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sustainability records often enjoy lower insurance premiums and better financing terms, as insurers and investors perceive them as lower risk (Mang & Haggard, 2016).

Appealing to the client's long-term strategy and legacy can further strengthen the argument. Sustainable practices ensure the long-term availability of natural resources, which is critical for the ongoing operations of resource-intensive industries. This foresight can safeguard the company's future and maintain its competitive edge. Additionally, younger generations of workers prefer to work for environmentally responsible companies, enhancing the company's ability to attract top talent, which is crucial for innovation and growth (Mang & Haggard, 2016).

Highlighting the positive impact on legacy and corporate responsibility is another powerful argument. Sustainable practices offer the opportunity to leave a positive legacy that benefits future generations, framing it as a way to protect the environment while ensuring the prosperity of the company and its stakeholders. Enhanced reputation through sustainable practices leads to stronger community relations and better public perception, particularly important during times of scrutiny or crisis management (Anderson, 2009; McDonough, 2005; Mang & Haggard, 2016).

To frame the conversation effectively, it is essential to adopt a data-driven approach. Presenting evidence through case studies and data demonstrating the financial benefits of sustainability can be compelling. For instance, showcasing how a competitor reduced costs and increased profits through sustainable practices can illustrate the practical benefits. Discussing how sustainability metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs) can be integrated into the company's reporting framework to track progress and benefits further reinforces the argument (Anderson, 2009).

Collaborative goal-setting can ensure the client's buy-in and a sense of ownership. Proposing a collaborative approach to set sustainability goals that align with the company's strategic objectives can foster a cooperative relationship. Suggesting pilot projects to test the feasibility and benefits of sustainable practices can provide tangible results and build confidence in broader implementation (Mang & Haggard, 2016).

Approaching the topic of sustainability with a conservative or capitalist client requires a focus on financial benefits, risk management, and strategic advantage. These practices can align with the client's self-interest and business goals by framing sustainability as a pathway to cost savings, market differentiation, regulatory compliance, and long-term viability. Engaging in a data-driven, collaborative dialogue will further reinforce the practical and profitable aspects of adopting sustainable practices (Anderson, 2009; McDonough, 2005; Mang & Haggard, 2016).

Part 2: Research and analyze the industry of your hypothetical producer/client. Identify equilibrium points or renewable ways to improve their practices. Write up an evaluation of their socio-industrial metabolism (identifying the raw materials and main components of their product-value chain). Conclude your argument to the producer/client with a list of recommendations for increased sustainability in their industry.

Let's take a moment to consider the conflicting priorities and ethical dilemmas involved in choosing financial gain over environmental and social well-being. As I write this on my laptop with a cobalt-containing battery that I purchased because it was cheaper, I realize that I am part of the contradiction I am talking about. Many of us find ourselves in this position within the capitalist system. This is particularly evident in the cobalt industry, which is crucial for producing batteries used in electric vehicles and electronic devices. This industry faces significant environmental and social challenges, such as land degradation, water

pollution, and violations of labor rights. By closely examining the negative effects of capitalist practices in this industry, we can highlight the urgent need to reassess our priorities and adopt sustainable measures that prioritize environmental and social well-being over financial gains.

The socio-industrial metabolism of the cobalt industry involves several stages, from mining and extraction to refining and distribution. The primary raw material, cobalt ore, is extracted from the earth using energy-intensive methods, often resulting in significant environmental impact. Key components of the product-value chain include mining equipment, labor, water for processing, and energy for refining. Waste management is a critical issue, as mining generates substantial tailings and pollutants that must be managed to prevent environmental degradation (Barakos, 2022).

Adopting sustainable practices in cobalt mining can mitigate these impacts and yield financial benefits. For instance, employing more efficient extraction technologies can reduce energy consumption and operational costs. Recycling and reusing water within the processing cycle can minimize waste and lower water usage expenses. Additionally, investing in renewable energy sources, such as solar or wind power, for mining operations can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and potentially qualify the company for tax incentives and subsidies aimed at promoting green energy (Ali et al., 2017).

To enhance sustainability, I recommend the following steps for the cobalt mining industry: First, implement closed-loop water systems to recycle and reuse water in mining processes, reducing water consumption and minimizing pollution. Second, transition to renewable energy sources for operational power needs, thereby reducing carbon emissions and operational costs. Third, invest in advanced extraction technologies that maximize yield and minimize environmental damage. Fourth, establish transparent supply chain practices to ensure ethical labor standards and improve market trust. Finally, engage in community development initiatives to foster positive relationships and secure social license to operate. These steps not only contribute to environmental and social responsibility but also position the company favorably in an increasingly sustainability-conscious market.

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Part 1: In this ever-changing world, we must find ways to be more sustainable in our actions; as a property developer, I am interested in working with a client that can provide me with eco-friendly, sustainable concrete for our many projects. A client

that potentially uses additive in their cement in order to produce a more sustainable concrete and ultimately will result in less waste and emissions in the long run. A suggestion would be to follow the initiatives of CarbonCure Technologies who injects or embeds carbon dioxide directly into their concrete as an alternative to releasing it into the air. In order to produce cement, limestone is placed into a kiln and half of the amount is burned off as carbon dioxide and goes into the atmosphere. CarbonCure takes the carbon dioxide that is produced and rather than releasing it into the atmosphere and causing air quality permitting issues, they inject it into cement during the curing process in order to create a high strength concrete. (Bill Gates, 2019) By embedding carbon dioxide into concrete means that you will not need to input as much cement which will cut down on costs. We are looking to work with a client that puts sustainability first, with practices such as the one I described. Concrete is quite literally the building blocks for a developer, and in order to make all of our projects successful, we need high quality concrete that is produced in the most sustainable way possible with the least amount of impact on the environment. Should you choose to take the same route as CarbonCure, you can follow in their footsteps of attempting to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 500 megatons per year, which is equivalent to removing 100 million vehicles from the streets. That is the type of company we want to work with. (Bill Gates, 2019) Part 2: The main component for cement/concrete production is limestone; it becomes the main component of cement by placing it in a kiln which in turn results in CO2 emissions, which is what we're trying to avoid to become more sustainable. In order to make cement/concrete production more sustainable, I would suggest the use of Supplementary Cementitious Materials (SCMs); SCMs are materials that contribute to the properties of hardened concrete. SCMs include fly ash, slag cement, and silica fume. By adding these materials, you are reducing cement usage, which conserves resources and diminishes the carbon footprint of concrete due to the reduced emissions. SCMs also enhance the durability and strength of concrete, which in turn extends its lifespan and reduces the need for frequent repairs or replacements which helps to also conserve resources due to not having to extra new raw materials. This is the route that I would recommend in order to become more sustainable. (The BOSS Magazine, 2024) Resources: Bill Gates. (2019, October 29). How to make concrete green [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pAH-6R5J2A> Links to an external site. The BOSS Magazine. (2024, March 8). 7 methods that will make concrete construction more sustainable. BOSS Magazine. [https://thebossmagazine.com/7-methods-that-will-make-concrete-construction-more-sustainable/#:~:text=Supplementary%20Cementitious%20Materials%20\(SCMs\),%2Dintensive%20and%20CO2%2Dmitting](https://thebossmagazine.com/7-methods-that-will-make-concrete-construction-more-sustainable/#:~:text=Supplementary%20Cementitious%20Materials%20(SCMs),%2Dintensive%20and%20CO2%2Dmitting) Links to an external site..

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2023) . This paints a picture of a future where tradition and innovation continue to merge ensuring the sustainability and authenticity of Italian olive oil on a global scale.

### Sustainability Metrics and Indicator Analysis

To comprehensively assess the sustainability of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) production it is essential to consider a range of indicators that align with the seven principles of sustainability: efficiency substitution economic environmental social sustainability inter-generational equity and institutional sustainability. These principles can be measured using specific metrics such as material and energy intensity water consumption emission of toxic substances human health implications fair labor practices and the overall impact on the community. These metrics help in evaluating the breadth and depth of sustainability practices within the EVOO production process and are critical for making informed decisions aimed at improving sustainability outcomes over time (Maesano et al. 2021; Safeie-Noghlbari et al. 2024).

In the context of material intensity EVOO production demands significant resources particularly in packaging and equipment. Commonly used for oil bottling glass is energy-intensive to produce and contributes to higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This highlights the need for more sustainable packaging solutions such as recycled or lighter glass which could decrease material intensity and environmental impact (Maesano et al. 2021; Rinaldi et al. 2014; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012). Similarly the metals used in processing equipment also require consideration particularly in terms of the energy and resources consumed during their manufacture and eventual recycling or disposal (Hansen 2022; Pisanelli et al. 2023; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

Energy and water consumption are equally critical metrics. The operation of irrigation systems and processing facilities consumes substantial energy which can be mitigated by integrating renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power to reduce the carbon footprint of production processes (Allen et al. 1998; Hansen 2022; Rinaldi et al. 2014; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

Concerning water consumption olive cultivation particularly in drier regions necessitates significant water usage. Employing sustainable water management practices such as adopting drip irrigation systems can dramatically decrease water consumption preserving vital water resources. Additionally using pesticides and fertilizers in olive farming introduces toxic emissions and pollutants that can affect soil and water quality. Implementing organic farming practices and optimizing transportation and logistics can help minimize these environmental impacts (Ivic et al. 2021; Maesano et al. 2021).

Beyond environmental considerations the human dimension of sustainability is pivotal. Protecting human health and safety in EVOO production involves minimizing workers' exposure to harmful chemicals ensuring proper safety training and providing adequate protective equipment (Connor & Fereres 2010; Ncube et al. 2022). Furthermore adhering to labor laws and embracing fair trade practices are essential to guarantee fair wages and good working conditions for all employees. Finally the broader community impact of companies like Farchioni should be recognized as they often support local initiatives in education and healthcare contributing positively to the social fabric of their operating regions (Ncube et al. 2022). These efforts enhance community well-being and bolster the social sustainability of the business practices. By addressing these various sustainability indicators companies can comply with current standards and set new benchmarks for responsible production in the industry.

### Supply Chain Model

The supply chain for EVOO includes several stages: olive cultivation and harvesting processing and extraction packaging and storage and distribution and retail. Each stage presents unique sustainability challenges and opportunities. Improving energy efficiency in processing and adopting sustainable

packaging materials can significantly enhance the product's overall sustainability (Maesano et al. 2021). Information Gaps and Inferences There are notable gaps in available data particularly regarding comprehensive lifecycle assessments for EVOO production. Data on the environmental impacts of material extraction and processing is limited. However comparative analysis with similar agricultural products such as wine or almond production provides insights into potential sustainability impacts. Studies on these products show that organic farming practices and renewable energy usage can significantly reduce environmental footprints (Gennaro & Nardone 2014; Maesano et al. 2021).

Role as Chief Sustainability Officer As Farchioni's Chief Sustainability Officer several measures can be prioritized to enhance sustainability in the company's operations. These include enhancing energy efficiency and renewable energy use implementing sustainable water management practices improving waste management and reducing emissions and ensuring fair wages and safe working conditions. Progress can be measured by setting specific measurable goals conducting regular sustainability audits publicly reporting on sustainability performance engaging stakeholders and maintaining open communication about progress and challenges (Allen et al. 1998; Maesano et al. 2021; Safeie-Noghlbari et al. 2024; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

Conclusion Reflecting on the initial question of whether the levels of EVOO production are sustainable the answer is complex. Farchioni's EVOO did not solidify in the refrigerator maintaining its same viscosity and overall physical properties indicating its authenticity (Bayreuth n.d.). However the sustainability of EVOO production can be significantly improved through targeted measures that address material and energy use water consumption emissions and social impacts. Cooperative resource allocation systems emphasizing community involvement and fair practices are essential for achieving long-term sustainability in the olive oil industry. By adopting these measures companies can contribute to a more sustainable future while maintaining the cultural and economic significance of EVOO production in Italy.

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in our well-being and foster a society free from the shackles of discontent. These ideas reflect our vision where individual happiness is the cornerstone of societal harmony.

As the renowned author John Donne (2010) famously proclaimed "No man is an island." This sentiment holds true in our pursuit of societal greatness. Achieving this requires unity and collaboration. However when an individual is grappling with internal conflicts such as mental health struggles physical ailments and a general decline in well-being overcoming these challenges alone becomes an insurmountable task. Wellness is not just a personal concern but a societal issue that impacts us all.

In addition to discussing wellness it is necessary also to address the role of education. If wellness is the foundation education is the next step where individuals acquire the necessary skills to lead purposeful dignified and joyful lives. Nobody is inherently equipped with the knowledge to improve their surroundings; it must be learned. Therefore education holds equal significance in the pursuit of wellness. As one begins to grasp the world's order concepts like the principles of space and time the philosophies of Aristotle the mathematics of our universe and the evocative poetry of Yates one starts to perceive the world in a new nuanced way. Therefore to truly understand oneself it is sometimes necessary to first understand one's environment. Thus in parallel with well-being education holds great importance.

As individuals gain knowledge about the world around them they instinctively desire to explore it further engaging with it through the senses of touch taste and sight. Rather than solely studying Mozart and reading musical notations experiencing the music in person is essential. Therefore travel is an invaluable gateway to becoming a well-rounded individual capable of positively contributing to society.

The Global Happiness Initiative Foundation is committed to creating a better world. By leveraging the support of donor investors the foundation aims to empower individuals to pursue their own happiness by providing necessary tools. Our efforts involve establishing partnerships with local government bodies and healthcare providers to ensure easy access to government services and healthcare and make travel accessible to all who desire it. These initiatives will lay the foundation for our long-term vision of a globally interconnected and joyful society.

**Purpose**

The primary purpose of the Global Happiness Initiative Foundation is to enhance the overall well-being and happiness of individuals globally through increased access to essential life-enhancing services. The Global Happiness Initiative Foundation is committed to providing the necessary tools for individuals to pursue their happiness. Our starting point is ensuring access to healthcare and mental health services as a fundamental human right and a crucial component in our efforts to build a better world. We also aim to utilize well-being travel cultural immersion and education resources to empower individuals to gain self-awareness understand others and collectively achieve holistic happiness.

**Goals**

The Global Happiness Initiative Foundation is committed to enhancing the global quality of life through two strategic goals.

**Long-term Goal: Increase Access to Key Well-being Services**

Our long-term goal is to significantly increase access to key well-being services globally with our efforts first being localized in the United States and Italy. By doing so we aim to improve the quality of life and foster sustained happiness in diverse communities. This goal will not only benefit the communities we serve but also provide donor-investors with the satisfaction of knowing that their support is making a tangible difference in people's lives. The impact of these programs will be measured by tracking the number of individuals accessing these services the improvement in health and education outcomes and overall satisfaction rates among participants reflecting

the direct benefits of our initiatives.

**Short-term Goal: Establish and Strengthen Partnerships**

Partnerships are at the heart of our strategy. Our short-term goal is to establish and strengthen partnerships with local and international public and private organizations. These partnerships are not just beneficial; they are crucial for enhancing our capability to deliver critical services effectively and efficiently. By collaborating with organizations with established infrastructures and expertise in our target regions we can leverage their strengths to better serve the communities' needs. Formalizing at least five significant partnerships within the first six months will be vital to achieving this goal.

Both goals complement existing efforts in the target communities rather than duplicate them ensuring that our interventions add value and create a measurable impact. Through these focused efforts the Global Happiness Initiative Foundation seeks to build a foundation for long-term social change that contributes to the well-being of individuals worldwide.

**Objectives**

The Global Happiness Initiative Foundation (GHIF) has set ambitious yet achievable objectives to ensure a broad and lasting impact on global well-being.

**Educational Expansion**

Our first objective focuses on education expansion. Within the first year GHIF plans to launch educational programs in at least two countries aiming to reach over 5000 individuals. These programs will be developed to address local educational gaps better equip youths with functional skills and promote holistic learning experiences. Evidence shows that educational programs can significantly enhance psychological well-being by increasing self-efficacy social support and overall life satisfaction (Ross & Willigen 1997). Moreover education has been linked to improved health outcomes and better mental health with increased years of education correlating with lower rates of depression and anxiety (Kondirolli & Sunder 2022). The success of these programs will be measured by the number of programs successfully launched the total number of participants enrolled and participant feedback on program effectiveness.

**Healthcare Partnerships**

Simultaneously GHIF aims to establish healthcare partnerships to enhance access to medical and mental health services. By the end of the first six months we will secure partnerships with at least five major healthcare providers. These collaborations will focus on providing comprehensive health services emphasizing preventive care and mental health which are crucial for improving individual well-being. Studies have shown that partnerships between educational institutions and healthcare providers can significantly improve health outcomes particularly in preventive care and mental health services (Ross & Wu 1995). The effectiveness of these partnerships will be assessed through the number of agreements signed the range of services provided and feedback from service users regarding the accessibility and quality of care.

**Wellness Travel Model**

Lastly our third objective is to develop a wellness travel model which will be designed developed and ready for implementation within the first eighteen months. This model will provide frameworks for wellness-oriented travel experiences promoting mental and physical health benefits through carefully crafted travel packages. Wellness programs embedded in educational and travel contexts have shown positive impacts on well-being reducing stress and improving mental health (Young et al. 2020). The model's success will be evaluated based on participant satisfaction measured through surveys and the repeat engagement rate indicating the model's appeal and effectiveness in enhancing participants' well-being.

**Organizational Capacity**

**Foundation Structure and Management Capability:**

The Global Happiness Initiative Foundation (GHIF) is designed to be a robust organization capable of managing large-scale projects and substantial grants. At its inception GHIF will establish a governance structure with a board of

directors comprising education healthcare mental health and non-profit management experts. This board will provide strategic oversight and ensure all activities align with our mission and objectives.

**Founding Team Expertise:** The founding team of GHIF will include highly qualified professionals selected for their extensive experience in project management international development healthcare and educational programming. Our recruitment strategy focuses on identifying individuals with a proven track record such as a Project Director with significant experience in managing and scaling community health programs an Education Specialist renowned for developing effective curricula in diverse cultural settings and a Mental Health Advocate with a strong background in leading global mental wellness initiatives. This planned assembly of expertise ensures a comprehensive and skilled approach to achieving the foundation's objectives.

**Project Management Systems:** GHIF will implement rigorous project management methodologies to oversee all foundation activities. We will utilize established frameworks such as the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) guidelines to plan execute monitor and close projects. Additionally GHIF will adopt modern project management tools for real-time tracking and reporting facilitating transparent and efficient management of the grant funds.

**Preparatory Actions for Grant Management:** Prior to receiving the grant GHIF will:

- Formulate detailed project plans including timelines budgets and resource allocation.
- Establish financial management policies tailored to ensure accountability and prudent use of funds.
- Initiate discussions with potential partners and stakeholders to build a support network for immediate project launch upon funding.

**Demonstrating Capacity through Strategic Intentions:** While GHIF is a nascent organization our strategic planning reflects a clear and actionable roadmap for immediate impact upon funding. The foundation's goals are backed by a commitment to leverage the diverse skills of its team and the strategic insights of its board to establish a high-performing organization. GHIF's initial actions and detailed project preparations demonstrate our readiness and capability to effectively manage and utilize the grant to achieve significant social impact.

**Cross-Sector Collaboration** The Global Happiness Initiative Foundation (GHIF) is committed to developing localized high-impact programs that serve as models for global implementation. To achieve this GHIF emphasizes cross-sector collaboration mainly focusing on strategic partnerships in Italy and the United States. These collaborations are designed to leverage regional strengths and address specific local needs ensuring the adaptability and effectiveness of our well-being services.

**Localized Educational Partnerships** GHIF will collaborate with leading educational institutions in Italy and the United States to integrate well-being practices into educational curricula. This initiative will focus on regions with significant disparities in educational outcomes providing targeted interventions that are culturally and contextually relevant. Research indicates that collaborative learning environments and educational partnerships can significantly enhance student outcomes and well-being (Kilgo et al. 2015). Success in these partnerships will be evaluated based on academic improvements student well-being metrics and the scalability of the programs to other regions.

