e.g. retailers, brands, suppliers, packaging companies, recyclers, sourcing agents, and sourcing vendors).

Affiliate Members*: Includes but is not limited to trade associations and companies that provide products or services to apparel, footwear, and textile supply chain companies but are not directly involved in the manufacture or sales of such products. They include certifiers and validation companies, and in some cases, not-for-profit organizations.

NGO, Academic, and Government

Members*: Includes universities, government agencies, regulatory entities, and non-governmental organizations.

**To qualify for membership, affiliate, NGO, and academic organizations must be recommended by three current SAC corporate members.*

VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Collaborate with industry peers through the SAC's consultative groups and work streams, online discussion forums, full member webinar calls, and in-person meetings to develop and advance the standards for measuring and driving sustainability performance.
- ✓ Receive support from SAC staff and members to implement the Higg Index throughout your supply chain.
- ✓ Drive business value, deepen transparency, benchmark your company's sustainability performance using the Higg Index, and discover opportunities for improvement.
- ✓ Inform your organization's leadership of prominent sustainability trends and stay connected with the latest news.



Member Commitments

- ✓ All members sign the SAC Membership Agreement to uphold and act in accordance with the vision, purpose, shared beliefs, and operating norms of the SAC.
- ✓ Members commit to the shared values of collaboration and transparency and freely share information with one another to advance the common goal of the SAC.
- ✓ Members agree to participate in the SAC to support the industry as a whole. Participation to block overall Coalition efforts, promote a narrow interest at the expense of the broader industry, or inappropriate solicitation of business from other members will not be tolerated.
- ✓ Timely payment of annual dues.

VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER BENEFITS	CORPORATE	AFFILIATE	NGO, ACADEMIC, GOVERNMENT
Access to Higg.org, Higg Product Tools (Higg DDM & Higg MSI), best practice training, reports, analytics, and SAC Connect collaboration platform	✓	✓	✓
Invitations to regular webinars, in-person regional and thematic meetings, and full membership meetings	✓	✓	✓
Seats to all relevant SAC work streams, committees, and collaboration projects	✓	✓	✓
Inclusion of logo on SAC website, public relations, and other outreach materials	✓	✓	✓
Eligibility to sit on SAC Board of Directors	✓	✓	✓
Voting rights on critical SAC decisions	✓		✓

Dues are based on company annual revenue and apply according to the tiers on the right. Revenues will be reported by the company prior to joining and at time of membership renewal.

See a list of all SAC members:

www.apparelcoalition.org/members



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Brands & Retailers	2019 Annual Dues in USD
Revenues exceeding \$10 billion	\$60,000
Revenues \$1-\$10 billion	\$45,000
Revenues \$500M-\$1 billion	\$33,000
Revenues \$100-\$500 million*	\$22,000
Revenues \$20-\$100 million	\$11,000
Revenues less than \$20 million	\$5,500
Manufacturers**	2019 Annual Dues in USD
Revenues exceeding \$10 billion	\$50,000
Revenues \$1-\$10 billion	\$40,000
Revenues \$500M-\$1 billion	\$30,000
Revenues \$100-\$500 million	\$20,000
Revenues \$20-\$100 million	\$10,000
Revenues less than \$20 million	\$5,000
Affiliates (Service Providers & Trade Associations)	2019 Annual Dues in USD
Revenues exceeding \$10 billion	\$60,000
Revenues \$1-\$10 billion	\$45,000
Revenues \$500M-\$1 billion	\$33,000
Revenues \$100-\$500 million	\$22,000
Revenues less than \$100 million	\$11,000***
NGOs and Academics	\$1,000
Government (nation, state, or city)	\$0
Government organization	SAC CEO Discretion

* Brands/Retailers with annual revenue less than \$500 million can access the Higg Index suite of tools without becoming an SAC member via SAC's Higg SME Access Only program.

** Non-SAC member manufacturers may access the Higg Index at Higg.org without becoming an SAC member by paying \$150 annually fee per facility, per module.

*** Dues exceptions under \$10,000 will be granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors.