

# Demand as driver for a mainstream sustainable coffee sector



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## Agenda for today

- Introduction to Sara Lee
- Our efforts in sustainability
- Certified coffee and the role demand plays
- A model to help coffee sustainability grow

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## Sara Lee at a glance

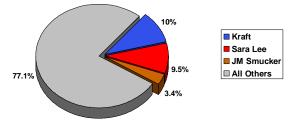
Each and every day, Sara Lee (NYSE: SLE) delights millions of consumers and customers around the world. The company has one of the world's best-loved and leading portfolios with its innovative and trusted food, beverage, household and body care brands

- Fiscal Year 09 net sales \$12.9 billion
- Products sold in nearly 180 countries
- Global headquarters in suburban Chicago, USA
- Operations in more than 40 countries
- 41,000 employees worldwide



## A strong global coffee business

- \$3.0 Billion Net Sales FY09
- Number 2 in roast and ground coffee worldwide
- Leading market positions in Europe and Brazil



Share of roast & ground coffee worldwide based on retail market volume in 2008 Source: IMIS Euromonitor







### Sara Lee's approach to sustainability

- Three focus areas
  - Wellness and nutrition
  - Supporting our communities
  - Protecting our planet



- Translated into priorities & actions by division
- Decentralized execution, but coordinated



## Sara Lee & sustainable coffee sourcing

### Strategy build on three pillars:

- Direct support to farmers: Douwe Egberts (DE) Foundation
- 2. Leading buyer of certified coffee
- 3. Actively partner with stakeholders to help make the worldwide coffee sector more sustainable

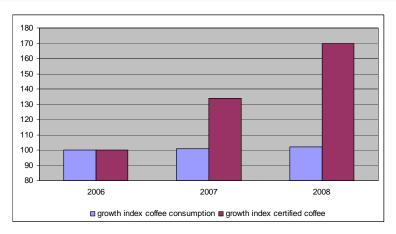






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### Demand for certified coffee as an indicator of success in sustainability



Sources: F.O. Lichts International Coffee Report Vol. 23, No.14, 2008, annual reports Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, UTZ Certified, ICO, Daniele Giovannucci

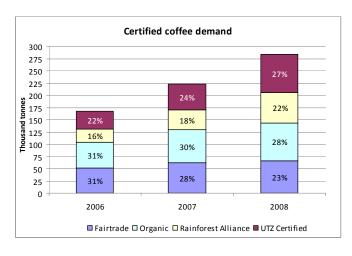


## Trends in the market

- Consumers:
  - Consider the environmental impact of the products they buy (four out of five Europeans) \*
  - Perceive 'quality', 'a well known brand' and 'ethical and sustainable products' as premium aspects of a product\*\*
    Want to be associated with good, responsible brands and reject 'evil' companies\*\*
- Customers and retailers: demand a clear CSR positioning of brands and the company
- (European) Governments:
  - set the example with green buying policies (f.e. the Netherlands: in 2010 all procurement 100% sustainable)
- \* Eurobarometer survey 2009 (by order of the EC)
- \*\* IGD research 2008



## Strongest contribution to growth by mainstream oriented programs



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## Characteristics of certification programs that drive demand

#### Fit with consumer requirements

- Can stay with their favorite brands
- Same, trusted quality
- No major price increase

### Address producer needs

- Support efficiency and productivity
- Reward quality
- Improve profitability

#### Fit within business context

- Inclusive of all origins and production systems
- Market mechanism for pricing
- Transparent/accountable chain of custody

### => mainstream sustainability becomes possible!

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## Conclusion

- Mainstream consumer demands drives growth in certified coffee demand
- Certified coffee growth is a key driver for the development of a sustainable coffee sector

Link the stakeholders in the value chain and get the dynamics to work for all producers in all regions!

## Thank you

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Henry Ford, American industrialist (1863 - 1947)

