

Facilitate SMEs in the Hong Kong Apparel and Footwear Industry to Adopt the Higg Index to Enhance Competitiveness and Sustainability

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Established in **April 2008**

Mission Statement

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Sustainable Fashion Business Consortium (SFBC) is a group of Hong Kong based companies in the textile and apparel sector committed to promoting and increasing the use of sustainable practices across the fashion supply chain.

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Our position to cooperate

- A platform for sustainability through dialogue and information sharing
- Bring expertise from the world supply chain



- Sustainable development cannot be done alone

SFBC Members



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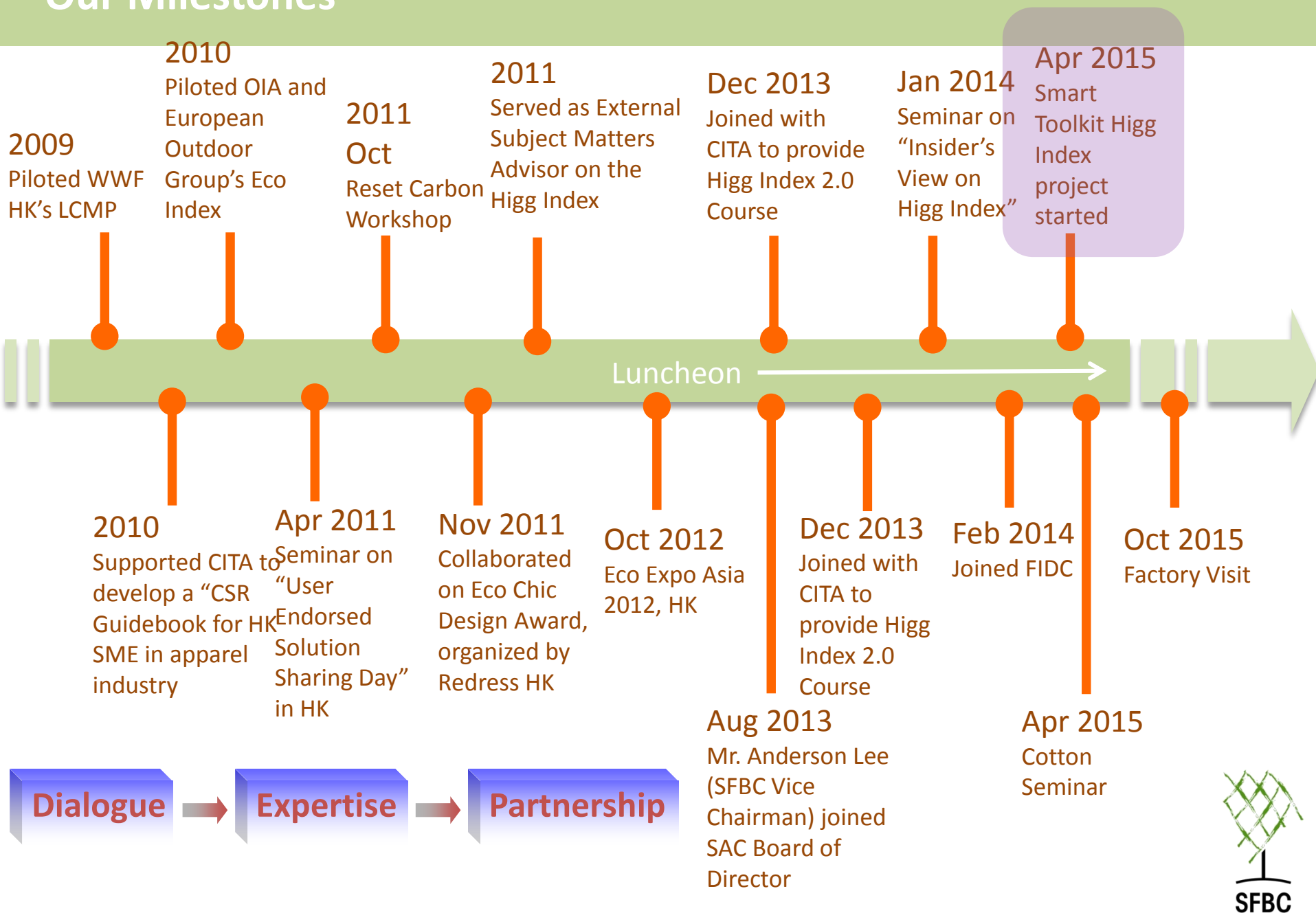
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Our Milestones