**Healthcare Alliances** GHIF plans to partner with healthcare organizations in Italy and the United States to increase access to quality health services. These partnerships will focus on integrating mental health services with primary care a critical need in both countries according to local health reports. Studies have shown cross-sector healthcare collaborations can improve health outcomes particularly when mental health services are integrated with primary care (Randall et al. 2023). By working with local health providers and community

organizations these initiatives aim to create sustainable health improvement models suitable for global replication.

**Public-Private Partnerships**

GHIF will seek partnerships with local government bodies and private sectors in Italy and the United States to support infrastructure development vital to program delivery. These partnerships will help facilitate the creation of community wellness centers which will serve as hubs for education healthcare and community activities. Effective public-private partnerships have been shown to significantly enhance community health and well-being (Ovseiko et al. 2014). The effectiveness of these centers will be measured through community engagement rates and the overall improvement in community health and educational outcomes.

**Community Engagement**

Integral to our strategy is the direct involvement of local communities in Italy and the United States in the planning and implementation phases. GHIF believes that community input is essential to tailoring programs that genuinely reflect and meet local needs. Feedback mechanisms and community advisory boards will be established to monitor the programs' impacts and guide iterative improvements as evidence proves that community involvement is crucial for the success and sustainability of public health programs (Mattessich & Rausch 2014).

**Program Plan**

**Introduction to Program Strategy**

The Global Happiness Initiative Foundation (GHIF) is committed to addressing critical needs in communities across the United States and Italy. We implement multifaceted strategies that enhance individual well-being and community health specifically designed to complement rather than duplicate existing services. Our comprehensive approach leverages local strengths and targets specific challenges through innovative and sustainable solutions.

**Integration with Government and Healthcare Services**

Our initiative targets significant gaps in access to healthcare and government support services. These gaps have been identified through extensive community outreach and stakeholder engagement underscoring a pressing need for improved service accessibility and quality. To address these challenges GHIF plans to forge strategic alliances with local health departments and social service agencies creating a referral network that simplifies the process for individuals to access the services they need. This network aims to increase the efficiency and responsiveness of health and social care systems.

**Partnership development** is crucial for the success of our healthcare integration strategy. By collaborating with local health authorities and service providers we aim to establish robust partnerships that facilitate streamlined access to healthcare and support services. These partnerships will be foundational in building a comprehensive referral system that enhances service delivery and meets the specific needs of the communities we serve.

In addition to building partnerships GHIF will engage in advocacy and policy work to enhance healthcare delivery. We will work closely with policymakers to advocate for regulations and policies prioritizing the health and well-being of underrepresented communities. Our focus on advocacy aims to influence policy changes that improve healthcare accessibility and address systemic barriers in service delivery.

**Training community health workers** is another critical component of our strategy. GHIF will implement comprehensive training programs designed to enhance the capabilities of health workers in assisting individuals effectively. These programs will focus on developing empathy technical skills and a deep understanding of the healthcare system. This will ensure that community health workers are well-equipped to support individuals in navigating health and social services.

**Wellness Travel Model**

GHIF recognizes the therapeutic potential of travel in promoting mental and physical well-being. To harness this potential we are developing a Wellness Travel Model that integrates health benefits with cultural and

educational experiences. This innovative approach to wellness extends beyond traditional health settings and includes travel packages that feature guided meditations wellness workshops and cultural tours. Each package is designed in collaboration with travel experts and cultural institutions to ensure that it offers genuine health benefits and facilitates cultural appreciation.

Community-based involvement is integral to the design and execution of our Wellness Travel Model. We engage local communities in developing travel experiences to ensure they are culturally respectful and enriching for visitors and hosts. This engagement helps create authentic travel experiences sensitive to the host communities'; cultural dynamics and provides meaningful interactions that benefit all participants.

Holistic Educational Access

GHIF is also dedicated to transforming educational access by integrating a curriculum that includes advanced technology training and comprehensive arts education. This holistic approach aims to bridge the gap in technological and creative skills preparing individuals for the demands of the modern workforce and personal development. Our curriculum includes coding robotics visual arts and music training and is designed to be integrated into school systems and community learning centers.

GHIF will establish ongoing learning opportunities through workshops and seminars open to all age groups to complement our formal education initiatives. These initiatives focus on continuous skill development and personal growth promoting lifelong learning and adaptability. By offering workshops and seminars that cover a range of skills and artistic disciplines we aim to foster an environment of continuous learning and creative exploration.

Timeline and Evaluation

The timeline for these initiatives is strategically set to ensure a phased implementation. By the end of the second quarter of 2025 GHIF will establish the initial partnerships necessary for the referral systems and develop training programs for community health workers. Following the establishment of partnerships early in the same year the Wellness Travel Packages are expected to be launched by the third quarter of 2025. Educational program rollouts will begin in the fourth quarter of 2024 and be fully implemented across targeted regions by the second quarter of 2025.

Each element of the program plan is designed to measure specific outcomes related to access satisfaction and educational attainment ensuring that GHIF's interventions create measurable and sustainable impacts in the communities served. This strategic planning demonstrates GHIF's capability to manage a large grant effectively and fulfill its mission of building a foundation for long-term social change that contributes significantly to global well-being.

| Deliverables                    | Activities  | Due Date | Expected Challenges   |
|---------------------------------|---|----------|---|
| Set up Referral Systems         | Establish partnerships develop training for staff           | Q2 2025  | Regulatory hurdles securing partner cooperation             |
| Launch Wellness Travel Packages | Design packages negotiate with travel agencies              | Q3 2025  | Logistics coordination ensuring accessibility and inclusion |
| Rollout Educational Programs    | Develop curricula and integrate into schools                | Q4 2025  | Adaptation to local educational standards funding           |
| Public Workshops and Seminars   | Plan and implement workshops and lifelong learning seminars | Q1 2026  | Community engagement sustaining interest over time          |

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live in urban centers and cities, our built environment is becoming ever-more critical
in creating infrastructure for affordable housing, workspace, leisure, commerce, and
life. And with buildings accounting for 44% of global carbon output, this is an
opportunity to redesign the built environment on a global scale. Research some closed-
loop systems for urban architecture. Choose one example and explain the
\2018controls/converter\2019, \2018feedback loops\2019, and technology or
mitigating system that convert a building to sustainability (or better yet, a carbon-
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Palazzo Italia in Milan exemplifies the potential of closed-loop systems in urban
architecture to address this challenge. This building employs photocatalytic concrete

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embedded with titanium dioxide as its control/converter system, which actively neutralizes air pollutants, thereby mitigating urban smog (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland, 2020). Furthermore, its energy management system, optimized by real-time sensors, exemplifies effective feedback loops that adjust operations to maximize energy efficiency and sustainability (Hunt, 2020). Palazzo Italia serves as a compelling example of how innovative sustainability practices can be integrated into architectural design, representing a significant shift from traditional capitalist systems that often prioritize short-term profits over long-term sustainability. This shift, as advocated by Mang and Haggard (2016), is towards a more holistic, community-focused approach. The building's closed-loop systems and environmentally restorative materials embody this pivot towards a more collectivist and ecologically integrated model. This approach not only addresses environmental concerns but also actively regenerates the environment, challenging the long-standing economic principles that have traditionally guided urban development (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland, 2020). In doing so, it underscores the socio-economic benefits inherent in such a transformation, highlighting the profound impact of these innovative sustainability practices on the quality of life in urban environments.

Such sustainable practices could be incorporated into building codes through regulatory measures, such as mandating the integration of sustainable technologies and offering tax credits or other incentives to encourage their adoption. Additionally, integrating these practices within a carbon cap and trade system could provide economic incentives for exceeding environmental performance benchmarks, promoting broader adoption of sustainable practices (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland, 2020). Ultimately, if we are to respond effectively to the environmental and social challenges posed by rapid urbanization, a departure from traditional capitalist frameworks towards a model that emphasizes equity, communal resource management, and sustainability is not just a choice but a necessity. Such a transition will not only foster the development of urban environments that enhance the quality of life but also ensure that they are sustainable and resilient in the face of future challenges. The urgency of this transition underscores the crucial role of each individual in this process, including urban planners, architects, policymakers, and environmentalists.

Part 2: Life Cycle Sustainability Assessments. Choose a system component currently creating waste in urban settings (i.e., waste water runoff, carbon-intensive energy production for centralized grids, heat island effects, or human waste). Identify alternative closed-loop systems in design to mitigate or improve the environmental, social, and economic impacts of this component (i.e., green stormwater infrastructure, sustainable energy, green walls, toilets turning waste into electricity and fertilizer). Determine equilibrium points and symbiotic systems of nature and technology within high-density urban sustainability. Write a compelling argument for the implementation of this technology or method of closed-loop system integration into urban planning as a gold standard. What are the cost-benefits? What are the barriers? What governmental incentives might spur the adoption of this method?

In high-density urban environments, the management of human waste presents a significant challenge, contributing to environmental pollution and posing health risks. However, innovative closed-loop systems, such as those converting human waste into electricity and fertilizer, offer a sustainable solution. One notable example of this is the implementation of anaerobic digesters in urban settings, which transform waste into biogas and nutrient-rich fertilizer, thus addressing the environmental, social, and economic impacts of waste management. Anaerobic digesters utilize



microbial processes to break down organic waste in the absence of oxygen, producing biogas that can be used for electricity and heat (Satchwell et al., 2018). This technology exemplifies the equilibrium between natural and technological systems. The closed-loop nature of this system ensures that waste is continuously recycled, reducing landfill use and methane emissions (Evangelisti et al., 2014). Moreover, the byproduct, digestate, can be used as a high-quality fertilizer, closing the nutrient loop and promoting sustainable agriculture within urban areas (Bringezu & Bleischwitz, 2009).

Implementing anaerobic digestion in urban planning could set a new gold standard for waste management. The cost-benefits of this technology are substantial. The energy produced from biogas can significantly reduce urban energy costs, while the digestate can offset the need for synthetic fertilizers, providing an economic advantage to urban agriculture initiatives (Evangelisti et al., 2014). Additionally, reducing waste transportation and landfill dependency further lowers costs and environmental impacts. However, initial setup costs and the need for public acceptance pose barriers. Public awareness campaigns and government incentives, such as grants and subsidies for initial infrastructure development, are crucial for overcoming these obstacles (Mang & Haggard, 2016; Osmanski, 2020).

Governmental support through incentives is vital to spur the adoption of anaerobic digestion systems. Policies that provide tax credits for renewable energy production and subsidies for sustainable waste management infrastructure can drive the widespread implementation of this technology. Furthermore, integrating anaerobic digestion into urban waste management regulations can ensure consistent and long-term use, promoting broader acceptance and standardization (Gibbons, 2020).

Transitioning to anaerobic digestion systems for managing human waste in urban settings not only addresses significant environmental and economic challenges but also aligns with a regenerative approach to urban planning. By moving away from traditional capitalist models towards more communal and sustainable resource management methodologies, cities can enhance their resilience and sustainability, ensuring a healthier environment and improved quality of life for their inhabitants.

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Part 1: With projections of the global population reaching ten billion by 2050, and 75% estimated to live in urban centers and cities, our built environment is becoming ever-more critical in creating infrastructure for affordable housing, workspace, leisure, commerce, and life. And with buildings accounting for 44% of global carbon output, this is an opportunity to redesign the built environment on a global scale. Research some closed-loop systems for urban architecture. Choose one example and explain the controls/converter, feedback loops, and technology or mitigating system that convert a building to sustainability (or better yet, a carbon-negative sink). How could this type of construction or design be incorporated into standards in Western building and construction? Does regulation, tax credits, or carbon cap and trade play a role?

One innovative example of a closed-loop system in urban architecture is the “mixed-use vertical village” concept, like the Zuellig Building in Makati, Philippines. This building integrates various controls, feedback loops, and technologies to achieve sustainability and even aims to become a carbon-negative structure. The controls and converters in this system include energy-efficient lighting, HVAC systems, and on-site renewable energy generation like solar panels. The building uses a rainwater harvesting system and greywater recycling to minimize water waste. Feedback loops are crucial; for example, smart sensors monitor energy and water usage, providing real-time data to adjust and optimize the building’s performance (Zuellig Building, n.d.).

Technologies that play a role include advanced building materials like low-emissivity glass, green roofs, and walls that improve insulation and reduce heat gain. Moreover, the integration of urban agriculture within the building helps absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and provide fresh produce for residents, further reducing the carbon footprint (Philippine Green Building Council, n.d.).

Incorporating such designs into Western construction standards could involve updating building codes to require energy-efficient systems and sustainable practices. Regulation can play a significant role by setting stricter environmental standards for new constructions. Tax credits and subsidies for developers who adopt green building practices can provide financial incentives, while carbon cap-and-trade systems can drive the market towards sustainability by making it economically beneficial to reduce carbon emissions (World Green Building Council, 2019). These measures combined can push the construction industry towards more sustainable practices, ensuring that urban growth aligns with environmental goals (United Nations, 2018).

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Part 2: Life Cycle Sustainability Assessments. Choose a system component currently creating waste in urban settings (i.e., waste water runoff, carbon-intensive energy production for centralized grids, heat island effects, or human waste). Identify alternative closed-loop systems in design to mitigate or improve the environmental, social, and economic impacts of this component (i.e., green stormwater infrastructure, sustainable energy, green walls, toilets turning waste into electricity and fertilizer). Determine equilibrium points and symbiotic systems of nature and technology within high-density urban sustainability. Write a compelling argument for the implementation of this technology or method of closed-loop system integration into urban planning as a gold standard. What are the cost-benefits? What are the barriers? What governmental incentives might spur the adoption of this method?

One of the pressing issues in urban areas is the management of human waste, which often leads to environmental pollution and health hazards. A promising closed-loop system to address this issue is Energy from Waste (EfW) technology, which converts waste into usable energy. This method includes systems that turn sewage sludge and organic waste into biogas through anaerobic digestion, which can then be used to generate electricity and heat, and produce bio-fertilizers (Department of Energy, 2021).

In densely populated urban areas like Metro Manila, EfW systems can transform waste management from a liability into an asset. By converting waste into energy, these systems help reduce the volume of waste destined for landfills, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and produce renewable energy. Moreover, the bio-fertilizers produced can support urban agriculture, enhancing food security and greening city landscapes (Philippine Green Building Council, n.d.).

EfW systems offer significant cost-benefits. Although the initial investment in infrastructure and technology can be substantial, the long-term savings from reduced landfill use, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and decreased reliance on fossil fuels are considerable. Additionally, EfW plants create local jobs and can lead to reduced energy costs for municipalities (World Bank, 2020).

Barriers to the widespread adoption of EfW systems include high upfront costs, the need for specialized knowledge and technology, and potential public resistance due to concerns about odor and emissions. However, these challenges can be mitigated through governmental incentives such as grants, low-interest loans, and subsidies for EfW projects. Additionally, public education campaigns can help address misconceptions and highlight the environmental and economic benefits of EfW systems (Department of Environment and Natural Resources, 2020).

In the Philippine context, where urban waste management and energy security are critical concerns, EfW technology can be a game-changer. The national government, through agencies like the Department of Energy and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, can play a crucial role by integrating EfW into national waste management and energy policies. Furthermore, offering tax incentives and creating regulatory frameworks that support EfW projects can stimulate private sector investment and innovation (Department of Energy, 2021).

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increase the recyclability of our products.

Quantifying Outcomes

Cost Savings: Estimated 10 million annual savings from reduced operational risks and improved efficiency.

Water Usage Reduction: Projected 30% reduction in water usage within the first five years.

Environmental Benefits: Significant decrease in carbon footprint and improved biodiversity in affected regions.

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Global Impact and Leadership

Industry Standards: Setting new standards for sustainability in the bottled water industry.

Influencing Global Practices: Encouraging other companies to adopt similar sustainable practices.

Corporate Responsibility: Demonstrating our commitment to environmental stewardship and social equity.

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lifecycle of a product or service from raw material extraction to disposal and identifying potential impacts at each stage. This method helps in pinpointing critical points for intervention and prevents unintended consequences that could arise from changes made in isolation. One can clearly see the links between systems thinking and the ideas presented by Ostrum (1997) which expands the rational choice models to incorporate collective actions that better address complex social dilemmas. It challenges simplistic linear thinking common in capitalist approaches that often overlook long-term consequences for immediate profit. Finally engaging stakeholders across the lifecycle of a product or service ensures that the diverse values and needs of different groups are considered and addressed in the sustainability assessment process. This approach is crucial for democratizing decision-making processes which often are controlled top-down in capitalist structures. Fisher's (2020) discussions on how system dynamics modeling can involve stakeholders in understanding and managing complex systems effectively provide a solid argument for stakeholder engagement across the lifecycle.

By applying these three dimensions to the broader discussions from earlier modules it becomes evident how these principles can help counteract the equity and sustainability challenges exacerbated by capitalist systems. These dimensions advocate for a more inclusive holistic and long-term approach to sustainability that aligns with social equity and environmental stewardship rather than focusing narrowly on immediate economic outcomes. This integrated approach not only critiques but actively challenges the inequities perpetuated by capitalist systems paving the way for more sustainable and equitable global practices.

Part 2: What indicators are required to assess the systems dynamics of flow-limited resources? To effectively assess the dynamics of flow-limited resources within a system a systems dynamics model must incorporate several key indicators. These indicators include stocks flows converters/constants and information flows each playing a crucial role in understanding and predicting system behaviors.

Stocks represent the quantities of resources available within the system at any given time. These could be tangible elements like water in a reservoir or abstract quantities such as carbon or even a population count in an ecological study. Stocks are foundational for monitoring resource levels and serve as a baseline for measuring changes over time (Reuter 2013).

Flows describe the movement of resources between stocks or from external sources into the system. This includes inputs and outputs measured over specific time intervals such as liters of water per hour or tons of carbon per year. Understanding flows is critical for assessing how resources are utilized and replenished within the system providing insights into sustainability and efficiency (Reuter 2013).

Converters/constants are parameters within the model that affect flows or stocks but remain unchanged regardless of system dynamics. These could include growth rate constants conversion efficiencies or fixed loss rates which are essential for stabilizing the model and making accurate predictions (Reuter 2013).

Information flows represent the non-material connections that influence system components by altering flows or converters based on the state of stocks or other variables. This aspect of systems dynamics is crucial for modeling feedback mechanisms and adaptive behaviors within the system allowing for a more nuanced understanding of how changes in one part of the system can ripple through to others (Reuter 2013).

By integrating these components into a systems dynamics model it is possible to construct a comprehensive view of how resources are interlinked and governed by various dynamic factors. This holistic approach is vital for predicting future system states under

different scenarios and for making informed decisions about resource management and conservation.

What inputs might be incorporated into a model of flow-limited resources? How is this different from stock-limited resources? In resource management two distinct modeling approaches are used to predict and understand resource availability and sustainability: flow-limited and stock-limited models.

Flow-limited models focus on the dynamics of resource renewal and consumption. These models consider key inputs like the rate at which a resource regenerates whether naturally or through human efforts. They also analyze the consumption rate to see how quickly the resource is being used by various entities or processes. Additionally factors like environmental conditions regulatory policies and technological changes play significant roles in influencing resource availability and flow. This model is dynamic adapting to changes in usage patterns and replenishment strategies providing a flexible framework for forecasting future resource statuses (Reuter 2013).

In contrast stock-limited models are concerned with the finite quantities of resources available. They focus on the absolute amount of the resource that exists or can be accessed such as fossil fuels or minerals. These models consider extraction or harvest rates detailing how quickly the resource is depleted over time. They also evaluate the resource's regeneration capabilities whether it can be naturally replenished or artificially sustained over long periods. This approach emphasizes the depletion of a fixed stock highlighting the limits of availability and the critical need for conservation and efficient use (Reuter 2013).

The main difference between these two models lies in their focus and application. Flow-limited models are dynamic reflecting continuous changes in resource flows and the effects of various influencing factors. They are particularly useful when resources can be renewed or are affected by external conditions. On the other hand stock-limited models deal with resources that have fixed availability concentrating on managing finite supplies and preventing exhaustion. Understanding these differences is crucial for policymakers businesses and conservationists. It helps in developing effective strategies for resource management ensuring sustainability and tackling the challenges posed by limited natural resources (Fisher 2020).

