## Sustainability Branding



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## At Infosys we have been on our own transformation journey

### **Resource Intensity**











**Efficient Cooling** 

**Efficient Lighting** 

Clean Energy

Green IT

Water management

#### **Social Contracts**













Community Connect

Health Lifestyles

Gender Inclusivity

Eco-Clubs

**Bio-Diversity** 

### **Green Innovation**



WBCSD, UNGC, WEF, NASSCOM



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Research Hub



Global Stewardship

Sustainability Unit

Innovation

R&D

Products & Platforms

## ..and the efforts have yielded tangible results

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## Our offerings are aligned to deliver Sustainability Transformation

**Enterprise Sustainability** Strategy and Advisory Data Management Compliance and Reporting **Sustainability Transformation Resource Intensity Social Contracts** Corporate Social **Brand and Reputation Energy Management** Green IT Responsibility Management Resource and Emissions Management Stakeholder Environment, Health and Safety Engagement (Carbon, Water, Waste etc) **Green Innovation Product Compliance** Sustainable supply chain



## What sustainability branding is all about?

Zero Emission Cars, Zero Waste Plants A Greener Tomorrow



200,000 Jobs Created Partnering with Local Community



**ADOPTION** and **COMMUNICATION** of Sustainability Values: People, Planet and Profit → Competitive Advantage

Source: http://aboveaveragedayinadvertising.files.wordpress.com/2010/01/we-see-beyond-cars-magazine-ads.jpg

## The need for sustainability brand & reputation management

### **Consumer Sentiments**



**82%** Ushered purchasing decisions<sup>2</sup>

**35%** Caused avoidance of purchases<sup>3</sup>

#### Sources:

- 1. P&G Len Sauers Webinar 2009
- 2. 2012 Cone Communications Corporate Social Return Trend Tracker
- 3. BBMG Conscious Consumer study, 2011

## **Business Executives View**



### Sustainability → Increased Brand Value

- GE Ecomagination : 17% ↑ since 2005<sup>5</sup>
- Honda fuel efficiency: 28% ↑ since 2004<sup>6</sup>

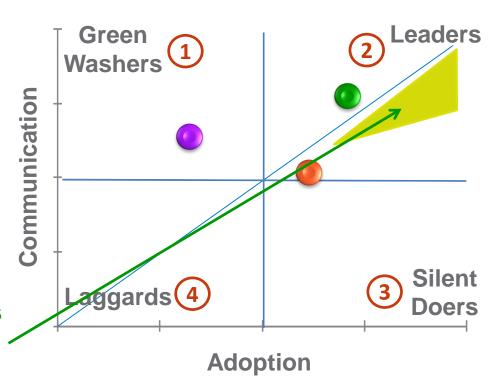
- 4. The Business Case for Green Economy
- 5. GE Brand Value
- 6. Honda brand value



## Sustainability adoption, communication & stakeholder perception



- Perceptions vary across stakeholders
- Assessment methodologies differ
- Mainly sector relative position matters
- Balance benefits and risks



## What about this one?

The Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company (SFNTC)



- 2010 EPA awarded membership to Green Power Leadership Club
- ISO 14001 certified

Source: http://www.sustainablebrands.com/news and views/articles/green-cigarette-or-greenwashing

# Considerations for building a strong sustainability brand

## The International Chamber of Commerce code / guidance for responsible environmental marketing communication

- Legal, Honest and Truthful presentation
- Claims based on scientific research
  - Life cycle benefits based on Life Cycle Analysis
- Use of signs, symbols and verbiage that is not ambiguous
  - Terminologies like recycled content, recycled material, recovered material
- Not overstating, misrepresenting a claim to exploit sentiments
  - E.g. Doubled recycled content, when the original amount was very low to begin with

#### Sources:

- Consolidated ICC Code of Advertising and Marketing Communication Practice
- Framework for Responsible Environmental Marketing Communications ICC Document N° 240-46/665 July 2011



The world business organization

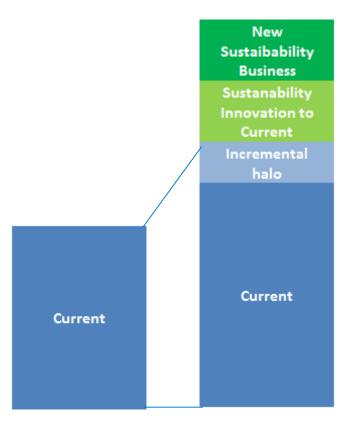
external has a stronger influence

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#### Sources:





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Image greenroofs.com, e.g. Green to Gold

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Toyota.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ford.com

## Developing sustainability product/service portfolio through innovation → leads to Brand Expansion









- <sup>1</sup> Beyond Petroleum
- <sup>2</sup> Cold tide
- <sup>3</sup>natureworksllc.com
- <sup>4</sup> kodak
- <sup>5</sup>Samsung





**Samsung OLED TV** 

## Wielding sustainability influence through the supply chain





- June-end Apple withdraws 39 products from EPEAT environnemental ratings system
- July 16th Apple rejoins EPEAT

#### Sources:

- <sup>1</sup> Walmart Supplier Sustainability Assessment
- <sup>2</sup> http://ifixit.org/2884/apple-ditches-green-standard-cuts-off-federal-agencies-from-apple-products/

## Outperforming competition in eco-design and communication

## Highlighting environmental performance in product literature



Hitachi KS-EN006P Excavator

#### Source:

<sup>1</sup>www.hitachi-c-m.com

<sup>2</sup>www.volvoce.com

<sup>3</sup> komatsu excavator



Volvo ECR305CL Excavator



Komatsu PC200-LC-8 Excavator



## **The Minimum**

## Ask

Leadership

Stakeholders

#### EPA

The Clean Air Act

Water

FDA

Hazardous Waste

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### **Management Systems**

- ISO 14001 (EMS)
- OHSAS 18001 (OHSMS)
- EHS Management Systems
- Social Accountability
   Management Systems
- Energy Management System (ISO 50001)
- CSR Management System (ISO 26001)

#### **Assurance**

- ISAE 3000
- AA 1000 AS

## **Newsweek GREEN RANKINGS**\*













LEED

### **Customers**



Competitors

**Suppliers** 

## Conclusion

 Sustainability communication and adoption both equally important for sustainability branding



- Business imperative is not just to do this for survival but embrace it in a true spirit to discover new possibilities
  - Both internal and external practices count towards branding



- Sustainability Branding is enhanced when
  - Sustainability is adopted with zest, and
  - Codes and standards have given it the rigor





## Thank You



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