

WOOLWORTHS LIMITED

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Woolworths Limited rated global sustainability leader in Food & Staples Retailing sector

Woolworths Limited (Woolworths) has been rated the global leader for corporate sustainability in the Food & Staples Retailing sector by the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) for the second consecutive year.

The DJSI tracks the financial performance of the world's leading sustainability-driven companies in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria.

Woolworths scored 76 out of 100 in the 2014 indices, ahead of the global food and staples sector players, including Walmart, Sainsburys, Safeway, Aeon and Kroger.

Our most significant area of improvement this year was our Health & Nutrition score which improved from 53 in 2013 to 82 this year.

Woolworths CEO Grant O'Brien said: "In 2013 Woolworths was the first Australian retailer to be named the global leader in the food and staples retailing sector by the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices. I am immensely proud that in 2014 Woolworths has again been named the global leader in the sector.

"Woolworths aims to be Australia's and New Zealand's most trusted brand and will only achieve our aspirations if we maintain and continue to build on our reputation as a responsible business."

The DJSI noted that Woolworths has continued the expansion of its health and nutrition focused offerings and has made further advances in integrating environmental, social and governance objectives into its supply chain management strategy, including the increased support of local farmers and manufacturers.

"Moreover, the company has increased its share of Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certified fish and seafood offerings."

The DJSI is one of the most comprehensive indices that provides information for investors who integrate sustainability considerations into their portfolios.