Dialogue : “Brand Advisory” Luncheon

Speaker	Date
Mr. Lars Doemer, Global Coordinator EHS of H&M Hennes & Mauritz (Far East)	7 th July 2013
Ms. Sonja Gottschlich, Project Manager – Sustainability Apparel of World Cat	9 th August 2013
Mr. Sean Cady, Vice President, Product Stewardship and Sustainability at VF Corporation	21 st October 2013
Mr. Tony Taylor, Senior Plan A Manager of Marks and Spencer Asia Pacific Ltd.	6 th December 2013
Mr. Ashley Hedland, Regional Sustainability Practice Head of Edelman	6 th June 2014
Mr. Aaron Tam, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Gap Inc.	31 st July 2014
Mr. Lary Brown, Head of Global Sourcing Compliance at Esprit De Corp (Far East) Ltd	12 th December 2014
Dr. Joyce Tsoi, Environmental Program Responsible at H&M Hennes & Mauritz (Far East) Ltd and the board member of ZDHC Group	5 th February 2015
Ms. Joyce Chau, FTA/BSCI Representative China at Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI),	23 rd April 2015
Ms. Carmen Chan, Corporate Responsibility Manager, Tesco International Sourcing	17 th July 2015
Mr. Frank Michel, Executive Director of ZDHC	19 th October 2015

Development of Sustainability Apparel Coalition (SAC) & Higg Index



Sustainable
Apparel Coalition

Its members over 40% of global leading apparel and footwear brands,
retailers, manufacturers,
non-governmental organizations, academic experts, and
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Focus

The focus of the Sustainable Apparel Coalition is the development and use of the **Higg Index**: a *suite of self-assessment tools* designed to measure the sustainability impacts of apparel and footwear products.