Provide an example of the systems dynamics of:

- A stock-limited resource (such as cobalt)
- A flow-limited resource (such as rabbits)

Describe what and how you would measure the inputs outputs and feedback loops (in-flow out-flow connectors or dependencies stocks and sources or sinks) in each example. Keep it simple (i.e. bamboo production for chairs). You don't have to do the mathematical calculations just describe the systems process. (If you want to take it further you can use Stella Online Modeling linked above).

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Bottled Water Industry Impact Assessment

The bottled water industry represented by companies like Sanpellegrino plays a significant role in the global beverage market. These companies often source water from natural springs which can profoundly impact local water tables and ecosystems. The industry's reach is extensive with products distributed worldwide contributing to local economies through job creation and tax revenues. However the large-scale extraction of water raises concerns about the long-term sustainability of water resources necessitating a shift towards more sustainable practices (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020).

Impact Assessment

Environmental Impacts

Bottled water companies like Sanpellegrino's operational practices particularly those surrounding large-scale water extraction from natural springs are critical to its production process. This substantial extraction is necessitated by the high demand for bottled water a trend that shows no signs of abating (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). However this practice raises significant concerns about the long-term sustainability of local water resources. Extracting such large volumes of water can deplete natural springs disrupt local ecosystems and exacerbate water scarcity issues particularly in regions already facing water stress (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020).

In light of these concerns it is imperative for companies like Sanpellegrino to explore alternative water sources and implement more sustainable water management practices. This could include investing in water conservation technologies improving the efficiency of water extraction processes and engaging in corporate responsibility initiatives that prioritize environmental sustainability (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). By doing so Sanpellegrino can ensure its operations' sustainability while contributing to broader environmental conservation efforts.

Environment Impacts

Environmental impacts of the bottled water industry include the depletion of aquifers reduced stream flows and degradation of aquatic ecosystems. Intensive water extraction can lead to declines in local water tables affecting both human use and ecosystem health (Cuoco et al. 2015). Furthermore the extraction process can disrupt the natural balance of aquatic ecosystems leading to biodiversity loss and habitat degradation (van Engelenburg et al. 2018)

In addition the extraction process affects the quantity and quality of water available in local streams and rivers. Reduced water flow can lead to higher concentrations of pollutants and increased water temperatures adversely affecting aquatic life. Lower water tables can result in reduced soil moisture impacting local agriculture and vegetation (Bartolini et al. 2007; Ferragina 2010).

The ecological consequences of water extraction are further compounded by the reduced ability of the environment to recharge depleted aquifers. Natural recharge processes are often slower than the extraction rate leading to long-term sustainability issues. Over time this imbalance can result in permanent changes to the local ecosystem including the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of natural habitats (van Engelenburg et al. 2018).

Social Impacts

The social impacts of water bottling operations are significant affecting local communities in various ways. One of the most pressing social issues is the reduced access to water for local communities. As companies like Sanpellegrino extract vast quantities of water local residents often find their wells drying up or experiencing reduced water pressure. This can lead to conflicts over water use particularly in regions where water is already scarce (Ostrom 1998). While the water bottling industry generates substantial revenue the economic benefits often do not extend to local populations. Residents may face increased costs for water and might need to purchase bottled water for their own use effectively buying back their own resources at a premium price (Manzella et al. 2018).

Reduced water availability



has significant health implications. Lower water quality can lead to a higher incidence of waterborne diseases impacting public health. Additionally reduced water availability affects agriculture a primary livelihood for many residents. Farmers may experience lower crop yields and increased difficulty maintaining livestock further exacerbating economic inequalities (D'ippoliti et al. 2015).

### Economic Impacts

The economic impacts of the water bottling industry present a complex picture of benefits and costs (Bartolini et al. 2007). While the industry contributes to national economies by generating substantial revenue through taxes and employment it also incurs external costs related to environmental degradation and social issues (Bartolini et al. 2007; Sanpellegrino 2023).

For instance Sanpellegrino a major player in the industry reported revenues of over one billion Euros in 2022 significantly contributing to local and national economies (Sanpellegrino 2023). Moreover the bottling industry provides stable employment opportunities which can significantly benefit regions with limited job prospects. Sanpellegrino alone employs thousands of workers in its facilities and Bartolini et al. (2007) underscored the far-reaching effects of such employment opportunities. The study highlighted the positive implications of stable job opportunities provided by companies like Sanpellegrino supporting individuals and families with reliable incomes and stimulating local economic activity through increased consumer spending investment and tax revenues (Bartolini et al. 2007).

However external costs such as environmental degradation and social costs are not typically accounted for in the industry's economic benefits. Local governments may incur additional expenses in managing water resources addressing health impacts and mitigating environmental damage caused by over-extraction (Cuoco et al. 2015). Such realities highlight the need to comprehensively assess the water bottling industry's economic impacts considering its benefits and external costs.

### Regulatory Frameworks and Policy Analysis

The regulatory landscape in Italy and the European Union is oriented towards the sustainable management of water resources. However there is a need for greater consistency in enforcement and effectiveness. Current legislation and policies often prioritize corporate interests over public and environmental health. For instance while regulations such as the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC) aim to safeguard water resources and foster sustainable water management practices there are discernible inconsistencies in enforcement and regulatory gaps that have the potential to compromise these objectives thus enabling companies like Sanpellegrino to continue extracting water at unsustainable rates (Aukidy et al. 2012).

To address these challenges it is essential to introduce more stringent regulatory measures. This could involve the implementation of tighter water extraction limits and the enforcement of compliance through regular monitoring consequently contributing to the protection of water resources. Furthermore the involvement of local communities in decision-making processes concerning water resource management is crucial as it ensures that their needs and rights are duly considered (Bartolini et al. 2007). If meticulously employed these approaches may prove instrumental in amplifying the efficacy of existing regulations and driving meaningful change in the sustainable management of water resources within Italy and the European Union.

### Recommendations for Sustainable Practices

A comprehensive strategy is essential to address the significant environmental impacts associated with the water bottling industry. Firstly as previously discussed stricter regulatory measures are necessary to mitigate these impacts. This entails imposing more rigorous limits on water extraction and ensuring compliance through continuous monitoring (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). These

regulations should be based on scientific evaluations of sustainable extraction rates.

Secondly community engagement in decision-making processes related to water resource management is crucial. As proposed by Spiliotopoulou and Roseland (2020) and grounded in the principles of Ostrom (1998) community-based water management models have been shown to balance corporate interests and public needs effectively. A more equitable distribution of resources can be achieved by actively involving residents businesses and other stakeholders in water management decisions.

Thirdly companies should invest significantly in conservation technologies including developing methods for recycling and reusing water within bottling plants. This approach can reduce water usage and enhance the efficiency of water extraction processes (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). The incorporation of these advanced technologies not only demonstrates a commitment to sustainable practices but also aligns with the growing societal and environmental expectations for corporate responsibility and stewardship. Therefore companies that invest in these conservation technologies are better positioned to minimize their environmental footprint and positively impact their operational costs and long-term sustainability.

Furthermore corporate environmental responsibility initiatives must be prioritized within the business world. Companies like Sanpellegrino must lead in promoting environmental sustainability and social equity. For example they could consider allocating resources to funding local water conservation projects and supporting infrastructure improvements (Bae & Kim 2022). This kind of proactive approach not only benefits the environment but also positively impacts the communities in which these companies operate.

Employing a multi-faceted approach to address environmental impacts by implementing rigorous regulations engaging with communities fostering technological innovation and promoting corporate responsibility initiatives is paramount (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020; McNabb 2019; Bae & Kim 2022). This approach can substantially contribute to the sustainable management of water resources advocating for environmental sustainability and social equity. Additionally analyzing the water bottling industry's environmental social and economic impacts highlights the broader implications of treating water as a commercial commodity. By reorienting the management of water resources to prioritize sustainability and equity we can ensure the long-term health of both the environment and local communities. Achieving this objective requires a collaborative effort among corporations governments and communities to develop and implement strategies that harmonize economic benefits with environmental and social responsibilities.

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expect of Farchioni's Chief Sustainability Officer. Given the high demand and available agricultural resources are the current levels of EVOO production sustainable?

### Background of EVOO Production

Italy stands out as a leading producer of olive oil reflecting a rich blend of tradition and modernity in its agricultural practices. This duality is embodied in every bottle of olive oil such as my 1-liter bottle of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) from Farchioni which I recently placed in the fridge to chill. As I waited to observe the results of my experiment I reflected on Farchioni's claims of harmoniously combining age-old techniques with contemporary methods to meet today's sustainability standards (Sustainability n.d.). This integration helps maintain the ecological balance and ensures the survival of traditional practices cherished across generations.

Farchioni a prominent figure in the olive oil market serves as a prime example of the successful integration of tradition and modernity in EVOO production. Their production process combines advanced machinery to enhance efficiency and reduce waste with traditional methods like hand-picking and first-cold-pressing (Sustainability n.d.). These traditional methods are crucial for maintaining the distinct quality and authenticity of their EVOO setting a benchmark for sustainable production in the industry. Farchioni's approach reflects a broader commitment across Italy to innovate while preserving the integrity of the olive oil heritage.

As the olive oil industry evolves regions like Umbria where Farchioni's farms are located encounter their share of challenges. These include high operational costs and an aging workforce which necessitate further technological advancements. Modern tools like open-source spectrophotometers and AI are now being used to enhance traceability and ensure the purity of EVOO (Bayreuth n.d.; Violino et al. 2020). These technologies strengthen the 'Made in Italy' label a crucial asset in the global marketplace and drive significant environmental improvements. For instance optimizing distribution and updating packaging materials are proposed to reduce the carbon footprint of EVOO production (Pisanelli et al. 2023). This paints a picture of a future where tradition and innovation continue to merge ensuring the sustainability and authenticity of Italian olive oil on a global scale.

### Sustainability Metrics and Indicator Analysis

To comprehensively assess the sustainability of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) production it is essential to consider a range of indicators that align with the seven principles of sustainability: efficiency substitution economic environmental social sustainability inter-generational equity and institutional sustainability. These principles can be measured using specific metrics such as material and energy intensity water consumption emission of toxic substances human health implications fair labor practices and the overall impact on the community. These metrics help in evaluating the breadth and depth of sustainability practices within the EVOO production process and are critical for making informed decisions aimed at improving sustainability outcomes over time (Maesano et al. 2021; Safeie-Noghlbari et al. 2024).

In the context of material intensity EVOO production demands significant resources particularly in packaging and equipment. Commonly used for oil bottling glass is energy-intensive to produce and contributes to higher CO2 emissions. This highlights the need for more sustainable packaging solutions such as recycled or lighter glass which could decrease material intensity and environmental impact (Maesano et al. 2021; Rinaldi et al. 2014; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012). Similarly the metals used in processing equipment also require consideration particularly in terms of the energy and resources consumed during their manufacture and eventual recycling or disposal (Hansen 2022; Pisanelli et al. 2023; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

Energy and water consumption are equally critical

metrics. The operation of irrigation systems and processing facilities consumes substantial energy which can be mitigated by integrating renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power to reduce the carbon footprint of production processes (Allen et al. 1998; Hansen 2022; Rinaldi et al. 2014; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

Concerning water consumption olive cultivation particularly in drier regions necessitates significant water usage. Employing sustainable water management practices such as adopting drip irrigation systems can dramatically decrease water consumption preserving vital water resources. Additionally using pesticides and fertilizers in olive farming introduces toxic emissions and pollutants that can affect soil and water quality. Implementing organic farming practices and optimizing transportation and logistics can help minimize these environmental impacts (Ivic et al. 2021; Maesano et al. 2021).

Beyond environmental considerations the human dimension of sustainability is pivotal. Protecting human health and safety in EVOO production involves minimizing workers' exposure to harmful chemicals ensuring proper safety training and providing adequate protective equipment (Connor & Fereres 2010; Ncube et al. 2022). Furthermore adhering to labor laws and embracing fair trade practices are essential to guarantee fair wages and good working conditions for all employees. Finally the broader community impact of companies like Farchioni should be recognized as they often support local initiatives in education and healthcare contributing positively to the social fabric of their operating regions (Ncube et al. 2022). These efforts enhance community well-being and bolster the social sustainability of the business practices. By addressing these various sustainability indicators companies can comply with current standards and set new benchmarks for responsible production in the industry.

### Supply Chain Model

The supply chain for EVOO includes several stages: olive cultivation and harvesting processing and extraction packaging and storage and distribution and retail. Each stage presents unique sustainability challenges and opportunities. Improving energy efficiency in processing and adopting sustainable packaging materials can significantly enhance the product's overall sustainability (Maesano et al. 2021).

### Information Gaps and Inferences

There are notable gaps in available data particularly regarding comprehensive lifecycle assessments for EVOO production. Data on the environmental impacts of material extraction and processing is limited. However comparative analysis with similar agricultural products such as wine or almond production provides insights into potential sustainability impacts. Studies on these products show that organic farming practices and renewable energy usage can significantly reduce environmental footprints (Gennaro & Nardone 2014; Maesano et al. 2021).

### Role as Chief Sustainability Officer

As Farchioni's Chief Sustainability Officer several measures can be prioritized to enhance sustainability in the company's operations. These include enhancing energy efficiency and renewable energy use implementing sustainable water management practices improving waste management and reducing emissions and ensuring fair wages and safe working conditions. Progress can be measured by setting specific measurable goals conducting regular sustainability audits publicly reporting on sustainability performance engaging stakeholders and maintaining open communication about progress and challenges (Allen et al. 1998; Maesano et al. 2021; Safeie-Noghlbari et al. 2024; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

### Conclusion

Reflecting on the initial question of whether the levels of EVOO production are sustainable the answer is complex. Farchioni's EVOO did not solidify in the refrigerator maintaining its same viscosity and overall physical properties indicating its authenticity (Bayreuth n.d.). However the sustainability of EVOO production can be significantly improved through

targeted measures that address material and energy use water consumption emissions and social impacts. Cooperative resource allocation systems emphasizing community involvement and fair practices are essential for achieving long-term sustainability in the olive oil industry. By adopting these measures companies can contribute to a more sustainable future while maintaining the cultural and economic significance of EVOO production in Italy.

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2 paragraphs as if you were the first post author (who also wrote the attached documents). In your response, cite 1 academic source that comments on or adds new information to a thought, idea, or assertion. Additionally, ask a question that ideally prompts the thoughts or opinions of the second post author on something discussed in or highly relevant to their post.

\n\nPost Author 1\nPart 1: With projections of the global population reaching ten billion by 2050 and 75% estimated to live in urban centers and cities, our built environment is becoming ever-more critical in creating infrastructure for affordable housing, workspace, leisure, commerce, and life. And with buildings accounting for 44% of global carbon output, this is an opportunity to redesign the built environment on a global scale. Research some closed-loop systems for urban architecture. Choose one example and explain the \u2018controls/converter\u2019, \u2018feedback loops\u2019, and technology or mitigating system that convert a building to sustainability (or better yet, a carbon-negative sink). How could this type of construction or design be incorporated into standards in Western building and construction? Does regulation, tax credits, or carbon cap and trade play a role?\n\nAs projections indicate, by 2050, ten billion people will inhabit our planet, with 75% living in urban centers, making redesigning our built environments an urgent imperative (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland, 2020). Palazzo Italia in Milan exemplifies the potential of closed-loop systems in urban architecture to address this challenge. This building employs photocatalytic concrete embedded with titanium dioxide as its \u2018control/converter\u2019 system, which actively neutralizes air pollutants, thereby mitigating urban smog (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland, 2020). Furthermore, its energy management system, optimized by real-time sensors, exemplifies effective \u2018feedback loops\u2019 that adjust operations to maximize energy efficiency and sustainability (Hunt, 2020).\n\nPalazzo Italia serves as a compelling example of how innovative sustainability practices can be integrated into architectural design, representing a significant shift from traditional capitalist systems that often prioritize short-term profits over long-term sustainability. This shift, as advocated by Mang and Haggard (2016), is towards a more holistic, community-focused approach. The building\u2019s closed-loop systems and environmentally restorative materials embody this pivot towards a more collectivist and ecologically integrated model. This approach not only addresses environmental concerns but also actively regenerates the environment, challenging the long-standing economic principles that have traditionally guided urban development (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland, 2020). In doing so, it underscores the socio-economic benefits inherent in such a transformation, highlighting the profound impact of these innovative sustainability practices on the quality of life in urban environments.\n\nSuch sustainable practices could be incorporated into building codes through regulatory measures, such as mandating the integration of sustainable technologies and offering tax credits or other incentives to encourage their adoption. Additionally, integrating these practices within a carbon cap and trade system could provide economic incentives for exceeding environmental performance benchmarks, promoting broader adoption of sustainable practices (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland, 2020).\n\nUltimately, if we are to respond effectively to the environmental and social challenges posed by rapid urbanization, a departure from traditional capitalist frameworks towards a model that emphasizes equity, communal resource management, and sustainability is not just a choice but a necessity. Such a transition will not only foster the development of urban environments that enhance the quality of life but also ensure that they are sustainable and resilient in the face of future challenges. The



urgency of this transition underscores the crucial role of each individual in this process, including urban planners, architects, policymakers, and environmentalists.

Part 2: Life Cycle Sustainability Assessments. Choose a system component currently creating waste in urban settings (i.e., waste water runoff, carbon-intensive energy production for centralized grids, heat island effects, or human waste). Identify alternative closed-loop systems in design to mitigate or improve the environmental, social, and economic impacts of this component (i.e., green stormwater infrastructure, sustainable energy, green walls, toilets turning waste into electricity and fertilizer). Determine equilibrium points and symbiotic systems of nature and technology within high-density urban sustainability. Write a compelling argument for the implementation of this technology or method of closed-loop system integration into urban planning as a gold standard. What are the cost-benefits? What are the barriers? What governmental incentives might spur the adoption of this method?

In high-density urban environments, the management of human waste presents a significant challenge, contributing to environmental pollution and posing health risks. However, innovative closed-loop systems, such as those converting human waste into electricity and fertilizer, offer a sustainable solution. One notable example of this is the implementation of anaerobic digesters in urban settings, which transform waste into biogas and nutrient-rich fertilizer, thus addressing the environmental, social, and economic impacts of waste management.

Anaerobic digesters utilize microbial processes to break down organic waste in the absence of oxygen, producing biogas that can be used for electricity and heat (Satchwell et al., 2018). This technology exemplifies the equilibrium between natural and technological systems. The closed-loop nature of this system ensures that waste is continuously recycled, reducing landfill use and methane emissions (Evangelisti et al., 2014). Moreover, the byproduct, digestate, can be used as a high-quality fertilizer, closing the nutrient loop and promoting sustainable agriculture within urban areas (Bringezu & Bleischwitz, 2009).

Implementing anaerobic digestion in urban planning could set a new gold standard for waste management. The cost-benefits of this technology are substantial. The energy produced from biogas can significantly reduce urban energy costs, while the digestate can offset the need for synthetic fertilizers, providing an economic advantage to urban agriculture initiatives (Evangelisti et al., 2014). Additionally, reducing waste transportation and landfill dependency further lowers costs and environmental impacts. However, initial setup costs and the need for public acceptance pose barriers. Public awareness campaigns and government incentives, such as grants and subsidies for initial infrastructure development, are crucial for overcoming these obstacles (Mang & Haggard, 2016; Osmanski, 2020).

Governmental support through incentives is vital to spur the adoption of anaerobic digestion systems. Policies that provide tax credits for renewable energy production and subsidies for sustainable waste management infrastructure can drive the widespread implementation of this technology. Furthermore, integrating anaerobic digestion into urban waste management regulations can ensure consistent and long-term use, promoting broader acceptance and standardization (Gibbons, 2020).

