

The path to 100% sustainability.

Sustainability is an extensive concept. It covers issues relating to quality, environment and social responsibility – not only for us here at Materia but ultimately also for our suppliers and sub-suppliers. Raw materials, working conditions and manufacturing all have an impact on the level of responsibility and consideration in the furniture and accessories we produce. We are now taking the next step in our work toward more sustainable products. Our target is for all the timber we use to be FSC® certified by 2020.

FSC stands for Forest Stewardship Council and means the timber comes from a sustainably managed forest. Sensitive areas are not harvested which means that forests valuable from a biological diversity perspective are never felled. The certification regulates the entire chain, from protecting flora and fau-na to the working conditions for those working with felling, sawing and transporting of wood. All sup-ply chain steps are inspected by external parties.

From 50 to 100 in two years.

More than 50% of our products today have timber that is FCS certified. The target is to increase this figure to 100% by 2020. This decision is in line with our commitment to be a responsible manufactur-er of designed furniture and accessories. Concepts such as circularity are becoming increasingly im-portant, where the aim is to recycle material to a greater extent. Our Patch stool is

another example highlighting the difference we make through more sustainable products. Its seat is made from waste fabric which would otherwise have been discarded.

Longer life for products well thought through.

A major part of our responsibility is also linked to the quality of our products. A carefully-designed product resulting from manufacturing without compromise using good materials lasts longer, both from an aesthetic and functional perspective. This is a significant factor in our sustainability work considering the level of overconsumption in our world. The next step in this development is to pro-duce products where it is easy to replace the parts that are exposed to wear and tear. It is currently not profitable to renovate. But we can offer affordability by using smarter product design.

Our FSC and Möbelfakta certifications, as well as our compliance with ISO 9001, 14001 and OHSAS 18001 is clear evidence to those who choose our products that we take our sustainability work serious-ly. It is our hope that this makes our products more appealing to use.

Materia has supported FSC as a member since 2008, and our first certified product was achieved in 2014. Our sustainability coordinator Jan Jismyr is an FSC board member since May 2018.







