MEMBER BENEFITS GUIDE

What’s in it for You?
We are a CEO-led organisation that helps the world’s retailers and consumer goods manufacturers to collaborate, alongside other key stakeholders, to secure consumer trust and drive positive change, including greater efficiency. With our global reach, CEO leadership and focus on retailer-manufacturer collaboration, we are in a unique position to help improve industry efficiencies and influence responsible business practices around the world. We do so for the benefit of both people and the planet, as well as our businesses, ensuring better lives through better business.

Many of the opportunities and issues that we face as an industry can’t be addressed by individual companies alone, or just by collaborating regionally. Our members know that our global, cross-value chain perspective is critical to the long-term success of our industry. Whether you are active in our committees and working groups, attend key events or simply make use of the documents and reports we create, we are committed to supporting you and our entire global membership in working together efficiently for positive change.
WHAT WE DO

We are YOUR organisation, providing the business case for change and working on solutions now to be ready for tomorrow.

We are CEO-led, ensuring global alignment and decision-making from the very top.

As a unique organisation, we provide the only such global platform for the consumer goods industry.

Our success is driven by the active and direct participation of our members. Together, we shape the industry’s critical operational standards that support value chain efficiency and protect consumers, employees and the environment.

"The CGF is unique. It is the only association that is both CEO-led and global, while embracing both retailers and manufacturers. We bring together the key decision makers from within our industry who can drive genuine change at every level of the business".

Peter Freedman, Managing Director,
The Consumer Goods Forum
We address common issues collaboratively with actionable and tangible solutions on key industry issues: environmental and social sustainability, food and non-food safety, health and wellness, and the end-to-end value chain.

We are a non-profit association. We work to drive the industry forward by acting on key non-competitive issues that affect business; adopting voluntary, industry-wide commitments.

We act as a force for change, with the support of our 400-strong global membership and its collective clout.

With offices in Bogotá, Tokyo, Shanghai, Washington, DC and Paris, we have our fingers on the pulse of what’s happening on the ground in key geographies, enabling us to act faster and with greater impact.
We host global and regional events to bring people together to network and discuss the latest challenges and solutions, as well as smaller workshops and SpringBoards to delve deeper into these solutions and share best practices.

We engage with multiple stakeholders – including governments, NGOs, community groups and academia – to help ensure our work positively impacts communities around the world and can be effectively scaled up with all relevant parties involved.

We work directly with the senior executives and decision makers of our member companies, from CEOs to IT and supply chain directors to chief sustainability officers and health advisors to marketing experts. Around 1,500 international leaders are actively involved in our working groups and expert committees.

We provide opportunities for leading companies to share their success stories and expertise within the industry and wider stakeholder communities around the world.
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In today’s increasingly interconnected world, the value of sharing global best practices and building global personal networks has never been greater. We are an inclusive community. Our members include small and large companies, food and non-food, nationals and multinationals. Our members work together as peers. Benefits include unrivalled opportunities to:

ADVANCE THE INDUSTRY

Be part of this global do-tank that is helping to shape new tools, standards and common positions on the key, non-competitive, strategic and operational issues affecting our industry. Work with your competitors and partners, and benefit from the power of many, to increase consumer trust and efficiency across the industry, while supporting sustainable business growth. Such advances can lead to reduced complexity and expenses for both retailers and manufacturers.

NETWORK WITH PEERS

We provide the finest global opportunity to connect and interact with retailers and manufacturers, and key stakeholders, at both executive and operational levels. Our events range from local meetings to large international conferences. Our working groups and expert committees provide an unrivalled chance to exchange with peers, clients and business partners throughout the year. It’s about providing a safe space for networking and doing business.
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SHOWCASE YOUR COMMITMENT

Membership to the CGF confirms your company’s commitment to a shared, purpose-driven agenda, and will be seen positively in the eyes of external stakeholders, media and consumers. This will not only raise your profile with external stakeholders, as your consumers will also take note. And, for those looking to lead from the front, you can gain access to strategy-driven working groups and committees.

GET HELP & GUIDANCE

Our members are at the forefront of change. They are either directly involved in the development of or are the first to access the new tools created by those working within our strategic initiatives. From solution-led workshops to case study booklets, toolkits and guides, membership gives you ground-floor access to these important channels for best-practice and knowledge sharing. It’s also an opportunity to benchmark your own business actions against those of your peers. Are you standing up to the challenge?

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE RESOURCES

Thanks to the all-new Members’ Space, you will now have exclusive access to key resources, publications, webinar recordings and event videos. You’ll also be able to save your favourite content, see what’s new and edit your communications preferences.

GET SPECIAL RATES

Our members can also benefit from special rates for our industry-wide events: the GFSI Conference and regional Focus Days, the FLP Conference, and the Sustainable Retail Summit.
We provide our members with updates on the progress and achievements of our activities and keep them informed about opportunities of how to get involved in the collaborative initiatives and meetings (members’ newsletter, blogs, exclusive content and thematic updates, etc). Members also have exclusive access to key industry events like the Global Summit, which brings together around 1,000 CEOs and c-suite executives.