Transitioning to anaerobic digestion systems for managing human waste in urban settings not only addresses significant environmental and economic challenges but also aligns with a regenerative approach to urban planning. By moving away from traditional capitalist models towards more communal and sustainable resource management methodologies, cities can enhance their resilience and sustainability, ensuring a healthier environment and improved quality of life for their inhabitants.

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include advanced building materials like low-emissivity glass, green roofs, and walls that improve insulation and reduce heat gain. Moreover, the integration of urban agriculture within the building helps absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and provide fresh produce for residents, further reducing the carbon footprint (Philippine Green Building Council, n.d.).

Incorporating such designs into Western construction standards could involve updating building codes to require energy-efficient systems and sustainable practices. Regulation can play a significant role by setting stricter environmental standards for new constructions. Tax credits and subsidies for developers who adopt green building practices can provide financial incentives, while carbon cap-and-trade systems can drive the market towards sustainability by making it economically beneficial to reduce carbon emissions (World Green Building Council, 2019). These measures combined can push the construction industry towards more sustainable practices, ensuring that urban growth aligns with environmental goals (United Nations, 2018).

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One of the pressing issues in urban areas is the management of human waste, which often leads to environmental pollution and health hazards. A promising closed-loop system to address this issue is Energy from Waste (EfW) technology, which converts waste into usable energy. This method includes systems that turn sewage sludge and organic waste into biogas through anaerobic digestion, which can then be used to generate electricity and heat, and produce bio-fertilizers (Department of Energy, 2021).

In densely populated urban areas like Metro Manila, EfW systems can transform waste management from a liability into an asset. By converting waste into energy, these systems help reduce the volume of waste destined for landfills, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and produce renewable energy. Moreover, the bio-fertilizers produced can support urban agriculture, enhancing food security and greening city landscapes (Philippine Green Building Council, n.d.).

EfW systems offer significant cost-benefits. Although the initial investment in infrastructure and technology can be substantial, the long-term savings from reduced landfill use, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and decreased reliance on fossil fuels are considerable. Additionally, EfW plants create local jobs and can lead

to reduced energy costs for municipalities (World Bank, 2020). \n\nBarriers to the widespread adoption of EfW systems include high upfront costs, the need for specialized knowledge and technology, and potential public resistance due to concerns about odor and emissions. However, these challenges can be mitigated through governmental incentives such as grants, low-interest loans, and subsidies for EfW projects. Additionally, public education campaigns can help address misconceptions and highlight the environmental and economic benefits of EfW systems (Department of Environment and Natural Resources, 2020). \n\nIn the Philippine context, where urban waste management and energy security are critical concerns, EfW technology can be a game-changer. The national government, through agencies like the Department of Energy and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, can play a crucial role by integrating EfW into national waste management and energy policies. Furthermore, offering tax incentives and creating regulatory frameworks that support EfW projects can stimulate private sector investment and innovation (Department of Energy, 2021). \n\nReferences \n\nDepartment of Energy. (2021). Energy from Waste: Harnessing the potential of urban waste for sustainable energy. Retrieved from https://www.doe.gov.phLinks to an external site. \n\nDepartment of Environment and Natural Resources. (2020). Implementing rules and regulations of the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999. Retrieved from http://denr.gov.phLinks to an external site. \n\nPhilippine Green Building Council. (n.d.). About PHILGBC. Retrieved from https://philgbc.org/about-philgbc/\n\nWorld Bank. (2020). Philippines urbanization review: Fostering competitive, sustainable and inclusive cities. Retrieved from https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/philippines/publication/philippines-urbanization-reviewLinks to an external site."], "status": "finished\_successfully", "end\_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"attachments": [{"id": "file-nTNwug6zOW1BuVVq7GUN0rYb", "size": 2784007, "name": "srm 2.pptx", "mime\_type": "application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.presentationml.presentation", "file\_token\_size": 706}, {"id": "file-r0ta8rDvK5uHM5bHihSJURNj", "size": 14439, "name": "SRM assignment 2.docx", "mime\_type": "application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document", "file\_token\_size": 5024}, {"id": "file-vlRnV36QZcJtjag5lwhTjc3", "size": 20064, "name": "SRM Assignment 1.docx", "mime\_type": "application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document", "file\_token\_size": 5036}, {"id": "file-p7lEl10A6bQmhNL9aGbPkwZM", "size": 10502, "name": "SRM DQ4.docx", "mime\_type": "application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document", "file\_token\_size": 2016}], "request\_id": "890e7512fc390d55-MXP", "message\_source": null, "timestamp": "absolute", "message\_type": null, "recipient": "all", "channel": null, "parent": "061fc619-7ea8-4dce-ae5f-e4aecee030fb", "children": [{"id": "2b1449c6-09a0-44ed-bleb-a60354b97b5a"}, {"id": "2b1449c6-09a0-44ed-bleb-a60354b97b5a"}], [{"id": "2b1449c6-09a0-44ed-bleb-a60354b97b5a", "author": {"role": "tool", "name": "myfiles\_browser", "metadata": {}}, "create\_time": 1717908178.920422, "update\_time": null, "content": {"content\_type": "tether\_quote", "url": "file-nTNwug6zOW1BuVVq7GUN0rYb", "domain": "srm 2.pptx", "text": "\u2039#\u203a\n\n\n\n\u2039#\u203a\n\n\n\n\u2039#\u203a\n\n\n\nCurrent State of the Industry\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\nHigh Demand for Bottled Water: Sanpellegrino and other bottled water companies extract millions of liters of water annually leading to significant environmental and social challenges.\n\n\nImpact on Water Resources: Large-scale extraction depletes natural aquifers reduces biodiversity and exacerbates regional water scarcity.\n\n\nBusiness Vulnerabilities: Environmental issues create

business risks including strained relations with local communities and potential regulatory actions.

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Environmental Social and Economic Impacts

Definition: A closed-loop system in production recycles and reuses materials reducing waste and conserving natural resources.

Benefits: Mitigates environmental impact decreases operational costs and enhances sustainability.

Implementation: Adopting advanced recycling technologies and sustainable materials to create a circular economy.

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Closed-Loop System Concept

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Benefits: Mitigates environmental impact decreases operational costs and enhances sustainability.

Implementation: Adopting advanced recycling technologies and sustainable materials to create a circular economy.

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Proposed Sustainability Measures

Water Recycling Technologies: Implement state-of-the-art technology to treat and reuse wastewater.

Renewable Energy: Transition to 100% renewable energy sources for our production facilities by 2030.

Community Engagement Programs: Enhance water conservation initiatives and support local infrastructure to improve community access to clean water.

Enhanced Water Stewardship: Work closely with environmental experts to manage water extraction sustainably.

Innovative Packaging Solutions: Reduce plastic usage by 50% and increase the recyclability of our products.

Quantifying Outcomes

Cost Savings: Estimated 10 million annual savings from reduced operational risks and improved efficiency.

Water Usage Reduction: Projected 30% reduction in water usage within the first five years.

Environmental Benefits: Significant decrease in carbon footprint and improved biodiversity in affected regions.

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Global Impact and Leadership

Industry Standards: Setting new standards for sustainability in the bottled water industry.

Influencing Global Practices: Encouraging other companies to adopt similar sustainable practices.

Corporate Responsibility: Demonstrating our commitment to environmental stewardship and social equity.

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understanding and predicting system behaviors. Stocks represent the quantities of resources available within the system at any given time. These could be tangible elements like water in a reservoir or abstract quantities such as carbon or even a population count in an ecological study. Stocks are foundational for monitoring resource levels and serve as a baseline for measuring changes over time (Reuter 2013). Flows describe the movement of resources between stocks or from external sources into the system. This includes inputs and outputs measured over specific time intervals such as liters of water per hour or tons of carbon per year. Understanding flows is critical for assessing how resources are utilized and replenished within the system providing insights into sustainability and efficiency (Reuter 2013). Converters/constants are parameters within the model that affect flows or stocks but remain unchanged regardless of system dynamics. These could include growth rate constants conversion efficiencies or fixed loss rates which are essential for stabilizing the model and making accurate predictions (Reuter 2013). Information flows represent the non-material connections that influence system components by altering flows or converters based on the state of stocks or other variables. This aspect of systems dynamics is crucial for modeling feedback mechanisms and adaptive behaviors within the system allowing for a more nuanced understanding of how changes in one part of the system can ripple through to others (Reuter 2013). By integrating these components into a systems dynamics model it is possible to construct a comprehensive view of how resources are interlinked and governed by various dynamic factors. This holistic approach is vital for predicting future system states under different scenarios and for making informed decisions about resource management and conservation.

What inputs might be incorporated into a model of flow-limited resources? How is this different from stock-limited resources? In resource management two distinct modeling approaches are used to predict and understand resource availability and sustainability: flow-limited and stock-limited models. Flow-limited models focus on the dynamics of resource renewal and consumption. These models consider key inputs like the rate at which a resource regenerates whether naturally or through human efforts. They also analyze the consumption rate to see how quickly the resource is being used by various entities or processes. Additionally factors like environmental conditions regulatory policies and technological changes play significant roles in influencing resource availability and flow. This model is dynamic adapting to changes in usage patterns and replenishment strategies providing a flexible framework for forecasting future resource statuses (Reuter 2013).

In contrast stock-limited models are concerned with the finite quantities of resources available. They focus on the absolute amount of the resource that exists or can be accessed such as fossil fuels or minerals. These models consider extraction or harvest rates detailing how quickly the resource is depleted over time. They also evaluate the resource's regeneration capabilities whether it can be naturally replenished or artificially sustained over long periods. This approach emphasizes the depletion of a fixed stock highlighting the limits of availability and the critical need for conservation and efficient use (Reuter 2013).

The main difference between these two models lies in their focus and application. Flow-limited models are dynamic reflecting continuous changes in resource flows and the effects of various influencing factors. They are particularly useful when resources can be renewed or are affected by external conditions. On the other hand stock-limited models deal with resources that have fixed availability concentrating on managing finite supplies and preventing exhaustion. Understanding these differences is crucial for policymakers businesses and

conservationists. It helps in developing effective strategies for resource management ensuring sustainability and tackling the challenges posed by limited natural resources (Fisher 2020).

Provide an example of the systems dynamics of:

- A stock-limited resource (such as cobalt)
- A flow-limited resource (such as rabbits)

Describe what and how you would measure the inputs outputs and feedback loops (in-flow out-flow connectors or dependencies stocks and sources or sinks) in each example. Keep it simple (i.e. bamboo production for chairs). You don't have to do the mathematical calculations just describe the systems process. (If you want to take it further you can use Stella Online Modeling linked above).

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the extraction process can disrupt the natural balance of aquatic ecosystems leading to biodiversity loss and habitat degradation (van Engelenburg et al. 2018). In addition the extraction process affects the quantity and quality of water available in local streams and rivers. Reduced water flow can lead to higher concentrations of pollutants and increased water temperatures adversely affecting aquatic life. Lower water tables can result in reduced soil moisture impacting local agriculture and vegetation (Bartolini et al. 2007; Ferragina 2010). The ecological consequences of water extraction are further compounded by the reduced ability of the environment to recharge depleted aquifers. Natural recharge processes are often slower than the extraction rate leading to long-term sustainability issues. Over time this imbalance can result in permanent changes to the local ecosystem including the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of natural habitats (van Engelenburg et al. 2018).

**Social Impacts**

The social impacts of water bottling operations are significant affecting local communities in various ways. One of the most pressing social issues is the reduced access to water for local communities. As companies like Sanpellegrino extract vast quantities of water local residents often find their wells drying up or experiencing reduced water pressure. This can lead to conflicts over water use particularly in regions where water is already scarce (Ostrom 1998). While the water bottling industry generates substantial revenue the economic benefits often do not extend to local populations. Residents may face increased costs for water and might need to purchase bottled water for their own use effectively buying back their own resources at a premium price (Manzella et al. 2018). Reduced water availability has significant health implications. Lower water quality can lead to a higher incidence of waterborne diseases impacting public health. Additionally reduced water availability affects agriculture a primary livelihood for many residents. Farmers may experience lower crop yields and increased difficulty maintaining livestock further exacerbating economic inequalities (D'ippoliti et al. 2015).

**Economic Impacts**

The economic impacts of the water bottling industry present a complex picture of benefits and costs (Bartolini et al. 2007). While the industry contributes to national economies by generating substantial revenue through taxes and employment it also incurs external costs related to environmental degradation and social issues (Bartolini et al. 2007; Sanpellegrino 2023). For instance Sanpellegrino a major player in the industry reported revenues of over one billion Euros in 2022 significantly contributing to local and national economies (Sanpellegrino 2023). Moreover the bottling industry provides stable employment opportunities which can significantly benefit regions with limited job prospects. Sanpellegrino alone employs thousands of workers in its facilities and Bartolini et al. (2007) underscored the far-reaching effects of such employment opportunities. The study highlighted the positive implications of stable job opportunities provided by companies like Sanpellegrino supporting individuals and families with reliable incomes and stimulating local economic activity through increased consumer spending investment and tax revenues (Bartolini et al. 2007). However external costs such as environmental degradation and social costs are not typically accounted for in the industry's economic benefits. Local governments may incur additional expenses in managing water resources addressing health impacts and mitigating environmental damage caused by over-extraction (Cuoco et al. 2015). Such realities highlight the need to comprehensively assess the water bottling industry's economic impacts considering its benefits and external costs.

**Regulatory Frameworks and Policy Analysis**

The regulatory landscape in Italy and the European Union is oriented towards the

sustainable management of water resources. However there is a need for greater consistency in enforcement and effectiveness. Current legislation and policies often prioritize corporate interests over public and environmental health. For instance while regulations such as the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC) aim to safeguard water resources and foster sustainable water management practices there are discernible inconsistencies in enforcement and regulatory gaps that have the potential to compromise these objectives thus enabling companies like Sanpellegrino to continue extracting water at unsustainable rates (Aukidy et al. 2012).

To address these challenges it is essential to introduce more stringent regulatory measures. This could involve the implementation of tighter water extraction limits and the enforcement of compliance through regular monitoring consequently contributing to the protection of water resources. Furthermore the involvement of local communities in decision-making processes concerning water resource management is crucial as it ensures that their needs and rights are duly considered (Bartolini et al. 2007). If meticulously employed these approaches may prove instrumental in amplifying the efficacy of existing regulations and driving meaningful change in the sustainable management of water resources within Italy and the European Union.

**Recommendations for Sustainable Practices**

A comprehensive strategy is essential to address the significant environmental impacts associated with the water bottling industry. Firstly as previously discussed stricter regulatory measures are necessary to mitigate these impacts. This entails imposing more rigorous limits on water extraction and ensuring compliance through continuous monitoring (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). These regulations should be based on scientific evaluations of sustainable extraction rates.

Secondly community engagement in decision-making processes related to water resource management is crucial. As proposed by Spiliotopoulou and Roseland (2020) and grounded in the principles of Ostrom (1998) community-based water management models have been shown to balance corporate interests and public needs effectively. A more equitable distribution of resources can be achieved by actively involving residents businesses and other stakeholders in water management decisions.

Thirdly companies should invest significantly in conservation technologies including developing methods for recycling and reusing water within bottling plants. This approach can reduce water usage and enhance the efficiency of water extraction processes (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). The incorporation of these advanced technologies not only demonstrates a commitment to sustainable practices but also aligns with the growing societal and environmental expectations for corporate responsibility and stewardship. Therefore companies that invest in these conservation technologies are better positioned to minimize their environmental footprint and positively impact their operational costs and long-term sustainability.

Furthermore corporate environmental responsibility initiatives must be prioritized within the business world. Companies like Sanpellegrino must lead in promoting environmental sustainability and social equity. For example they could consider allocating resources to funding local water conservation projects and supporting infrastructure improvements (Bae & Kim 2022). This kind of proactive approach not only benefits the environment but also positively impacts the communities in which these companies operate.

Employing a multi-faceted approach to address environmental impacts by implementing rigorous regulations engaging with communities fostering technological innovation and promoting corporate responsibility initiatives is paramount (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020; McNabb 2019; Bae & Kim 2022). This approach can substantially contribute to the sustainable management of water resources advocating for environmental sustainability

and social equity. Additionally analyzing the water bottling industry's environmental social and economic impacts highlights the broader implications of treating water as a commercial commodity. By reorienting the management of water resources to prioritize sustainability and equity we can ensure the long-term health of both the environment and local communities. Achieving this objective requires a collaborative effort among corporations governments and communities to develop and implement strategies that harmonize economic benefits with environmental and social responsibilities.

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2023) . This paints a picture of a future where tradition and innovation continue to merge ensuring the sustainability and authenticity of Italian olive oil on a global scale.

### Sustainability Metrics and Indicator Analysis

To comprehensively assess the sustainability of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) production it is essential to consider a range of indicators that align with the seven principles of sustainability: efficiency substitution economic environmental social sustainability inter-generational equity and institutional sustainability. These principles can be measured using specific metrics such as material and energy intensity water consumption emission of toxic substances human health implications fair labor practices and the overall impact on the community. These metrics help in evaluating the breadth and depth of sustainability practices within the EVOO production process and are critical for making informed decisions aimed at improving sustainability outcomes over time (Maesano et al. 2021; Safeie-Noghlbari et al. 2024).

In the context of material intensity EVOO production demands significant resources particularly in packaging and equipment. Commonly used for oil bottling glass is energy-intensive to produce and contributes to higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This highlights the need for more sustainable packaging solutions such as recycled or lighter glass which could decrease material intensity and environmental impact (Maesano et al. 2021; Rinaldi et al. 2014; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012). Similarly the metals used in processing equipment also require consideration particularly in terms of the energy and resources consumed during their manufacture and eventual recycling or disposal (Hansen 2022; Pisanelli et al. 2023; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

Energy and water consumption are equally critical metrics. The operation of irrigation systems and processing facilities consumes substantial energy which can be mitigated by integrating renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power to reduce the carbon footprint of production processes (Allen et al. 1998; Hansen 2022; Rinaldi et al. 2014; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

Concerning water consumption olive cultivation particularly in drier regions necessitates significant water usage. Employing sustainable water management practices such as adopting drip irrigation systems can dramatically decrease water consumption preserving vital water resources. Additionally using pesticides and fertilizers in olive farming introduces toxic emissions and pollutants that can affect soil and water quality. Implementing organic farming practices and optimizing transportation and logistics can help minimize these environmental impacts (Ivic et al. 2021; Maesano et al. 2021).

Beyond environmental considerations the human dimension of sustainability is pivotal. Protecting human health and safety in EVOO production involves minimizing workers' exposure to harmful chemicals ensuring proper safety training and providing adequate protective equipment (Connor & Fereres 2010; Ncube et al. 2022). Furthermore adhering to labor laws and embracing fair trade practices are essential to guarantee fair wages and good working conditions for all employees. Finally the broader community impact of companies like Farchioni should be recognized as they often support local initiatives in education and healthcare contributing positively to the social fabric of their operating regions (Ncube et al. 2022). These efforts enhance community well-being and bolster the social sustainability of the business practices. By addressing these various sustainability indicators companies can comply with current standards and set new benchmarks for responsible production in the industry.

### Supply Chain Model

The supply chain for EVOO includes several stages: olive cultivation and harvesting processing and extraction packaging and storage and distribution and retail. Each stage presents unique sustainability challenges and opportunities. Improving energy efficiency in processing and adopting sustainable

packaging materials can significantly enhance the product's overall sustainability (Maesano et al. 2021). Information Gaps and Inferences There are notable gaps in available data particularly regarding comprehensive lifecycle assessments for EVOO production. Data on the environmental impacts of material extraction and processing is limited. However comparative analysis with similar agricultural products such as wine or almond production provides insights into potential sustainability impacts. Studies on these products show that organic farming practices and renewable energy usage can significantly reduce environmental footprints (Gennaro & Nardone 2014; Maesano et al. 2021).

