

EcoVadis 5th Annual Sustainable Procurement Leadership Awards

## **L'OCCITANE recognised by EcoVadis for its outstanding sustainable procurement practices**

GENEVA, 9 March 2021 – The **L'OCCITANE Group**, a leading manufacturer and retailer of beauty products rich in natural and organic ingredients, is pleased to announce that it has been recognised by EcoVadis for its **#NotJustSuppliers** global sustainable procurement programme, as well as the outstanding programme leadership under the direction of **Katia Michieletto**, L'OCCITANE Head of Responsible Purchasing.

EcoVadis provides the world's most trusted business sustainability ratings. The Sustainable Procurement Leadership Awards celebrate excellence and recognise the outstanding performance of companies in their relationship with trading partners around the globe. Additionally, they serve to acknowledge and celebrate companies partnering with EcoVadis that are driving progress in sustainability by setting bold and ambitious goals. Nominees were evaluated on strategy and approach, procurement integration, scale and coverage, and Programme results across three main categories: Best Value Chain Engagement, Outstanding Programme Leadership and Best Portfolio Performance Improvement.

Pierre-François Thaler, Co-CEO, EcoVadis said:

'Our 2021 winners have gone big on their commitments to see actionable business value from sustainability by working to spark real change where it matters most - across the supply chain.'

### **Best Value Chain Engagement Award**

The *Best Value Chain Engagement Award* acknowledges excellence in engaging trading partners in sustainability initiatives and honours best-in-class examples of driving internal engagement to roll out global sustainable procurement programs. The jury said L'OCCITANE 'stepped up their game' in the past two years and is recognized by its peers as a fast-tracker in its responsible purchasing journey. Through its **#NotJustSuppliers** programme, L'OCCITANE conducted a CSR risk mapping exercise involving its 1,500 global suppliers to help the company monitor CSR performance for strategic and critical suppliers.

Elvire Regnier-Lussier, L'OCCITANE Chief Procurement Officer said:

'Sustainability has always been at the heart of the L'OCCITANE business strategy. This award reflects the public's recognition of our strategy in which we consider our suppliers to be true business partners with whom we can build environment-friendly solutions that delight our customers.'

### **Outstanding Programme Leadership Award**

The *Outstanding Programme Leadership Award* recognises individuals with extraordinary dedication to a sustainable procurement initiative within their company. This award is based on sustainable procurement programme results and demonstrated excellence in programme strategy and execution.

Katia Michieletto, L'OCCITANE Head of Responsible Purchasing said:

'I am deeply honoured to receive this prestigious award. It is thanks to the collaborative support of EcoVadis and our leadership team, working closely with our suppliers and purchasing teams around the world, that we are able to continuously improve sustainability within our supply chain.'



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## About the L'OCCITANE Group

*The L'OCCITANE Group is an international group that manufactures and retails beauty and well-being products that are rich in natural and organic ingredients. A global leader in the premium beauty market, the Group has more than 3,400 retail outlets, including more than 1,600 owned stores, and is present in 90 countries. Through its six brands – L'OCCITANE en Provence, Melvita, Erborian, L'OCCITANE au Brésil, LimeLife and ELEMIS – the Group offers new and extraordinary beauty experiences, using high-quality products that respect nature, the environment and the people in it.*

## About EcoVadis

*EcoVadis is the world's most trusted provider of business sustainability ratings, intelligence and collaborative performance improvement tools for global supply chains. Backed by a powerful technology platform and a global team of domain experts, EcoVadis' easy-to-use and actionable sustainability scorecards provide detailed insight into environmental, social and ethical risks across 200 purchasing categories and 160 countries. Industry leaders such as Johnson & Johnson, Verizon, L'Oréal, Subway, Nestlé, Salesforce, Michelin and BASF are among the more than 75,000 businesses on the EcoVadis network, all working with a single methodology to evaluate, collaborate and improve sustainability performance in order to protect their brands, foster transparency and innovation, and accelerate growth. Learn more on [ecovadis.com](https://ecovadis.com), Twitter or LinkedIn.*