CGF members also gain access to brand-building and sponsorship opportunities. These partnerships increase company visibility and allow you to showcase brands and know-how directly to the industry’s decision-makers.

This is your chance to become part of a global movement for positive change. Not only does membership provide you with the opportunity to be part of this unique global community, new members are also announced across our social media channels and listed in our corporate communications tools, such as our corporate brochure and website, etc. FLP Conference alumni will also have access to the exclusive FLP Network, which brings tomorrow’s leaders together in a secure, online network year-long.
OUR ROLE

We are your global organisation; driving positive change through collaborative actions. As the pre-eminent and collaborative network engaged through corporate membership, we support our members in several key ways as we look to provide value to all our members and improve our industry’s reputation globally.

WE...

1. provide a unique, global platform to foster debate across the Board and membership to identify areas that require collective, measurable action;

2. develop, agree and encourage the targeted global adoption of practices and standards that do not impede competition;

3. share solutions and best practice examples across and beyond the membership; and

4. engage with stakeholders and regional associations to speak for the industry with a common voice.
Our mission is clear, but it stands for little without the trust and commitment of our members. It is the continuous support and dedication of our members that is helping to drive positive change throughout the industry. Our global membership and the collaborative efforts that our members undertake are the foundation of our success.

YOUR ROLE

WE ASK THAT YOU…

› Participate and collaborate;
› Implement and benefit;
› Measure and report;
› Share and advocate; and
› Help shape the future
STRATEGIC ORGANISATION

4 PILLARS
- END-TO-END VALUE CHAIN
- HEALTH & WELLNESS
- SUSTAINABILITY
- PRODUCT SAFETY

7 INITIATIVES
- End-to-End Value Chain
- Health & Wellness
- Environmental Sustainability
- Social Sustainability
- Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative
- Food Safety GFSI
- Non-Food Safety

40+ GLOBAL PROJECTS & WORKING GROUPS
- Product Data Leapfrogs
- True-code Pilots
- Transportation Workstream
- Learning Series
- IT Share Group
- Supply Chain Share Group
- Collaboration for Healthier Lives (CHL)
- H&W Commitments
- Employee Health & Wellbeing
- Reporting & Accountability
- Digital & Data
- Deforestation (Strengthening)
- Palm Oil
- Seafood
- Food Waste
- Plastic Waste
- Refrigeration

IN INVOLVING 1,500 INDUSTRY EXPERTS FROM OUR MEMBER COMPANIES & KEY STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING:

4 GLOBAL EVENTS
- GLOBAL SUMMIT
- SUSTAINABLE RETAIL SUMMIT
- GFSI CONFERENCE

+ KEY REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
- E2E SpringBoards
- CHL Local Groups
- Sustainable Sourcing Groups
- Supplier Roundtables
- GFSI Focus Days
- GFSI Local Groups

Regional Days (Japan Day, China Day)
and numerous other meetings, webinars, workshops and networking options throughout the year.
Once again CGF members are showing global and environmental leadership, and this latest move will play an important role in achieving wider sustainability standards in the industry. As we move away from HFC gases and towards cleaner business practices, it’s crucial that the consumer goods industry continues to lead the way and stay ahead of the curve.

MIKE COUPE, CEO, SAINSBURY’S

It’s important we contribute to a better life for all by encouraging a culture of prevention, and the CGF provides the perfect platform to ensure we can take positive steps as an industry and not just in our own silos.

YASUO MASUDA, GENERAL MANAGER, AEON, CO., LTD.

The CGF’s Forced Labour Resolution, approved and endorsed at the highest level of the corporate world, sends a clear message of commitment to the global fight against forced labour. Now, this commitment is turning into concrete action through the Priority Industry Principles. Big congratulations to the CGF and its members!

HOUTAN HOMAYOUNPOUR, INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

If you want to know where the future is going to be, there is no place better than the Global Summit. We’re talking 1,000 CEOs and thought leaders coming together to talk about improving every aspect of our industry. We need events like this and the CGF delivers.

MARK BATENIC, CHAIRMAN, IGA
We retailers play a vital role in the lives of our shoppers and food is a central part of life. Good food is one of the cornerstones of health. I am proud to see our industry, through the CGF, help shoppers better understand nutrition so they can make great choices for themselves and their families.

CARLOS MARIO GIRALDO MORENO, CEO AND PRESIDENT, GRUPO EXITO

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VERONIKA POUNTCHEVA, GLOBAL DIRECTOR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, METRO AG

The health of the people and of the planet is the major challenge of the 21st century. We need to act now to build a sustainable future and all stakeholders must join forces to best impact at scale. I am convinced that our industry has a decisive role to play. The CGF embodies a unique platform to drive positive change through collaboration at local and global level, in order to reinvent the industry model.

EMMANUEL FABER, CHAIRMAN AND CEO, DANONE

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