

HILTON FOOD'S EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS APPROVED BY SCIENCE BASED TARGETS INITIATIVE

20 July 2021: Today, leading international food protein business, Hilton Food Group confirms its carbon reduction targets have been approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

Hilton Food Group plc commits to reduce absolute Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 25% by 2030, from a 2020 base year, and to reduce absolute Scope 3 GHG emissions from purchased agricultural products 12.3% within the same timeframe.

The SBTi has determined that the targets covering greenhouse gas emissions from Hilton Food Group's operations (scopes 1 and 2) are consistent with reductions required to keep warming to well below 2°C. The SBTi has also confirmed that Hilton Food Groups' target for the emissions from its value chain (scope 3) meet the SBTi's criteria for ambitious value chain goals, meaning they are in line with current best practice.

The Group has also set ambitious targets to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, joining the UNFCCC Race to Zero campaign by committing to the Business Ambition for 1.5°C.

To reach these targets Hilton Food has put in place robust decarbonisation plans for its operations. The Group is rolling out tailored reduction and improvement plans on all sites, using low carbon technology for heat recovery and efficiency.

The Group also has decarbonisation plans for its supply chain, working in collaboration with key suppliers. Alongside this, Hilton Food will continue to innovate packaging, having already achieved 100% sustainably sourced paper and board (from FSC or PEFC sustainably certified forests) across all retail packaging globally.

Lorna Schneider, Chief Quality & Sustainability Officer said *"We are pleased that our emissions targets have been approved by the Science Based Targets initiative. Our aim is to provide consumers with the choice to buy from a range of sustainable and healthy proteins. We recognise this is also important to our customers and will continue to innovate across our operations to find ways to reduce our emissions."*

Cynthia Cummis, Director of Private Sector Climate Mitigation at World Resources Institute, one of the Science Based Targets initiative partners said: *"We congratulate Hilton Food Group plc for setting emission reduction targets in line with climate science and the goals of the Paris Agreement. By setting targets that are grounded in climate science, Hilton Food Group plc is setting themselves up for success in the transition to a net-zero economy"*.

Running resourceful factories and reaching net zero carbon forms a key part of Hilton Food Group's overall sustainable business agenda, part of the Quality Naturally programme. This aims to reduce the Group's impact on the planet and build robust supply chains for brands and customers.

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About Hilton Food Group

Hilton Food Group is the leading international food protein packing business; supplying customers across the globe with meat, seafood, vegetarian, sous vide, food service and fresh convenience foods. Founded in 1994 in the UK, the Group was set up to operate a beef and lamb central meat packing facility in Huntingdon, UK. Fast forward to today and the Group has grown operations to 18 facilities across 16 countries (across Europe, Australia and New Zealand) with more than 5,000 employees.

About the Science Based Targets initiative

The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is a collaboration between CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The SBTi defines and promotes best practice in science-based target setting and independently assesses companies' targets.

What is a Science-based target?

Science-based targets are emissions reduction targets in line with what the latest climate science says is needed to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement - to limit global warming to well-below 2°C above preindustrial levels and pursue efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C.

Science-based targets are emissions reduction goals in line with what the latest climate science says is needed to prevent the worst impacts of climate change.

Science-based targets show companies how much and how quickly they need to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in order to be consistent with keeping warming below the most dangerous levels.

What is Race to Zero

[Race to Zero](#) is the UN-backed global campaign to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth.

It mobilizes a coalition of leading net zero initiatives, representing **733 cities, 31 regions, 3,067 businesses, 173 of the biggest investors, and 622 Higher Education Institutions**. These 'real economy' actors join 120 countries in the [largest ever alliance](#) committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest. Collectively these actors now cover nearly 25% global CO₂ emissions and over 50% GDP.