



## Coca-Cola HBC again named Europe's most sustainable beverage company

**Prague, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – The 2019 Dow Jones Sustainability Index – a leading global benchmark for sustainability in business – has rated Coca-Cola HBC Europe's most sustainable beverage company. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> time in 7 years that the company has been ranked number 1 in the index and the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row that it has been ranked in the top three Global and European beverage companies.**

Maximum scores in 11 categories and positive improvements in 9 others contributed to an overall score of 90, which ranked the company second in the global ranking.

Commenting on the achievement, CEO Zoran Bogdanovic said: "We are honoured and proud that the commitment of our employees and partners to sustainable practices has again resulted in this recognition. We are well aware though that this is just a snapshot. In reality, the work never stops and there is always more to be done. That's why we put so much focus on the consistent, long-term delivery of our sustainability goals."

### **2018 sustainability highlights that contributed to our score**

- We achieved our science-based commitment to reduce carbon emissions in our value chain by 25% (compared with 2010), two years ahead of the 2020 target date. In other words, we have saved 1.27 million tonnes of carbon emissions;
- We achieved an employee engagement score of 88%, above the average of FTSE 100 companies
- 37% of management roles are now held by women, our target is 50% by 2025;
- 98% of our €3.237m supplier spend was local, supporting employment and businesses in the countries in which we operate, while we contributed €328m in taxes to local economies.
- We invested €7.9m in community projects, of which more than one third in our flagship Youth Empowered program to help young people develop business acumen and personal life skills; also known as "To dáš! project" in CZ/SK.
- We reduced the amount of water used in production by 22% in our manufacturing plants (compared to 2010);
- We successfully recovered the equivalent of 45% of the total primary packaging we placed in the market for recycling.



## Mission Sustainability

We launched our 2025 sustainability commitments in September 2018 to address six key areas: reducing emissions; water use and stewardship; World Without Waste; ingredients sourcing; nutrition; and our people and communities. The full commitments can be viewed [here](#). We have already made good progress and are on track to meet these.

Coca-Cola HBC's sustainability performance is also recognised by other respected industry rankings, such as the CDP Climate Disclosure, the MSCI ESG Rating and the FTSE4Good Index.

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