SAC Members

Brands & Retailers



Manufacturers



Industry Affiliates



Nonprofit, Academia & Government



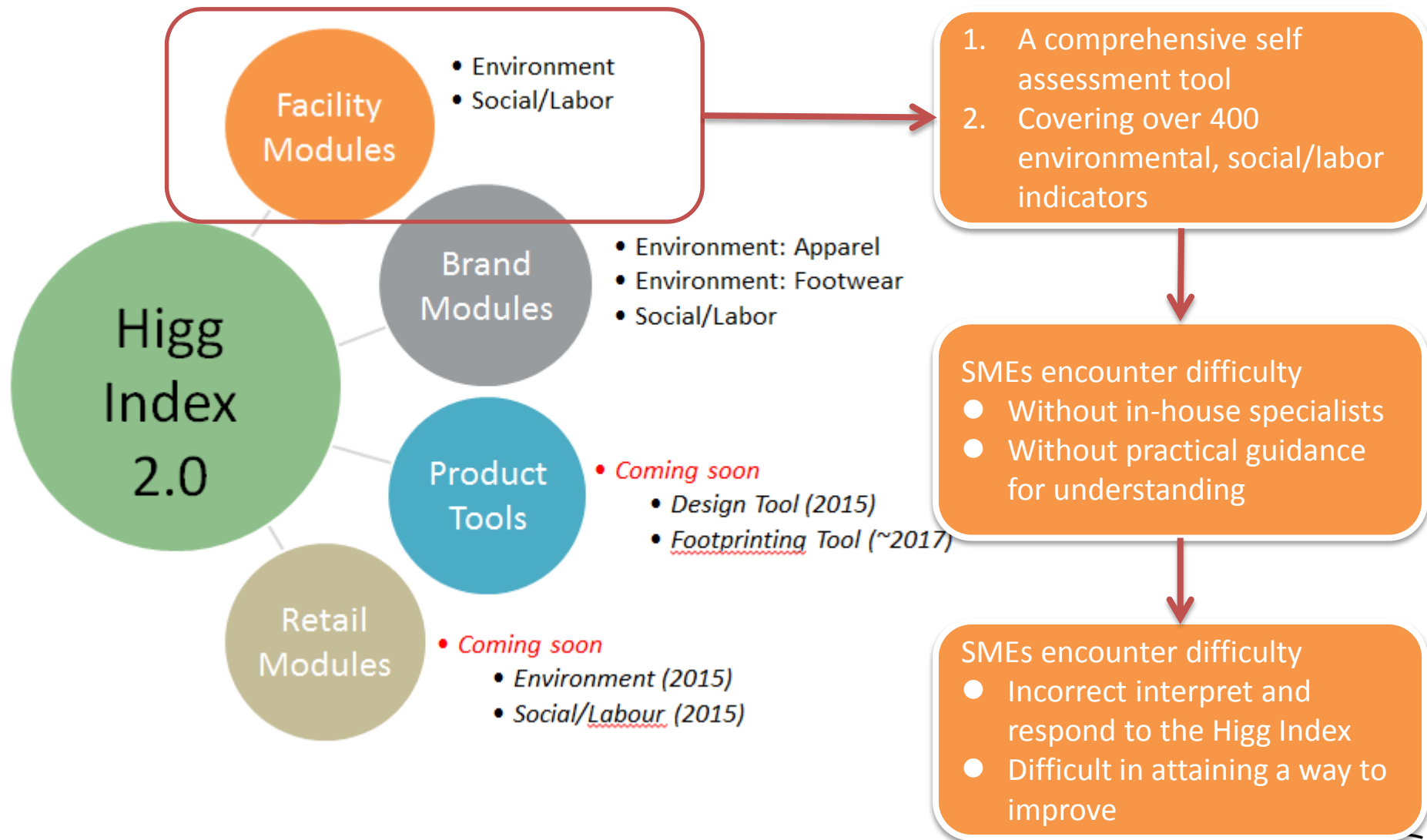
A Global web of Higg Index Connection

As of August 14, 2015:

- 3613 Accounts
- 5551 Individual Users
- 16129 One-to-one Account Connections
- 3287 Posted Modules
- ...And growing every day



Higg Index 2.0



Our Smart Toolkit

Problems

No improvement recommendations after self-assessment

Inaccurate interpretation and response to some assessment questions

- Technical content difficult to interpret for SMEs without in-house specialists
- Over 400 indicators to respond in self-assessment

Low adoption rate of Higg Index

- Estimated 5% in local industry

Solutions



Tailor-made improvement solutions



Enhanced interface with step-by-step guidance and streamlined flow



Promotion through online / offline engagement

Our Smart Toolkit



Save significant cost and time to obtain FREE-OF-CHARGE sustainability advisory recommendations to improve sustainability performance



Advance to higher level of competitiveness over overseas counterparts by gaining a higher score in Higg Index assessment



Effectively manage compliance towards different buyers' requirements by adopting Higg Index



Get prepared to pass the mandatory Higg Index verification, which will be rolled out by SAC in near future.

Other Industries - Food



Organic is a labeling term that indicates that the food or other agricultural product has been produced through approved methods. The organic standards describe the specific requirements that must be verified by a USDA-accredited certifying agent before products can be labeled USDA organic.

Overall, organic operations must demonstrate that they are protecting natural resources, conserving biodiversity, and using only approved substances.



Other Industries - Building

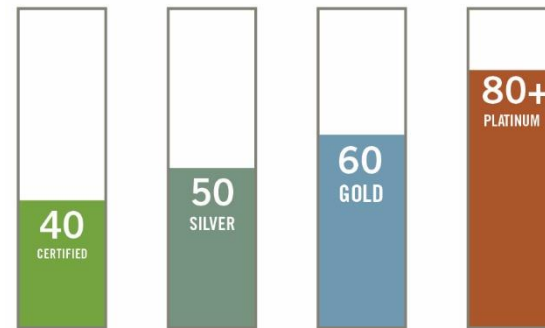


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