Role as Chief Sustainability Officer As Farchioni's Chief Sustainability Officer several measures can be prioritized to enhance sustainability in the company's operations. These include enhancing energy efficiency and renewable energy use implementing sustainable water management practices improving waste management and reducing emissions and ensuring fair wages and safe working conditions. Progress can be measured by setting specific measurable goals conducting regular sustainability audits publicly reporting on sustainability performance engaging stakeholders and maintaining open communication about progress and challenges (Allen et al. 1998; Maesano et al. 2021; Safeie-Noghlbari et al. 2024; Salomone & Ioppolo 2012).

Conclusion Reflecting on the initial question of whether the levels of EVOO production are sustainable the answer is complex. Farchioni's EVOO did not solidify in the refrigerator maintaining its same viscosity and overall physical properties indicating its authenticity (Bayreuth n.d.). However the sustainability of EVOO production can be significantly improved through targeted measures that address material and energy use water consumption emissions and social impacts. Cooperative resource allocation systems emphasizing community involvement and fair practices are essential for achieving long-term sustainability in the olive oil industry. By adopting these measures companies can contribute to a more sustainable future while maintaining the cultural and economic significance of EVOO production in Italy.

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improve concrete durability and longevity exemplifies the intersection of sustainability and profitability. SCMs diminish the carbon footprint of concrete and decrease long-term maintenance expenses, rendering them an economically feasible choice for developers (Frontiers, 2024; The BOSS Magazine, 2024).

Given these points, what are your thoughts on integrating additional green technologies, such as incorporating recycled materials into concrete? Research indicates that using recycled aggregates can further reduce environmental impact while maintaining structural integrity (Ali et al., 2017). How do you see these innovations shaping the future of sustainable construction, and what challenges do you anticipate in their broader adoption?

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bottled water companies extract millions of liters of water annually leading to  
significant environmental and social challenges.\n\n\nImpact on Water Resources: Large-  
scale extraction depletes natural aquifers reduces biodiversity and exacerbates  
regional water scarcity.\n\n\nBusiness Vulnerabilities: Environmental issues create  
business risks including strained relations with local communities and potential  
regulatory actions.\n\n\n\n\n\n\nPhoto by Zherui Zhang on  
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recycles and reuses materials reducing waste and conserving natural  
resources.\n\n\nBenefits: Mitigates environmental impact decreases operational costs and  
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Measures\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\nWater Recycling Technologies: Implement state-of-the-art  
technology to treat and reuse wastewater.\n\n\nRenewable Energy: Transition to 100%  
renewable energy sources for our production facilities by 2030.\n\n\nCommunity  
Engagement Programs: Enhance water conservation initiatives and support local  
infrastructure to improve community access to clean water.\n\n\nEnhanced Water  
Stewardship: Work closely with environmental experts to manage water extraction  
sustainably.\n\n\nInnovative Packaging Solutions: Reduce plastic usage by 50% and  
increase the recyclability of our  
products.\n\n\n\n\n\n\u2039#\u203a\n\n\n\n\u2039#\u203a\n\n\n\nQuantifying  
Outcomes\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\nCost Savings: Estimated \u20ac10 million annual savings  
from reduced operational risks and improved efficiency.\n\n\nWater Usage Reduction:  
Projected 30% reduction in water usage within the first five years.\n\n\nEnvironmental  
Benefits: Significant decrease in carbon footprint and improved biodiversity in  
affected regions.\n\n\n\n\n\n\nPhoto by Zherui Zhang on  
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conservation efforts.

### Environment Impacts

Environmental impacts of the bottled water industry include the depletion of aquifers reduced stream flows and degradation of aquatic ecosystems. Intensive water extraction can lead to declines in local water tables affecting both human use and ecosystem health (Cuoco et al. 2015). Furthermore the extraction process can disrupt the natural balance of aquatic ecosystems leading to biodiversity loss and habitat degradation (van Engelenburg et al. 2018)

In addition the extraction process affects the quantity and quality of water available in local streams and rivers. Reduced water flow can lead to higher concentrations of pollutants and increased water temperatures adversely affecting aquatic life. Lower water tables can result in reduced soil moisture impacting local agriculture and vegetation (Bartolini et al. 2007; Ferragina 2010).

### The ecological consequences of water extraction

are further compounded by the reduced ability of the environment to recharge depleted aquifers. Natural recharge processes are often slower than the extraction rate leading to long-term sustainability issues. Over time this imbalance can result in permanent changes to the local ecosystem including the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of natural habitats (van Engelenburg et al. 2018).

### Social Impacts

The social impacts of water bottling operations are significant affecting local communities in various ways. One of the most pressing social issues is the reduced access to water for local communities. As companies like Sanpellegrino extract vast quantities of water local residents often find their wells drying up or experiencing reduced water pressure. This can lead to conflicts over water use particularly in regions where water is already scarce (Ostrom 1998). While the water bottling industry generates substantial revenue the economic benefits often do not extend to local populations. Residents may face increased costs for water and might need to purchase bottled water for their own use effectively buying back their own resources at a premium price (Manzella et al. 2018).

### Reduced water availability

has significant health implications. Lower water quality can lead to a higher incidence of waterborne diseases impacting public health. Additionally reduced water availability affects agriculture a primary livelihood for many residents. Farmers may experience lower crop yields and increased difficulty maintaining livestock further exacerbating economic inequalities (D'ippoliti et al. 2015).

### Economic Impacts

The economic impacts of the water bottling industry present a complex picture of benefits and costs (Bartolini et al. 2007). While the industry contributes to national economies by generating substantial revenue through taxes and employment it also incurs external costs related to environmental degradation and social issues (Bartolini et al. 2007; Sanpellegrino 2023).

For instance Sanpellegrino a major player in the industry reported revenues of over one billion Euros in 2022 significantly contributing to local and national economies (Sanpellegrino 2023). Moreover the bottling industry provides stable employment opportunities which can significantly benefit regions with limited job prospects. Sanpellegrino alone employs thousands of workers in its facilities and Bartolini et al. (2007) underscored the far-reaching effects of such employment opportunities. The study highlighted the positive implications of stable job opportunities provided by companies like Sanpellegrino supporting individuals and families with reliable incomes and stimulating local economic activity through increased consumer spending investment and tax revenues (Bartolini et al. 2007).

However external costs such as environmental degradation and social costs are not typically accounted for in the industry's economic benefits. Local governments may incur additional expenses in managing water resources addressing health impacts and mitigating environmental damage caused by

over-extraction (Cuoco et al. 2015). Such realities highlight the need to comprehensively assess the water bottling industry's economic impacts considering its benefits and external costs.

### Regulatory Frameworks and Policy Analysis

The regulatory landscape in Italy and the European Union is oriented towards the sustainable management of water resources. However there is a need for greater consistency in enforcement and effectiveness. Current legislation and policies often prioritize corporate interests over public and environmental health. For instance while regulations such as the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC) aim to safeguard water resources and foster sustainable water management practices there are discernible inconsistencies in enforcement and regulatory gaps that have the potential to compromise these objectives thus enabling companies like Sanpellegrino to continue extracting water at unsustainable rates (Aukidy et al. 2012).

To address these challenges it is essential to introduce more stringent regulatory measures. This could involve the implementation of tighter water extraction limits and the enforcement of compliance through regular monitoring consequently contributing to the protection of water resources. Furthermore the involvement of local communities in decision-making processes concerning water resource management is crucial as it ensures that their needs and rights are duly considered (Bartolini et al. 2007). If meticulously employed these approaches may prove instrumental in amplifying the efficacy of existing regulations and driving meaningful change in the sustainable management of water resources within Italy and the European Union.

### Recommendations for Sustainable Practices

A comprehensive strategy is essential to address the significant environmental impacts associated with the water bottling industry. Firstly as previously discussed stricter regulatory measures are necessary to mitigate these impacts. This entails imposing more rigorous limits on water extraction and ensuring compliance through continuous monitoring (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). These regulations should be based on scientific evaluations of sustainable extraction rates.

Secondly community engagement in decision-making processes related to water resource management is crucial. As proposed by Spiliotopoulou and Roseland (2020) and grounded in the principles of Ostrom (1998) community-based water management models have been shown to balance corporate interests and public needs effectively. A more equitable distribution of resources can be achieved by actively involving residents businesses and other stakeholders in water management decisions.

Thirdly companies should invest significantly in conservation technologies including developing methods for recycling and reusing water within bottling plants. This approach can reduce water usage and enhance the efficiency of water extraction processes (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). The incorporation of these advanced technologies not only demonstrates a commitment to sustainable practices but also aligns with the growing societal and environmental expectations for corporate responsibility and stewardship. Therefore companies that invest in these conservation technologies are better positioned to minimize their environmental footprint and positively impact their operational costs and long-term sustainability.

Furthermore corporate environmental responsibility initiatives must be prioritized within the business world. Companies like Sanpellegrino must lead in promoting environmental sustainability and social equity. For example they could consider allocating resources to funding local water conservation projects and supporting infrastructure improvements (Bae & Kim 2022). This kind of proactive approach not only benefits the environment but also positively impacts the communities in which these companies operate.

Employing a multi-faceted approach to address environmental impacts by implementing rigorous regulations

engaging with communities fostering technological innovation and promoting corporate responsibility initiatives is paramount (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020; McNabb 2019; Bae & Kim 2022). This approach can substantially contribute to the sustainable management of water resources advocating for environmental sustainability and social equity. Additionally analyzing the water bottling industry's environmental social and economic impacts highlights the broader implications of treating water as a commercial commodity. By reorienting the management of water resources to prioritize sustainability and equity we can ensure the long-term health of both the environment and local communities. Achieving this objective requires a collaborative effort among corporations governments and communities to develop and implement strategies that harmonize economic benefits with environmental and social responsibilities.

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Stewardship\n\nHow we protect natural resources in our territories\nWater regeneration for our communities\nMore than just water...citrus fruits and the countryside\nNot just territories but communities of ideas\nS.Pellegrino supports gastronomic excellence\n\nLetter to stakeholders\nOur key performances\n\n1.1\n1.2\n1.3\n1.4\n1.5\n\n2.1\n2.2\n2.3\n2.4\n2.5\n\n3.1\n3.2\n42\n43\n44\n46\n47\n48\n48\n52\n52\n54\n56\n57\n57\n59\n60\n60\n61\n62\n62\n63\n64\n64\n65\n65\n65\n66\n66\n66\n67\n67\n68\n68\n83\n85\n86\n\n\n6SUSTAINABILITY \nREPORT\n2023\n\nI am proud to be leading Sanpellegrino Group, a company \nwith a 125-year-long history that brings Italian quality \nand the Italian way of life in the over 150 countries \nwhere our products are distributed.\n\n\u201c\nLike the companies that form part of the B-Corp Movement, we \nare firm believers in collaboration: no one can face the chal-\nlenges for a sustainable future alone. We must work together to \nreach common goals.\n\nTo do this, we need to stand up and be counted, be transpar-\nent with regards to the results obtained and the goals still to be \nreached.\n\nIt is in this spirit that we share our Sustainability Report, a sum-\nmary of the work done for a more equitable, more inclusive, and \nmore sustainable future, hoping that we can make a concrete \ncontribution to the B-Corp community that welcomed us with \nopen arms.\n\nHappy reading!\n\nMichel Beneventi\nCHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS\nAND CEO\n\nI and another 1,450 people who work with me are responsible for \nsafeguarding, managing in the best way possible, and underlining \nthe value of a precious resource \u2013 water – that flows from some of \nthe most important and historic springs of our country.\nWe have the honour and have been entrusted with the responsibili-\nty to guide this company towards the future, preserving its original \nspirit characterised by the culture of the territory, an international \noutlook, and great passion for what we do.\nThat is why we wished to be part of a community that recognises and \nshares the same principles and the same desire as Sanpellegrino \nGroup: the B-Corp Movement. \nA Movement with which we identify, because it promotes sustain-\nable growth that starts with people and the community; aware of \nthe fact that, without intense daily effort and the love for natural \nresources that will ensure they are passed on to the generations to \ncome, there can be no future. \n\n7\n\n\u201d\n\n8SUSTAINABILITY \nREPORT\n2023\n\n9\n\nOur key performances\n\nOur people\n\n21\nAverage training hours\nper employee per year\n\n79%\nof eligible second parents took advantage of the paid \nleave policy (Nestl\u00e9 Baby Leave)\nwith a satisfaction rating of 4.9/5.\n\n98%\nPermanent contracts\n\n72%\nHigh engagement rate revealed by the \nBeaforce Survey measuring the well-being \nof our People\n\n39%\nWomen in executive positions\n\n17over\nprogrammes in place for the promotion of \npeople\u2019s health and well-being\n\nCommunities and territory\n\n84-88/100 Local Acceptability Index our establishments scored\nhigh in local acceptance\n\nof investments to support communities1.1 million euros\n\nOur environmental impacts\n\nof electricity purchased from renewable sources100% 100% recovered waste\n\n0.07 l average consumption per litre of bottled water1\n\n7,246 tonnes of R-PET (recycled PET) used in our \nbottles (55.5% more than in 2021)\n\nCertifications and recognitions\n\n1 During 2022, this figure was restated by excluding the amount of bottled water from the value of water consumed\n\nSupply chain and logistics\n\n83%\n\n21% 17% 39%\n\n100%\nlocal suppliers\n\nproducts transported \nby rail\n\n1\n\u201c electric truck dedicated to Levissima (launched in 2023)\n\ntransported products\nby sea\n\nof the 62% of products

transported by road, 24% travels on low environmental impact vehicles (LNG and BIO LNG) suppliers operates in compliance with responsible procurement policies Governance and business ethics 03,141 Cases of corruption cases of privacy violation hours of training provided on compliance and anti-corruption in 2022 (+ 20% compared to 2021) 96% of the economic shared value generated (corresponding to 0.13% of the GDP) is distributed to all stakeholders Customers and consumers 24% complaints received compared to 2021 397,552 students involved in the project on proper hydration and recycling A School of Water (over its 9 editions) 19 engagement projects with customers on sustainability issues

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## 01. The Sanpellegrino Group

Sanpellegrino Group is currently one of the major companies in the beverage industry in Italy. Thanks to its very high quality products and its history, it has become one of the symbols of Made in Italy across the world. Sanpellegrino Group holds a diversified product portfolio composed of mineral waters, flavoured and functional waters, soft drinks and aperitifs, distributed in suitable packaging and formats for every occasion of consumption and life style. There are 4 mineral water brands: S. Pellegrino, Acqua Panna, Perrier and Levissima. On top of these there is a broad assortment of soft drinks and aperitifs: Sanpellegrino soft drinks, made with Italian citrus fruit, the historical Sanbitter and Gingerino aperitifs, Acqua Brillante Reocaro. Plus, completing the range of trademarks, is the effervescent digestive Diger Selz. For over 120 years, S. Pellegrino water has been exported around the world and is distributed, along with Acqua Panna and Sanpellegrino Soft Drinks, in more than 150 countries. In 2021, its role as ambassador of Italian Style was confirmed: it entered the Kantar BrandZ 201d Top 30 of Most Valuable Italian Brands. Aside from the 4 production and bottling sites, the production centre for extracts and flavourings for the soft drinks and non-alcoholic beverages, 11 first-level depots, of which one near Madone, and the Assago (MI) headquarters are also active. Plus, the brands Acqua Brillante (only part of the production) and Gingerino are produced at the Recoaro Terme plant, sold a few years ago to Refresco Group. Our sites

## 01. SANPELLEGRINO GROUP

01 Bringing the values of what it means to be Italian to the world North America EUR 291,544 million South America EUR 6,520 million Europe EUR 589,423 million Africa EUR 4,174 million Asia EUR 60,271 million Oceania EUR 20,634 million

San Pellegrino Terme Bergamo Mineral water 1899 No. of employees 522 Scarperia (Fi) Florence Natural mineral water 1927 No. of employees 193 San Giorgio in Bosco Padua 1879 No. of employees 234 Mineral water, soft drinks, aperitifs, preforms Cepina Valdisotto Sondrio Natural mineral water 1959 No. of employees 243 Assago Milan Head Quarter Offices 2014 No. of employees 229 Madone Bergamo Flavorint & Magazzino Depot 1991 No. of employees 32

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Our business operating model is based on Creating Shared Value for individuals, communities, and the planet, with the aim of improving people's quality of life and contributing to a healthier and more sustainable future. Indeed, we operate as Good Citizens to be a force for good and to make our contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2019 2030 Agenda.

## 01. 02 Our leadership

13 Sanpellegrino Group is a Nestlé Group legal entity, part of the Nestlé Waters Strategic Business Unit. In April 2023, Sanpellegrino Group bid farewell to Stefano Marini as CEO to welcome Michel Beneventi. Since 2020, Sanpellegrino Group has a Sustainability department,

coordinated by the Head of Sustainability, who reports directly to the CEO and ensures both the implementation of the commitments defined on Group level, as well as the definition of an autonomous sustainability strategy aligned with local priorities and the expectations of national and local stakeholders.

01. SANPELLEGRINO GROUP

- Marco Travaglia Nestlé Market Head for Italy and Malta and member of the BoD
- Michel Beneventi Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer
- Stefano Bolognese Business Director International Unit
- Ilenia Ruggeri Marketing Director and Innovation Local Business Unit
- Marco Mazzucchelli Sales Director Local Business Unit
- Fabiana Marchini Sustainability Director
- Cristiana Passerini Director, Supply Chain
- Manuela Kron Corporate Director Affairs
- Gian Luca Doderò Director, Human Resources
- Salvatore Sbriglione Technical Director
- Giuliano Dal Fo Finance and Control Director

03 Our foundations

TO OFFER

- VALUABLE
- INNOVATIVE
- SOLUTIONS
- FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Focus on the true

motor of all

- internal and external projects
- TO SUPPORT QUALITY WITH OUR BRANDS: PURITY, SAFETY, PLEASURE, WELL-BEING BUSINESS ETHICS

Growth in respect of the environment and resources

TO BRING VALUES OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ITALIAN

IN THE WORLD

- QUALITY
- IN INNOVATION
- Search for new and advanced development models
- WELL-BEING
- Guarantee of healthy and quality beverages

Our vision

Our mission

Our values

To guarantee a quality future to water: this is the mission that the Sanpellegrino Group pursues, with commitment and consistency, starting, first of all, with the protection of the territories in which it operates.

Individuals be a Force for Good

through our brands and promote hydration and mineral water quality

Community adopt virtuous business practices to support local communities and communities of ideas

Planet reduce our environmental impact with respect for present and future generations and ensure the protection and regeneration of mineral water.

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01. SANPELLEGRINO GROUP

How we define our mission and values: our priorities

1. Doing business by generating a Positive Impact

Our values and practices enable our daily sustainability journey by creating value for people, communities, and the planet. To make our actions in this direction even more concrete, we embarked on a long journey that led us to take part in the B Corp Movement by obtaining B Corp Certified company status.

2. Brands as actors of change

Our brands make their sustainability promise tangible through concrete initiatives to generate a positive impact and contribute to collective activism.

3. Reduce our ecological footprint and generate a positive impact on the planet

We pursue a path of reducing carbon emissions, we promote circular economy actions, we ensure the regeneration of water cycles, we engage in activities in favour of regenerative agriculture and we enhance the natural capital by protecting biodiversity.

4. The sustainability culture that makes the difference

To have a real impact we need the involvement of all stakeholders starting with employees, consumers and customers in a common sustainability journey. We will strengthen this connection by acting as mentors for the organisation and by facilitating the transition to a sustainable by design approach.

