



WESTWING

# Raw Material sourcing

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# Our targets

The global use of raw materials has more than tripled over the past 50 years and the demand for natural resources has grown significantly. In our sustainability strategy we have committed to use long-lasting materials from sustainable sources and being as resource efficient as possible along our supply chain. In this respect we have devised ambitious targets.

Table 1: Material sourcing targets

Topic	Goals	Targets
<b>Material sourcing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the proportion of sustainable materials used in our products</li> <li>• Eliminate hazardous materials and avoid the use of toxic chemicals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use more than 90% certified<sup>1</sup> sustainable wood by 2026 in our Westwing Collection products</li> <li>• Use more than 90% certified<sup>2</sup> organic, recycled, and/or responsibly sourced cotton by 2026 in our Westwing Collection products</li> <li>• Use more than 90% responsibly<sup>3</sup> sourced animal by-products by 2026 in our Westwing Collection products</li> <li>• Increase the share of recycled content in the plastics used in our Westwing Collection products</li> <li>• Eliminate hazardous materials and avoid the use of toxic chemicals in our Westwing Collection products</li> </ul>

In addition, in order to ensure that we select the most sustainable materials and products for our Westwing Collection products, our design, product, and buying teams follow a comprehensive set of material sourcing criteria and guidelines which go beyond regulatory compliance to reflect industry best practice, latest scientific findings and innovative technologies. These are the:

- Sustainable Material Grading (SMG) Guidelines: These classify materials (fibers, wood, etc.) based on their environmental footprint
- Sustainability Labeling (SL) Guidelines: These set out a list of product and material certificates and attributes that are considered sustainable and are eligible for labeling on our websites.
- Restricted Substance List (RSL) Guidelines: These take account of all relevant rules and regulations on material safety, and in particular the EU REACH regulation on the use of hazardous substances.

<sup>1</sup> Certifications include FSC®, PEFC

<sup>2</sup> Certifications include GOTS, MADE IN GREEN by OEKO-TEX®, and OCS

<sup>3</sup> Animal by-products include leather, down, fur, etc.

# Our standards

## Natural fibers

### *Better Cotton Initiative*

Westwing is a proud member of **Better Cotton**. By choosing cotton products from Westwing, customers are supporting responsible cotton production through Better Cotton. Better Cotton trains farmers to use water efficiently, care for soil health and natural habitats, reduce use of the most harmful chemicals and respect workers' rights and wellbeing.

### *Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)*

We are certified to the **Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)** enabling us to ensure Westwing organic products are manufactured compliant with a high level of environmental criteria along the entire supply chain of organic textiles and with strict social criteria as well. GOTS was developed as a voluntary standard by leading international standard setters in order to define worldwide recognised requirements that ensure organic status of textiles, from harvesting of the raw materials, through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to labeling - in order to provide credible assurance to the consumer.

When using organically produced materials, farm workers and the environment are protected.

When manufactured without using hazardous chemicals, factory workers and the environment are protected. When there are no harmful residues in the end product, consumers are protected.

## Wood

### *Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC)*

We commit to sourcing **Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC)** certified products to support sustainable forestry practices. FSC promotes environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests. By choosing products with the FSC label, we can be sure that the items we are purchasing have not been manufactured at the expense of the forest, or the animals, plants, and people who rely on it. When Westwing consumers purchase FSC-certified products, they are directly supporting responsible forest management.

### *EU Timber Regulation*

Westwing operates in accordance with the EU Timber Regulation which aims to counter illegal logging and associated trade in timber and timber products in the member states of the European Union.