

Press Release

GERRY WEBER obtains GOTS certification

(Halle/Westphalia, 4 August 2017) International fashion and lifestyle company GERRY WEBER International AG, a leading manufacturer of ladieswear in Germany, has been certified to GOTS. The *Global Organic Textile Standard* (GOTS) represents yet another step in the fashion company's sustainability efforts.

"We have been using certified BioRe cotton for the shirts in our GERRY WEBER Casual Collection for about one year. The GOTS certification allows us to gradually expand this young project to other product groups and brands of our company," said Ralf Weber, CEO of GERRY WEBER International AG.

The GOTS standard guarantees the use of cotton from controlled organic cultivation. The full supply chain from fibre production to the retail store is checked under environmental, social and technical criteria and certified. This enables the company not only to offer products made from organic cotton but also to go one step further in increasing the transparency of the supply chain.

"The GOTS standard is an important step towards sustainable development," said a happy Annette Koch, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), who is responsible for compliance with the certificate. "At the same time, it helps us meet the requirements of the Textiles Partnership, which we joined in 2015. Only recently has our roadmap been accepted as plausible and ambitious."

GERRY WEBER has set itself comprehensive objectives relating to the use of organic natural fibres, social standards and energy management. Since December 2016, GERRY WEBER has been certified to the ISO 50001 energy management standard.

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About the GERRY WEBER Group

GERRY WEBER International AG, headquartered in Halle/Westphalia, operates on a global scale and unites five strong fashion brands under one roof: GERRY WEBER, TAIFUN, SAMOON by GERRY WEBER, talkabout and HALLHUBER. Since its beginning in 1973 GERRY WEBER International AG, which is listed in the S-DAX, has become one of the best-known German fashion and lifestyle companies with approximately 1,260 company-managed stores and sales spaces (incl. 376 from HALLHUBER), more than 2,450 shop-in-shops and 270 franchised stores worldwide as well as brand online-shops in nine countries. With some 6,900 employees worldwide (including about 2,000 from HALLHUBER) and distribution channels in roughly 60 countries, the GERRY WEBER Group is one of the largest listed fashion companies in Germany. In the financial year 2015/16 (1 November 2015 to 31 October 2016) the GERRY WEBER Group generated sales revenues of EUR 900.8 million (date: April 2017).

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