Sanpellegrino joins the B Corp Movement

Sanpellegrino Group has been recognised as a B Corp, joining an international Movement of almost 7,500 companies, which operate in accordance with high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency and

accountability. B Corp status was awarded after a rigorous evaluation process by the non-profit network B Lab, which is transforming the global economy for the benefit of people, communities and the planet, and is attributed to companies that put the creation of shared value at the heart of their mission by integrating sustainability goals into their business model. Indeed, B Corporations are goal-driven companies that create benefits for all stakeholders, not just shareholders. B Lab's B Impact Assessment measures a company's positive impact on five key areas: governance, employees, the environment, community, and customers and consumers. Sanpellegrino Group has proven that it meets the high standards required to become a Certified B Corp with areas of strength, such as its commitment to people and the planet. In relation to people, one example is the comprehensive employee benefits programme, which shows a determination to improve the well-being of people working in the company. In addition, Sanpellegrino Group's focus on diversity and inclusion policies, and on family-centred policies – such as paid leave for eligible second parents, offering summer programmes for employees' children and reimbursing school expenses – are among the tangible examples of the importance of work-life balance, supporting employees' family needs and contributing to a more inclusive and sustainable economy. B Lab also positively recognised the practices implemented by Sanpellegrino to reduce the environmental impact of its activities, such as the use of environmentally friendly biofuels such as LNG and BIO-LNG, the partnership with logistics service providers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or the use of recycled PET for its bottles alongside virgin PET. In fact, Sanpellegrino's investment in biofuels is proof of a proactive approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in its logistics network. Meanwhile, the commitment to reducing the use of virgin materials, promoting a circular economy and conserving valuable resources for the planet is considered by B Lab as a positive example for the industry to minimise waste. For Sanpellegrino, being part of the B Corp community therefore means sharing a belief in a business that is a force for good within society, being part of a movement of virtuous companies working together synergistically towards a common goal, and continuing to be committed to measuring its environmental and social performance in favour of a fair and inclusive economic system with a view to continuous improvement.

01. /04 Listening to our stakeholders and the materiality of impacts

In addition, Sanpellegrino, in line with the GRI Standards<sup>1</sup>, this year extended the Materiality exercise by carrying out an impact assessment. The assessment of the most relevant material topics for the business and its stakeholders was supplemented with the relevant impacts generated on the economy, people and the environment (potential and current) – with an inside-out process – and an evaluation of these impacts was carried out in terms of significance (on a scale from 1 – low to 4 – high) and in terms of probability of occurrence (only for potential impacts, on a scale of 1 to 4 where 1 is unlikely and 4 is very likely). Lastly, an overall index was calculated in order to identify the significance of each impact (as a product of magnitude and probability) and to be able to prioritise.

the new GRI Universal Standards 2022, specifically GRI Standard 3 – Material Topics, envisage the identification of one's material topics through an assessment of the impacts generated by the company and the prioritisation of the latter.

Also with a view to contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Group has integrated them into its Impact Materiality. Below please find the reconciliation table:

ESG-related  
Material  
theme  
Community support and engagement  
Climate actions  
Water

\nmanagement\n\nDescription of impacts\n\nSanpellegrino participates in the creation  
 \nof jobs and local upstream and downstream \nactivities in the territories where it  
 operates, \nthrough its suppliers.\n\nIn addition, the Group adopts practices aimed \nat  
 supporting the community and the local area \nwith positive impacts in terms of value  
 creation \nfor the territory and economic inclusion.\n\nThe activities carried out by  
 Sanpellegrino \ndirectly or indirectly require\nenergy and, consequently, generate  
 \ngreenhouse gas emissions.\n\nSanpellegrino envisages specific measures\nto manage  
 the use of water resources more \nefficiently in order to contribute to a positive  
 \nwater balance.\n\nHow we manage the impacts SDGs\n\n\u2022 Sponsorships and  
 gratuities\n\n\u2022 Donations \n\n\u2022 Agreement with Municipalities \n\n\u2022 Listening  
 activities to calculate the Local \nAcceptability Index\n\n\u2022 100% Electricity  
 purchased from \nrenewable sources\n\n\u2022 Increased production process  
 efficiency\n\n\u2022 Sustainable logistics plans\n\n\u2022 Investment in packaging with  
 reduced \nenvironmental impact\n\n\u2022 Valorisation of the natural capital\n\n\u2022  
 Water regeneration plan\n\n\u2022 AWS certification\n\n\nInside-Out  
 \nEvaluation\n\n01. \nIdentifying \npotentially \nmaterial themes\n\n00b7 Analysis of  
 the internal \ndocumentation (Brand \nPurpose, Policy, Nestl\u00e8 \ncommitments,  
 \nSustainability strategy)\n\n00b7 Benchmarking on a \npanel of business in the  
 \nsame sector\n\n00b7 Outputs of external \nstakeholder engagement \nprocesses:  
 Consumer \nEngagement Service \n(CES) and Community \nRelation Process  
 (CRP)\n\n02. \nAssessment and \nprioritisation\n\n00b7 The topics identified \nhave  
 been assessed and \nprioritised by the \nappointed people in the \nGroup\u2019s  
 strategic internal \ndepartments, who are \nthe spokesmen of the \nGroup\u2019s vision,  
 and also \nby the Management \nCommittee\n\n03. \nDefinition of the \nmateriality  
 \nmatrix\n\n00b7 The results of the \nassessments have \nbeen revised and \napproved  
 by the \nManagement \nCommittee with the \naim of finalising the \nmaterial  
 aspects\n\n04. \nConstruction of \nstrategic action \nplans\n\n00b7 The emerging topics  
 \nhave been analysed on \na strategic level by the \nManagement \nCommittee in order  
 to \nidentify areas of \nimprovement and \nprioritise the resources \n(or the effort)  
 in \ndefining future \nstrategic plans\n\n05. \nIdentification \nof impacts\n\n00b7  
 Based on the areas for \nimprovement identified \nin the previous step, the \nimpacts  
 associated with \nthe various issues were \ndefined internally\n\n06. \nAssessment of  
 \nimpacts\n\n00b7 Once the impacts \nwere identified, they \nwere evaluated during  
 \ninternal meetings and \nfinally approved, \nfollowing the \nre-reading of the  
 \nSustainability Report, \nby the Management \nCommittee\n\n2030  
 AGENDA\n\n\n16SUSTAINABILITY \nREPORT\n2023\n\n1701. SANPELLEGRINO GROUP\n\n\nESG-  
 \nrelated\n\n\nMaterial \ntheme Description of impacts How we manage the impacts SDGs  
 Inside-Out \n\nEvaluation\n\n\nVery significant and probable impact \n(overall rating  
 for a value greater \nthan 10 to 16)\n\n\nSignificant and possible impact \n(overall  
 assessment for a\nvalue greater than 6 to 10 included)\n\n\nModerate and unlikely impact  
 \n(overall rating for a value greater \nthan 3 to 6 included)\n\n\nMinor and rare impact  
 \n(overall assessment\nfrom 1 to 3 included)\n\n\nKEY: SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
 GOVERNANCE\n\n\nOur priorities, the identification of the material topics and of their  
 impacts are then translated into formal commitments made by the  
 Group:\n\n0Objective\n\nMake all packaging recyclable or reusable (see p.48 for more  
 details)\n\n\nHalve the use of virgin plastic (PET and PE) in our packaging (see p.48  
 for more details)\n\n\nCertify all our establishments in accordance with the Alliance  
 for Water Stewardship international standard (see p.36 for \nmore details)\n\n\nThe  
 objective of Water Regeneration is to generate a positive impact by activating

projects that make additional quantities of water available to the communities where the Group operates (see p.37 for more details)

**Target**

2025

**ESG-related**

**Material**

**Theme**

**Human Rights**

**Description of impacts**

The Group is committed to providing its workers and collaborators with working conditions based on respect for the fundamental human rights, international Conventions and the applicable laws.

**How we manage the impacts**

SDGs

2022 Nestlé policy;

2022 Dedicated training course for the entire company population

2022 Monitoring human rights in the supply chain

**Inside-Out**

**Evaluation**

**Diversity and inclusion**

**Waste management**

Sanpellegrino Group is aware of the importance of pursuing gender equality and equal pay for work of equal value, employment and inclusion of people with disabilities, equal access to training, valuing diversity and taking measures against violence and harassment in the workplace. This is with the aim of avoiding any possible occurrence of discrimination that could have a negative impact on employees.

The Group's activities generate various types of waste, the disposal of which, if not properly managed, could have negative effects on the environment.

2022 Nestlé policy

2022 Investments and initiatives at Group level

2022 Disability empowerment plan

2022 Fair remuneration systems

2022 Coaching and mentoring programmes

2022 Parental Policy and Nestlé Baby Leave

2022 Programme to empower the female component of the sales and operations population

2022 Zero Waste target on all establishments

2022 Agreement with HERA to ensure 100% of the recovered waste

**Working conditions**

**and industrial relations**

**Sustainable supply chain management**

**and logistics optimisation**

**Biodiversity and deforestation**

Sanpellegrino Group engages in constant dialogue with trade union representatives in order to generate positive impacts on working conditions within the organisation.

Sanpellegrino Group is aware of the impacts of its supply chain in relation to environmental and social aspects and therefore works to reduce them through constant monitoring and dialogue and collaboration on specific projects.

Sanpellegrino Group is a direct actor in the local areas through the activities it carries out, which is why it focuses on safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystems with positive impacts through the adoption of specific business practices.

2022 100% of employees covered by collective bargaining agreements

2022 Sustainable logistics plans: rail, ship and environmentally friendly vehicles (LNG and BIO LNG powered)

2022 Pilot project of lorries 100% powered with electricity

2022 Responsible sourcing standard

2022 Promoting the local procurement of raw materials

2022 Biodiversity monitoring, protection and enhancement plan

2022 Regenerative agriculture project

2022 Project Vaia

**Corporate advocacy** / **stakeholder engagement**

Sanpellegrino Group promotes a culture based on communication, ethics and transparency with positive impacts in terms of increased shareholder, employee and collaborator trust and satisfaction.

2022 Public affairs plans

2022 Corporate activities that protect legally protected categories

**Sustainable packaging** and **the Circular Economy**

**Caring for people**

**Promoting healthy lifestyles** and **nutrition**

**education**

**Product traceability** / **transparent labelling**

Sanpellegrino products use packaging that can have an impact on the environment if not properly designed and managed. This is why the Group is committed to designing products with circular economy in mind and to raising awareness among consumers and end users by promoting actions to reduce the environmental impact of products at the end of

their entire life cycle. Sanpellegrino Group focuses on safeguarding work-life balance and respecting working hours and overtime, and on creating a safe working environment with positive impacts on employee motivation and satisfaction. The Group's focus on consumers and end users is also given concrete form in the dissemination of sustainable and balanced lifestyles, with positive impacts in terms of safeguarding people's health and safety. Sanpellegrino Group focuses on the traceability of its products in terms of identifying the origin of raw materials, the actors involved, and the supply chain as a whole, with positive impacts in terms of improving customer and consumer awareness and satisfaction.

2022 R-Pet roadmap; 2022 Targets for the use of recycled glass and aluminium; 2022 Co-founding and supporting Coripet 2022 Nestlé policy 2022 FAB model 2022 Total reward statement 2022 100% of employees covered by a health and safety management system 2022 Launch of new products that contribute to people's well-being 2022 Projects to reduce added sugars 2022 Projects with schools for education on proper hydration and recycling 2022 Guaranteed origin of the raw materials 2022 Quality checks

18 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2023 01. /05 Alliances and partnerships 1901. SANPELLEGRINO GROUP Sanpellegrino adheres to Global Compact Network Italy with which it actively contributed to the drafting of the Position Paper 201c Italian Business and Decarbonization: a just and inclusive transition 201d, published in early 2022. The Position Paper sets the goal of valorising the commitment of the Italian companies adhering to Global Compact on the theme of decarbonisation, looking into the efforts made and the results recorded to date in support of the objectives of the Paris Agreements and the European ambition to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. Specifically, the document cites about 30 business cases for the pursuit of SDG 13 Climate action 201d. In early 2022, Sanpellegrino CEO Stefano Marini attended the seventh edition of the Business & SDGs High Level Meeting organised by the UN Global Compact Network Italy, a hub for top-level discussion and dialogue on sustainable development issues. The topic at the centre of the round table, that brought together about twenty Chairmen and CEOs of major Italian companies operating in various production sectors, was 201c Sustainable supply chain: responsibilities and opportunities for businesses 201d. On this occasion, Sanpellegrino Group presented itself with the case 201c Sustainable logistics and circular agriculture: BIOGAS as the key solution 201d.

Also as part of the collaboration with UNGC Network Italy in 2022, we took part in the Climate Ambition Accelerator, a training programme for UN Global Compact member companies to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to set science-based goals for the Climate, foster the exchange of best practices in order to accelerate progress towards a net-zero economy by 2050. Lastly, in October 2022 we participated in the Italian Business & SDGs Annual Forum, also organised by the UNGC with a view to disseminating and raising awareness of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aimed primarily at fostering a multi-stakeholder exchange of ideas. The Forum identifies as a laboratory through which ideas oriented towards common goals are produced. The first output of this workshop was a Working Table on Sustainable Procurement which came into being in early 2023 with the aim of conducting an in-depth examination of the topic of sustainable supply chain management. Three meetings are planned for this year, respectively focusing on each of the three ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) dimensions. The work will conclude with a final, more open, meeting which will also involve suppliers, to

triangulate with the actors involved in supply chains. In June 2022 during the Ambrosetti Club Food&Beverage Forum, held in Bormio, the Group presented its sustainability strategy and Levis' supported research on the sustainability of the Italian food supply chain, which was presented at the Forum. The Forum is chaired annually by The European House and has become an important reference point for the sector in our country, with a great media impact and the presence of more than 350 leading Italian companies and multinationals. It represents the final stage of a journey of meetings, studies and research. The publication is distributed in 50 countries worldwide, to all WPP branches and customers. Sanpellegrino also made a strong contribution during 2022 to the dissemination and popularisation of sustainability topics on several media channels : Sanpellegrino with United Nations Global Compact to contribute to the sustainable management of supply chains Sanpellegrino Group, with its sustainable logistics best practices, helped draft the UNGCN Italy Position Paper. The Paper aims to recognise the value of the commitment of the Italian companies that adhere to the Global Compact to improve logistics activities, with a special focus on transport, one of the areas of greatest impact in terms of carbon footprint.

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2022, Sanpellegrino was the youngest company, with 14% of the corporate population being under 30 (up BY 1% in comparison to 2021) and 52% between 30 and 50 years (down BY 2% from 2021). 1,450 employees in 2022 02. Focus on people 02. /01

People: our greatest asset As of 31 December 2022, Sanpellegrino Group had 1,450 employees, a number that increased from the previous year. The labour relationship offered to employees is stable and continuous, with 98% of them being on a permanent employment contract. Part-time contracts, which account for 14%, arise mainly due to the personal needs of workers.

EMPLOYEES BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA IN

2022 EMPLOYEES PER CONTRACT TYPE IN 2022 EMPLOYEES BY PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY AND AGE BRACKET EMPLOYEES PER CONTRACT TYPE IN 2022 17%

16% 13% 16% 36% 2% Milan Madone Scarperia San Giorgio in Bosco San

Pellegrino Terme Valdisotto Permanent contract Fixed-term

contract 98% 2% Full time Part time 86% 14% Office workers

Production workers 20 22 20 21 20 20 Executives Managers < 30 years of age 30 - 50 years > 50 years of age < 30 years of age 30 - 50 years > 50 years of age 53 157 26 16 30 16 54 118 25 1726 105 299 112 310 111 54 26 28 68 230 462 67 212 462 129 322 64 205

466 22 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2023 23 Recruitment during 2022 involved 305 people, of whom 25% were women and 54% were under 30 years of age. On the other hand there were 259 off-boardings, 24% more than 2021; specifically there were 32% more than 2021 for those due to end-of-contract and 69% more due to resignations. In general, the turnover related to voluntary resignations stands at 4.1%. The figure is up on last year, consistent with the phenomenon of the 'Big Resignation', which led some workers to make different career choices following the pandemic and other events of recent years, which also involved the Italian market. A project was therefore set up to monitor the reasons for the resignations and to implement improvement actions that could prove useful should the phenomenon



continue.

**Relationships with trade unions**

The Group supports freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, believing that dialogue with trade unions and workers' representatives is essential. Every six months, the Group partakes in the union's national coordination in Assolombarda, where the sustainability plan was presented in detail at the last meeting. Plus, at site level, periodic meetings are held with the amalgamated unions to promote not only an ongoing dialogue, but also a proactive cooperation on every major theme, with special focus on safety, training initiatives and sustainability.

**External training**

is also provided for all Line Managers: through the Ambrosetti House Manager Programme platform, specific LinkedIn subscriptions and on demand on specific requests. The Group's managerial positions have a vast catalogue available to them, from which to choose the most suitable training for their development.

The management of the training budget follows a structured process, reviewed 3 times during the year. In 2022 the delivered training was partly funded by the company budget (48%) and partly by inter-professional funds, such as Fondimpresa and Fondidirigenti (52%).

Every year the Training Centre gathers the needs of the employees, between July and September, defines the investment, checks feasibility and presents the plan for the next year to the Group's HR Leadership Team. The approval of the Team is usually in November, to begin delivery in January of the following year.

Four types of needs can be identified:

At the end of 2022, the onboarding programme for new hires in the Group in Italy was revised (6 hours in-person/each month). A special session is dedicated to the discussion of the purpose and values with some senior managers of the Group.

**Capability Building and career paths**

To guarantee the professional development of each worker, the company suggests a Career Development Process, a model aimed at focusing attention on the many variables that can affect the development programmes, divided into:

**THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

02. We train and engage our People

Sanpellegrino promotes a workplace environment where all employees feel personally involved in ensuring that their own skills development and career path is identified, keeping performance and motivation high. Indeed, skill development is a key topic for the Group and is a responsibility shared between the individual employees, the Line Manager and the HR Business Partner.

For each profile/function there is a role table, indicating the key functional and leadership skills, to which is associated a tool for planning the development pathway, based on a 70:20:10 model, a framework used in training processes that helps to identify training actions (10), relationship (20) and improvement through work (70).

On-the-job training plays a primary role and is guaranteed thanks to the involvement and commitment of the Line Managers, who are encouraged to play the role of guide and coach in the development of their collaborators, so that they may successfully perform their current tasks and, at the same time, increase their awareness for future career aspirations.

Where training is concerned (10), training is available both in the classroom and digitally: there are several course catalogues available for employees to choose from for their own training, as well as free access to the iLEARN platform for self-learning. In recent years, the training offer on iLearn has increased considerably, developing more than 15 Academies dedicated to the development of soft skills, people management, the culture of diversity and inclusion, functional and digital skills, as well as specific functional and category training. A section of the People Academy is dedicated to sustainability issues, which includes

the Sustainability as a Mindset training course for all Group employees, which aims to convey not only Sanpellegrino's main projects and commitments, but also how sustainability is part of everyone's daily work.

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ENTRIES AND EXITS BY AGE GROUP IN 2022

HOURS OF TRAINING BY TOPIC

2022

Onboarding

Offboarding

< 30 years of age

30 – 50 years

> 50 years of age

100% of the employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements

23.57% of the training hours were carried out in E-learning

76.43%

3 of the training hours were in the classroom

2 Employees can enrol for the individual courses directly upon alignment with their Line Manager.

3 Of which 71.66% in person and 28.34% on-line.

Compliance

Anti-corruption

Management

Environment

Health and safety

Languages

Transversal skills

N/A

Technical – specialist

Induction for new hires

4%

9%

21%

5%

36%

2%

5%

17%

1%

Related to Compliance, i.e. defined by the law and Corporate

Individual,

based on the direct request of people

Related to business/team,

identified directly by the manager

Cross Group, identified directly by the HR department for the entire organisation

Fundamental factors

2022 Sustainable performance

2022 Knowledge/Abilities

2022 Leadership skills

2022 Critical experience

Performance, necessary skills to perform one's role, whether functional or leadership,

knowledge of the business and experience

Opportunities

2022 Open positions

2022 New roles/assignments

Promoting functional professional paths (within each department) and diversified paths where inter-departmental experience can be encouraged

Accelerators

Enabling internal mobility as cross-function experiences/business categories and promoting intense networking

2022 Mobility

2022 Flexibility between departments/categories

2022 Networks / Relationships / Exposure

In 2022, 30,227 hours of training were delivered, which translate into an average of 21 hours per employee per year.

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Everyone at Sanpellegrino has a skill set and development plan. The Group also envisages specific events and plenary sessions to explain in detail the approach and tools to support employees; in addition to those already mentioned, Coaching and Mentoring programmes and comprehensive feedback tools are also available.

