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The way forward

Volcafe is a leading green coffee trading company, working toward a thriving, sustainable coffee business for all.

Coffees grown by farmers in our **Volcafe Way** farmer support programme have been purchased by roasters of all sizes for several years.

To support our roaster clients in achieving their sustainability commitments, we have expanded our offering with two Volcafe-managed responsibly sourced (RS) coffees:

Volcafe Verified and **Volcafe Excellence**

Combining practices field-tested through Volcafe Way with rigorous assurance, Volcafe RS is a new way forward.



To find out more visit: volcafe.com/volcafe-rs

Our farmer
support
programme



Our two
responsibly
sourced
coffees



Volcafe Way

Our farmer support programme

Volcafe Way is our farmer support programme, carefully developed since 2014 to provide a holistic response to the challenges faced by coffee farmers. A host of factors can push farmers to consider abandoning coffee farming altogether, despite the persistent popularity of their produce. Volcafe understands the pressures on coffee farmers and believes that without profitability there is no sustainability for everyone across the supply chain.

Volcafe Way provides direct technical assistance to farmers and facilitates a network of model farms demonstrating good practices. Our field teams train producers on sustainable production practices and approaches to address persistent social, environmental and economic challenges.



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"In 2015, the productivity of my farm was very good, but my costs were high – as a result, my profitability was not good.

"At that time, I learned about Volcafe Way, which was implemented at my farm in 2016. I consider it to be the best decision because it helped me lower costs and increase productivity.

"For me it has been a great experience and I feel not only the change in the farm but also in my family."

Seny Romel

— **Honduras**

Volcafe Way coffee farmer since 2016

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origin countries where Volcafe Way operates: *Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Tanzania, Uganda, and Vietnam.*

250+

agronomists and field staff

700

business model farms and replicas in operation

45,000

farmers trained

150,000

hectares of coffee farm land involved in Volcafe Way

Volcafe Verified and Volcafe Excellence

Our two responsibly sourced coffees

Volcafe Verified and Volcafe Excellence coffees are responsible coffees, produced according to standards that promote economic profitability, environmental protection and conservation, and social well-being.

- 01 We support farmers to secure their livelihoods and a future in coffee
- 02 We assure roasters and consumers that the coffee has been produced in an environmentally sustainable manner
- 03 We actively seek to prevent forced and child labour while promoting fair and safe working conditions for farmers, workers, and communities

Volcafe Verified

The new baseline

Volcafe Verified is our baseline approach to responsible sourcing. Volcafe Verified coffees fulfill the detailed operational and sustainability criteria of the Volcafe RS Standard.

Volcafe Verified focuses on continuous improvement to secure a future for coffee producers, checks for environmentally sustainable coffee production, and promotes responsible citizenship and safe work.

Volcafe Verified has been recognised by the Global Coffee Platform (GCP) as Coffee SR Code equivalent, 2nd party assurance.



To find out more visit: volcafe.com/volcafe-verified

Ensuring responsible production



Achievement of baseline standards for responsible sourcing



Risk-based assurance model (in-house)



Aligns with EUDR requirements and offers traceability back to farmers via business partners

Volcafe Excellence

The coffee that creates a deeper impact

Going beyond the baseline achievements of Volcafe Verified, Volcafe Excellence is our flagship responsibly sourced coffee offering designed to create deeper impact.

In addition to the benefits associated with Volcafe Verified, Volcafe Excellence takes an individualised approach to go further. Volcafe Excellence provides agronomy training and support to coffee producers, full traceability back to the farm, and robust assurance with a 100% inspection rate.

Volcafe Excellence also offers coffee roasters a way to engage more deeply with responsible sourcing, through Volcafe's Sustainability Impact Services. In this optional add-on service, customers can collaborate with Volcafe to shape highly customised activities that drive change on some of the most pressing issues in coffee value chains – from living wages and incomes, to carbon action, to promoting gender equity and regenerative agriculture.

Volcafe Excellence has been recognised by the Global Coffee Platform (GCP) as Coffee SR Code equivalent, 2nd party assurance.

To find out more visit: volcafe.com/volcafe-excellence



Creating a deeper impact



Volcafe Way agronomy support to farmers



Achievement of baseline standards for responsible sourcing plus additional requirements



100% assurance model (in-house)



Traceability back to farm-level (segregation model)

More about the Volcafe RS offer



What is the Volcafe RS Standard?

The Volcafe RS Standard assesses more than 50 Sustainability Criteria (control points) which cover a range of economic, environmental, and social topics.

Read more:

volcafe.com/volcafe-standard

Which origins participate in Volcafe RS?

Volcafe Verified coffees are available from Uganda and Vietnam. Additional origins will follow soon.

Volcafe Excellence coffees are available from Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, and Peru. Other origins will follow soon.

How can I address key issues in coffee value chains?

Through our optional, add-on Sustainability Impact Services, Volcafe and our clients can jointly engage in activities that address key issues in coffee value chains – living income, carbon footprint, regenerative practices, living wages, and gender equity.

Read more:

volcafe.com/impact-services

Is Volcafe RS recognised in the industry?

Both Volcafe Verified and Volcafe Excellence have been recognised by the Global Coffee Platform (GCP) as Coffee Sustainability Reference Code (Coffee SR Code) equivalent, 2nd party assurance.

The GCP equivalence mechanism 2.0 assesses governance, assurance and sustainability, among other criteria.

Read more:

globalcoffeeplatform.org

Let's
make an
impact
together.





Making coffee business better,
together.

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