

Intoduction on



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About Ritter Sport

- Family-owned German **chocolate manufacturer**, known for its iconic square-shaped chocolate bars
- Founded in 1912 with headquarters in Waldenbuch, Germany and a second production site in Austria
- Products sold in more than 100 countries
- 150 Mio € in sales per year?
- Latest sustainability report from 2021/2022



Core Operations

- Production of range of chocolate products; classic, vegan, and specialty bars.
- Cocoa plantation in **Nicaragua, El Cacao**, for high-quality cocoa production.
- Other key raw materials: hazelnuts, milk powder, and palm fat, sourced sustainably.



Commitment to Sustainability

Cocoa Sourcing:

- 100% certified sustainable cocoa - adhering to Rainforest Alliance and Fairtrade standards since 2018.
- 100% traceability in the cocoa supply chain - aiming to trace back to individual farms by 2025.
- 10% yearly investment in explicit sustainability projects.

El Cacao Plantation:

- Aims to set new social and environmental standards.
- **Agroforestry cultivation** - over 1 Mio cocoa trees planted, along with diverse native plants, enhancing biodiversity and reducing soil erosion.



Climate Neutrality Goals

- **Climate-neutral since 2020** by offsetting carbon emissions, with the goal of achieving full climate neutrality (Scope 3 emissions) by 2025.
- 42% emission cut by 2030 - Science Based Target Initiative (SBTI)
- El Cacao serves as a climate protection project, reforesting land and using sustainable farming practices.
- **The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certificate** - certifies forests to ensure their environments are responsibly managed and meet the highest environmental and social standards.



Packaging and Recycling

- Working on reducing packaging materials and transitioning to renewable raw materials - **FSC certified materials** (the materials labeled with it are made with wood from sustainable forestry).
- Use recyclable **paper-based packaging**, with a focus on substituting plastic.



Social Responsibility

- Emphasis on fair wages and quality of life for workers on their cocoa farms
- The company supports **educational opportunities for employees at El Cacao**, including vocational training