All Sanpellegrino employees with Executive, Middle Management and White-collar qualifications are involved in the PDP (People Development Performance) evaluation process, while for Blue-collar roles there are performance evaluation tools linked to the team they belong to and their contribution to the team's objectives. Linked to these processes is the variable remuneration, envisaged for each employee regardless of qualification (PAV – Annual Variable Bonus).

All key corporate roles also have sustainability-related targets within their PDP; in particular, from the beginning of 2023, all Group Senior Leadership Teams have formalised within their PDP a sustainability target related to how each department contributes to the roadmap for achieving the various sustainability commitments.

02. FOCUS ON PEOPLE

PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND PERFORMANCE

Check to set performance and development targets

Annual kick-off to define the performance targets aligned to the business, identifying key areas for development

Final outcome

Remuneration review and recommendations

Definition meeting

Definition of learning preferences, natural strong points, the desire to grow, aspirations and mobility

Post-development meeting

Meetings and talks to share feedback in a transparent manner, following

Talent Talking, to create quality development plans and ensure correct monitoring.

End-of-year meeting

Meeting and encounters to share feedback in a transparent manner, following Performance Calibration, in order to complete and sign the performance form

Meeting for sharing and development

Defining the best development actions and plans for success

Calibration of performance

Exchange of ideas with the Managers to assess the achievement of the goals and to calibrate performance indicators

100% of Sanpellegrino Managers, Middle Managers and Employees in 2022 received a rating of performance and professional development 4

4 This calculation does not take into account the professional category blue-collar worker.

Every person counts

Part of the Group's commitment to the well-being of its People also translates into ensuring that each person is properly valued for their contribution to the company, through Total Reward systems tailored to each individual. Much more than remuneration supplemented with benefits: the model includes the fixed salary, the variable remuneration and benefits, supplemented by recognition of successes, personal development and the workplace environment, always taking into account the social and legal context of reference, in compliance with the collective bargaining agreements, ensuring that each collaborator understands their contribution and the benefits associated thereto. The variable incentive system is not limited to the PAV [variable annual bonus], which is granted to everyone, but also envisages different forms of incentive according to professional category, department and level.

Specifically, the sales force earns incentives based on sales; Managers, Executives and people with medium/high-level positions get a Short Term Bonus composed of collective company objectives and individual objectives established every year by the PDP (People Development Performance); everyone else earns PAVs, i.e. variable annual bonus, based on collective company objectives.

The Group manages remuneration policies aimed at recognising people's merit by following shared rules and principles with a careful eye on the external market and internal equity. Each position within the Group was weighted against the market to define remuneration and incentive parameters. Consistent with this, the annual salary review process is managed taking into account performance and the current salary level compared to what happens outside of the company.

In order to ensure fairness and equal pay, the remuneration policy was guided by the principle of prioritising resources in improving the benchmark against the external market by reducing gaps. In addition, everyone has direct (online) access to the Total Reward Statement, i.e. the summary document of the personal situation with respect to salary and benefit elements, including a comparison with context and market elements.

Line Managers have been trained on how to explain the Total Reward Policy<sup>5</sup> to their collaborators and were then involved as key elements in wage policy choices by actively participating in the annual Salary Review process<sup>6</sup> by entering suggestions directly into the system.

The Group is committed every day to promoting a stimulating work environment that is open to diversity, guaranteeing equality in the workplace and equal opportunities. A policy of zero tolerance applies to all forms of discrimination, violence and harassment at the workplace. Employees and other collaborators are incentivised to promote these values – which are essential for Sanpellegrino – taking steps to report any situation that is not in line with the corporate culture.

For the celebration of international days, such as International tolerance day and International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Sanpellegrino seizes the opportunity to support the conversation on promoting a

diversified and inclusive culture and to educate and create awareness on the theme of violence against women and respect in the workplace. In addition, in July, the Ruspino plant committed to a partnership agreement with the anti-violence centre Penelope in San Pellegrino Terme to promote temporary paths of reintegration into the labour market by employing women victims of violence on a fixed-term contract, enabling the recovery of social and labour skills and personal empowerment. In order to strengthen the ability to respond appropriately to sexual harassment, all Group employees completed a compulsory Sexual Harassment Prevention training programme in e-learning mode.

Total Reward

A positive workplace environment

Professional and personal growth

Recognition of successes

Benefits

Variable remuneration

Fixed remuneration

02. /03 We promote diversity and equal opportunities

Zero episodes of discrimination also during 2022

5 The Nestlé Total Rewards Policy shared on all levels, in order to ensure that each person fully understands what Total Rewards means and how this scheme is applied within the Group. This system aims to fully reflect the company's priorities, especially the performance level required to pursue the Purpose and the objectives, combined with behaviour that is in keeping with the Values and Principles.

6 For a total of 126 Line managers.

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Sexual orientation and the LGBTQ+ community

The Group has promoted and made available in e-learning mode for all employees a course on Diversity & Inclusion, aimed at raising awareness and working on creating a mindset that fosters inclusion in its different areas (gender, origin & nationality, religion, disability etc.), and a specific course Diversity and Inclusion at Nestlé:

LGBTQ+ Community

201d, supporting the learning and dissemination of an inclusive culture in the context of the LGBTQ+ community. In addition, the Group created communities dedicated to various topics, including LGBTQ+ active in promoting encounters, providing support, including through a four-monthly newsletter. As a partner of Milano Pride, the Group continues to support the LGBTQ+ community so that it always feels integrated, supported and accepted. In fact, as part of Pride Month, the Group shared several initiatives, among which we would like to mention the communities fair, i.e. a monthly lunch for listening, called the Spring Lunch, the NIM (Nestlé Italy) meeting with a moment dedicated to the LGBTQ+ community, the internal event of colouring a bench with the colours of the LGBTQ+ flag, the participation in the Milano Pride parade and the Global Webcast Leading Together For LGBTQ+ Inclusion.

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Gender Balance: a continuing journey

To date, 25% of Sanpellegrino people identify as female. A percentage of 39% of top management positions in companies (Executives and Middle Managers) are held by women (in line with 2021), and in general they hold 37% of managerial positions. 15% of female workers are under the age of 30 (10% higher than 2021) and 61% are under the age of 50 (essentially in line with 2021). Female presence has grown also in sales, where two female Sales Managers were appointed.

In order to reduce the pay gap between women and men, with the end goal of eliminating it, the Group, as a whole, regularly conducts a process for the assessment of pay equality. In 2022, there was a slight decrease in the pay differential for the executive category (from 111% at 94%), due to the fact that new management appointments (whose gross annual salary is proportionally lower due to lower seniority in the role) involved more women. For Executives and white-collar workers the differential improved compared to the previous year.

A path to Gender Empowerment

As of 2021, the Group launched a Gender Balance Roadmap, dedicated to

Operation departments with a lower proportion of women, based on three pillars:\n\nEven in the Sales department (sales, CDT), there has been an active contribution at company level to raise women in responsible roles,\nspecifically, the sales and CDT organisation was redefined to meet business challenges, cross-functional career\nThe file is too long and its contents have been truncated.\n", "title": "ENGL\_Sanpellegrino Bilancio Sostenibilit\u00e0 2023\_def\_LR.pdf", "tether\_id": null}, {"status": "finished\_successfully", "end\_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"command": "context\_stuff", "is\_visually\_hidden\_from\_conversation": true, "message\_type": null, "model\_slug": "gpt-4", "default\_model\_slug": "gpt-4", "parent\_id": "b59a6a34-1975-4e9c-8564-8ca8e7caa03a", "request\_id": "890e63b07852baac-MXP", "timestamp\_": "absolute"}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null}, {"parent": "b59a6a34-1975-4e9c-8564-8ca8e7caa03a", "children": [{"id": "4056b7c5-58ca-4c00-9c71-3d532d46babb"}]}, {"id": "4056b7c5-58ca-4c00-9c71-3d532d46babb", "message": {"id": "4056b7c5-58ca-4c00-9c71-3d532d46babb", "author": {"role": "tool", "name": "myfiles\_browser", "metadata": {}}, "create\_time": 1717907498.701919, "update\_time": null, "content": {"content\_type": "text", "parts": ["\nPlease remember to search the user's documents if an answer to their question is not contained in the above snippets.\n"]}}, {"status": "finished\_successfully", "end\_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"is\_visually\_hidden\_from\_conversation": true, "message\_type": null, "model\_slug": "gpt-4", "default\_model\_slug": "gpt-4", "pad": "AAA", "parent\_id": "bbce3043-24b1-4d44-ab6a-a8b7b8830045", "request\_id": "890e63b07852baac-MXP", "timestamp\_": "absolute"}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null}, {"parent": "bbce3043-24b1-4d44-ab6a-a8b7b8830045", "children": [{"id": "3efef4ee-6996-4d26-a65a-5e88b61602f2"}]}, {"id": "3efef4ee-6996-4d26-a65a-5e88b61602f2", "message": {"id": "3efef4ee-6996-4d26-a65a-5e88b61602f2", "author": {"role": "assistant", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create\_time": 1717907498.701979, "update\_time": null, "content": {"content\_type": "text", "parts": ["Based on the extensive information from the presentations and documents provided, I'll draft a video script for a speech aimed at convincing the Board of Directors of X-Corp about the importance of adopting sustainable practices in the bottled water industry. As the new CEO of Sanpellegrino, the focus will be on outlining the detrimental impacts of current industry behaviors on the environment and society, and presenting a strategic sustainability initiative.\n\n---\n\n\*\*[Video opens with a view of a conference room, transitioning to the CEO standing confidently in front of the X-Corp Board of Directors.]\*\*\n\n\*\*CEO:\*\* \"Good morning, everyone. Today, I stand before you not just as the leader of Sanpellegrino but as an advocate for a pivotal transformation within our industry. The bottled water sector, a vital player in the global beverage market, faces significant sustainability challenges that we can no longer afford to overlook.\n\n\*\*[Cut to a slide showing the Lifecycle Sustainability Assessment model.]\*\*\n\nAs we analyze our lifecycle sustainability, from raw material acquisition through to end-of-life, it's clear that our operations have extensive environmental, social, and economic impacts. From depleting aquifers to affecting biodiversity and exacerbating regional water scarcities, our actions extend far beyond the factory gates.\n\n\*\*[Switch to a graphic illustrating water extraction and its impact on local ecosystems.]\*\*\n\nIn regions like ours, large-scale water extraction has led to decreased water tables and biodiversity losses. Such activities not only pose a threat to the environment but also to our business viability and social license to operate.\n\n\*\*[Transition to a slide outlining proposed sustainability measures.]\*\*\n\nTo address these challenges, I propose a

comprehensive sustainability initiative comprising several key measures:\n\n1. **\*\*Implementing Advanced Water Recycling Technologies\*\*** to reduce our water use by 30% within the next five years.\n2. **\*\*Transitioning to 100% Renewable Energy Sources\*\*** by 2030, significantly cutting down our carbon footprint.\n3. **\*\*Launching Community Engagement Programs\*\*** to support local water conservation efforts and enhance community relations.\n4. **\*\*Adopting Innovative Packaging Solutions\*\***, aiming to reduce plastic use by 50% and improve recyclability.\n5. **\*\*Enhancing Water Stewardship Programs\*\***, working closely with environmental experts to ensure sustainable water management practices.\n\n**\*\*[Show a detailed graph of projected cost savings and environmental benefits.]\*\*** \n\nThese initiatives are not just about compliance or good public relations; they are about securing a sustainable future for our business and our communities. We project these measures will result in significant cost savings\u2014estimated at \u20ac10 million annually due to improved efficiencies and reduced operational risks.\n\n**\*\*[Conclude with a compelling call to action.]\*\*** \n\nAs leaders, we have the responsibility to act decisively and with foresight. Adopting these sustainability measures will set new industry standards and demonstrate our commitment to responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.\n\nI urge you, the Board of Directors of X-Corp, to endorse this initiative, not only for the benefit of our bottom line but for the health of our planet and future generations.\n\n**\*\*[Video ends with the CEO nodding respectfully towards the board members, inviting their questions and discussion.]\*\***\n\n---\n\nThis script is crafted to emphasize the urgent need for change within the industry, backed by specific, actionable, and quantifiable sustainability goals, aligning with both environmental needs and business imperatives."}], "status":

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Prezi) OR a video recorded speech, provide an argument as if you were the newly
appointed CEO of this industry\u2019s company, sent in to convince a Board of
Directors for X-Corp that it is in their best business interest to change their
industry behavior. Be specific, outline the limits of depletion, the externalized cost
to society, and the environmental impacts of the industry. Use models where
appropriate to show process chains, life cycle sustainability assessment or stock
flows. You may use local, regional, or global data or examples, but address the
industry as a whole. Present an initiative that highlights 5-10 sustainability
measures you are pitching to implement for the company. Qualify and quantify (if
possible) the outcomes, improvements, or targets you are advocating for. Communicate
effectively, as a leader, your argument for these measures to be implemented with the
Board\u2019s approval.\n\nLet the slides you create be informed by this draft script
for your video presentation to the Board of Directors of Sanpellegrino, incorporating
relevant data and insights from your previous assignment and other references:\n\n---
\n\n**[Opening Slide: Logo of Sanpellegrino]**\n\n**Alexis Lindsay, CEO of
Sanpellegrino:**\n\n“Good morning, esteemed members of the Board. As your new CEO,
I am here today to discuss a pivotal transformation in our approach to resource
management and sustainability\u2019s transformation that not only addresses our
environmental impact but also aligns with our long-term business
objectives.\n\n**[Slide: Current State of the Industry]**\n\n“Sanpellegrino, like
many in the bottled water industry, faces significant challenges related to water
resource management. Our extraction practices, while profitable, are leading to
depletion of natural aquifers, reduced biodiversity, and increased regional water
scarcity. This is not just an environmental issue; it is a business vulnerability. Our
industry’s footprint has strained local communities and ecosystems, leading to a
pressing need for more sustainable practices.\n\n**[Slide: Environmental, Social, and
Economic Impacts]**\n\n“Last year, we extracted millions of liters of water,
contributing to local economic activities but at a significant environmental cost. Our
operations are currently built on a model that risks the very

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resource\u2014water\u2014on which our entire business depends. It's imperative we shift towards sustainability to ensure our long-term viability.\n\n\*\*[Slide: Closed-Loop System Concept]\*\*\n\n"To address this, I propose a transition towards a Closed-Loop System in our production processes. This system, which recycles and reuses water, will drastically reduce our dependence on natural water sources, mitigate environmental impact, and decrease operational costs over time.\n\n\*\*[Slide: Proposed Sustainability Measures]\*\*\n\n"Here are the sustainability measures I propose:\n1. **Water Recycling Technologies**: Implement state-of-the-art technology to treat and reuse wastewater.\n2. **Renewable Energy**: Transition to 100% renewable energy sources for our production facilities by 2030.\n3. **Community Engagement Programs**: Enhance water conservation initiatives and support local infrastructure to improve community access to clean water.\n4. **Enhanced Water Stewardship**: Work closely with environmental experts to manage water extraction sustainably.\n5. **Innovative Packaging Solutions**: Reduce plastic usage by 50% and increase the recyclability of our products.\n\n\*\*[Slide: Quantifying Outcomes]\*\*\n\n"These initiatives are not just good for the planet; they make good business sense. By reducing our operational risks and improving efficiency, we can save an estimated \$10 million annually after initial investments. We also project a 30% reduction in water usage within the first five years.\n\n\*\*[Slide: Global Impact and Leadership]\*\*\n\n"As leaders in the industry, we have the opportunity to set standards for sustainability and influence global practices. Our commitment to these initiatives will position Sanpellegrino as a pioneer in environmental stewardship within the beverage industry.\n\n\*\*[Closing Slide: Call to Action]\*\*\n\n"In conclusion, the proposed changes are essential not just for compliance with global sustainability standards but for the continued growth and success of Sanpellegrino. I ask for your support to implement these measures, ensuring a profitable, sustainable future for our company and our planet.\n\n\*\*[End Slide: Thank You]\*\*\n\n"Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your questions and to collaborating on these critical initiatives.\n\n---\n\nThis script is designed to convey urgency and responsibility while presenting a clear, data-driven business case for sustainability, appealing to both ethical considerations and business acumen."}], "status":

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sign up for a For Days subscription, they receive a bundle of shirts, ranging from basic tank tops to sweatshirts. Once the clothes are worn down, stained, or torn, subscribers send them back for a new set derived directly from those used threads. Sierra Nevada empties used hops destined for the HotRot composting machine. SOURCE: SIERRA

NEVADA <https://www.greenmatters.com/news/2017/09/15/ZloSdig/sierra-green> <https://fordays.com> <https://www.facebook.com/sierranevadabeer/photos/a.10150096086127516.324137.12994977515/10152044081487516/?type=3&theater> Apple is also aiming to close tech loops with its plan to transition to 100 percent recycled products. The company has already taken some steps towards this goal with its give-back program, which encourages customers to return their old phones and computers. Those products can be stripped and remade into new ones, with the help of a special robot named Liam that Apple has tasked with the job. Essentially, a closed-loop system encourages companies to treat their products as resources, not disposable trash, and allows customers to participate in a circular economy that maximizes every scrap of aluminum in your soda can, cotton in your T-shirt, or gold embedded in your iPhone camera. This article, originally published on Aug. 15, 2018, has been updated.

<https://www.greenmatters.com/news/2017/04/26/ZsVuaN/apple-recycled-materials>, "title": "What's a Closed-Loop System\_ Sustainability in the Supply Chain.pdf", "tether\_id": null, "status": "finished\_successfully", "end\_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"command": "context\_stuff", "is\_visually\_hidden\_from\_conversation": true, "message\_type": null, "model\_slug": "gpt-4o", "default\_model\_slug": "gpt-4", "parent\_id": "aaa235cc-95f4-400c-9041-ee66dfcea913", "request\_id": "890dd9ddbc5a4c75-MXP", "timestamp": "absolute"}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null, "parent": "aaa235cc-95f4-400c-9041-ee66dfcea913", "children": [{"id": "d3d9ed09-0c5f-4c1d-9219-59ff5c6481e8"}], "d3d9ed09-0c5f-4c1d-9219-59ff5c6481e8": {"id": "d3d9ed09-0c5f-4c1d-9219-59ff5c6481e8", "message": {"id": "d3d9ed09-0c5f-4c1d-9219-59ff5c6481e8", "author": {"role": "tool", "name": "myfiles\_browser", "metadata": {}}, "create\_time": 1717901834.999544, "update\_time": null, "content": {"content\_type": "tether\_quote", "url": "file-Khozi27B7gZUizw9jW7ouqLn", "domain": "SRM assignment 2.docx", "text": "Bottled Water Industry Impact Assessment\n\nAlexis Lindsay\nClaremont Lincoln University\nMSL 5307-01: Sustainable Resource Management\nProfessor Rian Satterwhite\nJune 2 2024\nBottled Water Industry Impact Assessment\nThe bottled water industry represented by companies like Sanpellegrino plays a significant role in the global beverage market. These companies often source water from natural springs which can profoundly impact local water tables and ecosystems. The industry's reach is extensive with products distributed worldwide contributing to local economies through job creation and tax revenues. However the large-scale extraction of water raises concerns about the long-term sustainability of water resources necessitating a shift towards more sustainable practices (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020).\nImpact Assessment\nEnvironmental Impacts\nBottled water companies like Sanpellegrino's operational practices particularly those surrounding large-scale water extraction from natural springs are critical to its production process. This substantial extraction is necessitated by the high demand for bottled water a trend that shows no signs of abating (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). However this practice raises significant concerns about the long-term sustainability of local water resources. Extracting such large volumes of

water can deplete natural springs disrupt local ecosystems and exacerbate water scarcity issues particularly in regions already facing water stress (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020).

In light of these concerns it is imperative for companies like Sanpellegrino to explore alternative water sources and implement more sustainable water management practices. This could include investing in water conservation technologies improving the efficiency of water extraction processes and engaging in corporate responsibility initiatives that prioritize environmental sustainability (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). By doing so Sanpellegrino can ensure its operations' sustainability while contributing to broader environmental conservation efforts.

### Environment Impacts

Environmental impacts of the bottled water industry include the depletion of aquifers reduced stream flows and degradation of aquatic ecosystems. Intensive water extraction can lead to declines in local water tables affecting both human use and ecosystem health (Cuoco et al. 2015). Furthermore the extraction process can disrupt the natural balance of aquatic ecosystems leading to biodiversity loss and habitat degradation (van Engelenburg et al. 2018)

In addition the extraction process affects the quantity and quality of water available in local streams and rivers. Reduced water flow can lead to higher concentrations of pollutants and increased water temperatures adversely affecting aquatic life. Lower water tables can result in reduced soil moisture impacting local agriculture and vegetation (Bartolini et al. 2007; Ferragina 2010).

The ecological consequences of water extraction are further compounded by the reduced ability of the environment to recharge depleted aquifers. Natural recharge processes are often slower than the extraction rate leading to long-term sustainability issues. Over time this imbalance can result in permanent changes to the local ecosystem including the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of natural habitats (van Engelenburg et al. 2018).

### Social Impacts

The social impacts of water bottling operations are significant affecting local communities in various ways. One of the most pressing social issues is the reduced access to water for local communities. As companies like Sanpellegrino extract vast quantities of water local residents often find their wells drying up or experiencing reduced water pressure. This can lead to conflicts over water use particularly in regions where water is already scarce (Ostrom 1998). While the water bottling industry generates substantial revenue the economic benefits often do not extend to local populations. Residents may face increased costs for water and might need to purchase bottled water for their own use effectively buying back their own resources at a premium price (Manzella et al. 2018).

Reduced water availability has significant health implications. Lower water quality can lead to a higher incidence of waterborne diseases impacting public health. Additionally reduced water availability affects agriculture a primary livelihood for many residents. Farmers may experience lower crop yields and increased difficulty maintaining livestock further exacerbating economic inequalities (D'ippoliti et al. 2015).

### Economic Impacts

The economic impacts of the water bottling industry present a complex picture of benefits and costs (Bartolini et al. 2007). While the industry contributes to national economies by generating substantial revenue through taxes and employment it also incurs external costs related to environmental degradation and social issues (Bartolini et al. 2007; Sanpellegrino 2023).

For instance Sanpellegrino a major player in the industry reported revenues of over one billion Euros in 2022 significantly contributing to local and national economies (Sanpellegrino 2023). Moreover the bottling industry provides stable employment opportunities which can significantly benefit regions with limited job prospects. Sanpellegrino alone employs

thousands of workers in its facilities and Bartolini et al. (2007) underscored the far-reaching effects of such employment opportunities. The study highlighted the positive implications of stable job opportunities provided by companies like Sanpellegrino supporting individuals and families with reliable incomes and stimulating local economic activity through increased consumer spending investment and tax revenues (Bartolini et al. 2007).

However external costs such as environmental degradation and social costs are not typically accounted for in the industry's economic benefits. Local governments may incur additional expenses in managing water resources addressing health impacts and mitigating environmental damage caused by over-extraction (Cuoco et al. 2015). Such realities highlight the need to comprehensively assess the water bottling industry's economic impacts considering its benefits and external costs.

### Regulatory Frameworks and Policy Analysis

The regulatory landscape in Italy and the European Union is oriented towards the sustainable management of water resources. However there is a need for greater consistency in enforcement and effectiveness. Current legislation and policies often prioritize corporate interests over public and environmental health. For instance while regulations such as the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC) aim to safeguard water resources and foster sustainable water management practices there are discernible inconsistencies in enforcement and regulatory gaps that have the potential to compromise these objectives thus enabling companies like Sanpellegrino to continue extracting water at unsustainable rates (Aukidy et al. 2012).

To address these challenges it is essential to introduce more stringent regulatory measures. This could involve the implementation of tighter water extraction limits and the enforcement of compliance through regular monitoring consequently contributing to the protection of water resources. Furthermore the involvement of local communities in decision-making processes concerning water resource management is crucial as it ensures that their needs and rights are duly considered (Bartolini et al. 2007). If meticulously employed these approaches may prove instrumental in amplifying the efficacy of existing regulations and driving meaningful change in the sustainable management of water resources within Italy and the European Union.

### Recommendations for Sustainable Practices

A comprehensive strategy is essential to address the significant environmental impacts associated with the water bottling industry. Firstly as previously discussed stricter regulatory measures are necessary to mitigate these impacts. This entails imposing more rigorous limits on water extraction and ensuring compliance through continuous monitoring (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). These regulations should be based on scientific evaluations of sustainable extraction rates.

Secondly community engagement in decision-making processes related to water resource management is crucial. As proposed by Spiliotopoulou and Roseland (2020) and grounded in the principles of Ostrom (1998) community-based water management models have been shown to balance corporate interests and public needs effectively. A more equitable distribution of resources can be achieved by actively involving residents businesses and other stakeholders in water management decisions.

Thirdly companies should invest significantly in conservation technologies including developing methods for recycling and reusing water within bottling plants. This approach can reduce water usage and enhance the efficiency of water extraction processes (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020). The incorporation of these advanced technologies not only demonstrates a commitment to sustainable practices but also aligns with the growing societal and environmental expectations for corporate responsibility and stewardship. Therefore companies that invest in these conservation technologies are better positioned to

minimize their environmental footprint and positively impact their operational costs and long-term sustainability. Furthermore corporate environmental responsibility initiatives must be prioritized within the business world. Companies like Sanpellegrino must lead in promoting environmental sustainability and social equity. For example they could consider allocating resources to funding local water conservation projects and supporting infrastructure improvements (Bae & Kim 2022). This kind of proactive approach not only benefits the environment but also positively impacts the communities in which these companies operate. Employing a multi-faceted approach to address environmental impacts by implementing rigorous regulations engaging with communities fostering technological innovation and promoting corporate responsibility initiatives is paramount (Spiliotopoulou & Roseland 2020; McNabb 2019; Bae & Kim 2022). This approach can substantially contribute to the sustainable management of water resources advocating for environmental sustainability and social equity. Additionally analyzing the water bottling industry's environmental social and economic impacts highlights the broader implications of treating water as a commercial commodity. By reorienting the management of water resources to prioritize sustainability and equity we can ensure the long-term health of both the environment and local communities. Achieving this objective requires a collaborative effort among corporations governments and communities to develop and implement strategies that harmonize economic benefits with environmental and social responsibilities.

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green\n00:01:19.840 architecture can play an important role\n00:01:21.439 in providing clean air to the asian\n00:01:23.200 cities\n00:01:24.320 they are planning to develop entire\n00:01:26.080 forest cities in the louisiana region\n00:01:28.080 which can absorb 10 000 tons of co2\n00:01:30.400 annually and produce 900 tons of oxygen\n00:01:33.600 this is all being designed by the\n00:01:34.960 italian architect stefano beret who has\n00:01:37.360 already designed and built vertical\n00:01:38.720 forest over in milan\n00:01:40.400 these buildings are not only doing good\n00:01:41.840 for our physical health but also have a\n00:01:43.360 positive effect on our psychological\n00:01:45.040 well-being\n00:01:46.799 i traveled to barcelona as i was told\n00:01:48.799 they were creating green architecture to\n00:01:50.560 improve the psychological well-being of\n00:01:52.320 its citizens so i wanted to see if it\n00:01:54.399 actually made me feel any different\n00:01:56.960 the demolition of an old building in the\n00:01:58.880 city's less court district left an ugly\n00:02:01.200 dividing wall facing towards the streets\n00:02:03.520 this left a particularly negative impact\n00:02:05.360 on the city's landscape due to its high\n00:02:06.880 visibility the architect capela garcia\n00:02:09.840 came up with a solution to create a\n00:02:11.120 vertical garden which wraps around and\n00:02:12.959 attaches to the sides of the existing\n00:02:14.640 building the vertical garden softens the\n00:02:17.200 urban landscape and provides passersby\n00:02:19.200 with a connection to nature by\n00:02:21.120 strengthening this bond people have with\n00:02:22.800 nature it will encourage them to be more\n00:02:24.640 environmentally conscious of their own\n00:02:26.080 habits\n00:02:27.280 there is interior access to the vertical\n00:02:28.959 garden which allows maintenance to be\n00:02:30.560 done from the inside\n00:02:32.239 however the wall has a network of\n00:02:33.599 connected tubes so the plants are\n00:02:35.280 automatically fed with programmed doses\n00:02:37.120 of water and fertilizer\n00:02:38.959 it has created a new ecosystem it's even\n00:02:41.360 encouraging biodiversity it's provided a\n00:02:43.920 natural habitat to a variety of birds\n00:02:45.760 whose natural environment was once\n00:02:47.200 destroyed by urban development\n00:02:49.440 the bunker catalana building was the\n00:02:51.040 first green building to be built in\n00:02:52.400 barcelona the plants provide shade from\n00:02:54.640 the heat of the strong sun which\n00:02:56.239 dramatically reduces the air\n00:02:57.519 conditioning requirements inside of the\n00:02:59.040 building\n00:03:00.319 the plants wrap the entire building on\n00:03:02.159 each level providing natural shade to\n00:03:04.319 the offices behind\n00:03:06.560 it can also lower the external\n00:03:08.000 temperatures by up to seven degrees\n00:03:10.159 which can be extremely important in\n00:03:11.760 large cities that experience the heat\n00:03:13.599 island effect\n00:03:15.680 one city that experiences this effect in\n00:03:17.760 particularly is singapore which sits\n00:03:19.840 right by the equator\n00:03:21.680 this is a city that's taking green\n00:03:23.280 architecture to a whole new level the\n00:03:25.599 city has one of the highest population\n00:03:27.280 densities in the world however before\n00:03:29.200 the 19th century it was covered in lush\n00:03:31.120 rainforest and the only inhabitants were\n00:03:33.360 animals who had perfectly adapted to the\n00:03:35.120 hot humid climate\n00:03:38.239 in the 19th century mass deforestation\n00:03:40.480 occurred and trees were replaced with\n00:03:42.319 concrete leading to the average\n00:03:44.159 temperature of the region to rise\n00:03:45.680 dramatically however in recent years\n00:03:48.000 there has been a resurgence of greenery\n00:03:49.599 within the city\n00:03:50.879 this has been an

attempt to reduce the\n00:03:52.400 heat island effect within the city\n00:03:53.840 centre which is incredibly important\n00:03:55.680 with the overall climate getting warmer\n00:03:58.080 as we experience singapore is incredibly\n00:04:00.319 hot however the use of greenery and\n00:04:02.799 water features at the street level help\n00:04:04.799 keep us cool\n00:04:06.879 this greenery has been transferred into\n00:04:08.560 the architectural designs of the\n00:04:09.920 buildings\n00:04:11.599 the park royal hotel on pickering was\n00:04:13.840 designed as a hotel and garden the\n00:04:16.000 project has won numerous awards for\n00:04:17.759 sustainable and green efforts including\n00:04:19.759 the bca green mark platinum which is\n00:04:21.918 singapore's highest green rating the\n00:04:24.160 building reinforces singapore's tropical\n00:04:26.320 image and enhances the quality of life\n00:04:28.240 of its guests\n00:04:29.520 it does this by providing spaces where\n00:04:31.440 the guests can completely immerse\n00:04:32.960 themselves within nature\n00:04:34.800 it can also benefit those who are simply\n00:04:36.720 walking by and admiring the building\n00:04:40.080 even the concrete has been shaped to\n00:04:41.680 resemble natural forms the designers at\n00:04:44.080 woha refer to this as topographical\n00:04:46.000 architecture the stratified undulating\n00:04:48.240 layers of precast concrete wrap around\n00:04:50.400 the entire building and resemble the\n00:04:52.240 structure of the bedrock\n00:04:54.160 this shows that nature can not only be\n00:04:55.840 used for practicality and efficiency but\n00:04:57.840 can also be used as a design inspiration\n00:05:01.759 not far from this building is the oasia\n00:05:03.680 hotel which is a building entirely\n00:05:05.680 wrapped in a red skin\n00:05:07.440 this allows plants to grow in\n00:05:09.120 the facade in total the building hosts\n00:05:11.520 54 species of plants and trees which\n00:05:14.000 help improve the biodiversity within the\n00:05:16.000 city\n00:05:16.560 [Music]\n00:05:17.759 the 190 metre tall building has large\n00:05:20.320 sections cut out which break up the\n00:05:22.080 facade and allow cross-ventilation into\n00:05:24.320 the building\n00:05:26.639 these garden spaces act as mini oasis in\n00:05:29.840 the center of the busy business district\n00:05:33.759 overall the green facade totals over 25\n00:05:36.880 000 square meters\n00:05:38.800 and the plot of land the building sits\n00:05:40.720 on is only 2 500 square meters\n00:05:44.240 this means the building achieves an\n00:05:45.680 overall greenery replacement of more\n00:05:47.280 than 10 times the site area this will\n00:05:49.680 help address the huge loss of green\n00:05:51.280 spaces within the urban city center\n00:05:54.880 like other living facades it works with\n00:05:56.639 an enormous lung which generates oxygen\n00:05:59.039 and absorbs co2\n00:06:01.520 it is also able to filter out dust fumes\n00:06:04.479 and pollution from the air\n00:06:07.120 the most famous tourist attraction\n00:06:08.800 within singapore is the super trees\n00:06:11.039 within the gardens by the bay\n00:06:13.520 the man-made structures are designed to\n00:06:15.280 emulate the biological behavior of trees\n00:06:18.080 at their trunks at information plucks\n00:06:19.840 which teach the public on the importance\n00:06:21.520 of trees for our survival\n00:06:24.160 the 18 super trees within the gardens\n00:06:26.160 incorporate technologies such as cooling\n00:06:28.080 channels which help moderate the\n00:06:29.680 temperature of the surrounding\n00:06:30.720 environment they also hold photovoltaics\n00:06:33.199 to harvest energy for the evening light\n00:06:34.880 show\n00:06:36.479 ultimately singapore showcases fantastic\n00:06:38.800 examples of green architecture however\n00:06:41.199 it has been blessed with a climate which\n00:06:42.960 allows for plants to grow rapidly\n00:06:45.680 over in hamburg



germany they are taking a more scientific approach to green architecture they are using algae and the process of photosynthesis to turn the sun's energy into fuel the algae rapidly grows within the glass panels it is then extracted and put into a bio-converter which turns the algae into biomass this biomass can then be used for a number of things it can be a source of food for humans or animals and it can even power cars but the main purpose is to create electricity and heat for the people living in the building whilst we were there we were told the process was actually producing so much energy that it can offer electricity to the surrounding buildings too finally my favorite green building that i visited on my travels was in copenhagen denmark here they are engaging the public directly with the energy sector this has been achieved by placing a ski slope on top of the cleanest waste energy power plant in the world we took the glass lift to the top which showed us inside the factory where 440 000 tons of waste is being converted into clean energy annually once you reach the top you see the toxin-free steam being released which is said to be as fresh as mountain air you then see the start of one of the world's largest artificial ski slopes this building has shown that creating a sustainable future doesn't have to be limiting it can actually make our lives more enjoyable the architect jacques ingles hopes that this project will inspire those across the world to create architecture that can be both fun and save the environment green architecture does propose some problems however all of which have solutions it can lead to additional costs of construction but in the long term it can save a lot of money due to the greatly reduced air conditioning vegetation also adds more weight to the structure however if incorporated in the original designs this shouldn't be an issue as it is organic matter it can propose a fire hazard however as long as the irrigation system keeps the vegetation well watered this shouldn't be a problem my takeaways from this trip is that green architecture can be implemented pretty much anywhere i expect to see green architecture be used a lot more in the future to help with both pollution issues but also to help resolve climate change climate change is an issue which will affect us all however we have the technology right now to prevent these horrific scenes from continuing so we must urge our governments to act and make sure that they use these technologies which are already having a positive impact around the world i hope that you've enjoyed this video on the world's greenest buildings if you want to see more interesting architecture be sure to watch my smart buildings video and also subscribe to see where i

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They went on to describe me as America's greenest CEO. From plunderer to recovering plunderer, to America's greenest CEO in five years -- that, frankly, was a pretty sad commentary on American CEOs in 1999. Asked later in the Canadian documentary, "The Corporation," what I meant by the "go to jail" remark, I offered that theft is a crime. And theft of our children's future would someday be a crime. But I realized, for that to be true -- for theft of our children's future to be a crime -- there must be a clear, demonstrable alternative to the take-make-waste industrial system that so dominates our civilization, and is the major culprit, stealing our children's future, by digging up the earth and converting it to products that quickly become waste in a landfill or an incinerator -- in short, digging up the earth and converting it to pollution. According to Paul and Anne Ehrlich and a well-known environmental impact equation, impact -- a bad thing -- is the product of population, affluence and technology. That is, impact is generated by people, what they consume in their affluence, and how it is produced. And though the equation is largely subjective, you can perhaps quantify people, and perhaps quantify affluence, but technology is abusive in too many ways to quantify. So the equation is conceptual. Still it works to help us understand the problem. So we set out at Interface, in 1994, to create an example: to transform the way we made carpet, a petroleum-intensive product for materials as well as energy, and to transform our technologies so they diminished environmental impact, rather than multiplied it. Paul and Anne Ehrlich's environmental impact equation:  $I = P \times A \times T$  population, affluence and technology. I wanted Interface to rewrite that equation so that it read  $I = P \times A \div T$ . Now, the mathematically-minded will see immediately that T in the numerator increases impact -- a bad thing -- but T in the denominator decreases impact. So I ask, "What would move T, technology, from the numerator -- call it T1 -- where it increases impact, to the denominator -- call it T2 -- where it reduces impact?" I thought about the characteristics of first industrial revolution, T1, as we practiced it at Interface, and it had the following characteristics. Extractive: taking raw materials from the earth. Linear: take, make, waste. Powered by fossil fuel-derived energy. Wasteful: abusive and focused on labor productivity. More carpet per man-hour. Thinking it through, I realized that all those attributes must be changed to move T to the denominator. In the new industrial revolution extractive must be replaced by renewable; linear by cyclical; fossil fuel energy by renewable energy, sunlight; wasteful by waste-free; and abusive by benign; and labor productivity by resource productivity. And I reasoned that if we could make those transformative

changes, \n00:06:21.330 and get rid of T1 altogether, \n00:06:23.330 we could reduce our impact to zero, \n00:06:26.330 including our impact on the climate. \n00:06:29.330 And that became the Interface plan in 1995, \n00:06:32.330 and has been the plan ever since. \n00:06:35.330 We have measured our progress very rigorously. \n00:06:39.330 So I can tell you how far we have come in the ensuing 12 years. \n00:06:43.330 Net greenhouse gas emissions \n00:06:45.330 down 82 percent in absolute tonnage. \n00:06:49.330 (Applause) \n00:06:53.330 Over the same span of time \n00:06:55.330 sales have increased by two-thirds and profits have doubled. \n00:06:58.330 So an 82 percent absolute reduction \n00:07:01.330 translates into a 90 percent reduction \n00:07:03.330 in greenhouse gas intensity relative to sales. \n00:07:07.330 This is the magnitude \n00:07:09.330 of the reduction the entire global technosphere \n00:07:12.330 must realize by 2050 \n00:07:15.330 to avoid catastrophic climate disruption -- \n00:07:18.330 so the scientists are telling us. \n00:07:21.330 Fossil fuel usage is down 60 percent per unit of production, \n00:07:25.330 due to efficiencies in renewables. \n00:07:27.330 The cheapest, most secure barrel of oil there is \n00:07:30.330 is the one not used through efficiencies. \n00:07:33.330 Water usage is down 75 percent \n00:07:36.330 in our worldwide carpet tile business. \n00:07:38.330 Down 40 percent in our broadloom carpet business, \n00:07:41. \n

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 \*\*Opening Slide: Logo of Sanpellegrino\*\*\n - Introduction by Alexis Lindsay, CEO of