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OUR BRAND ETHOS IS ROOTED IN BELIEF OF EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TO EMBODY TIMELESS ELEGANCE AND EXPRESS THEIR AUTHENTIC SELVES

IT IS A LIFESTYLE
CELEBRATING AMERICAN
HERITAGE, REFINED

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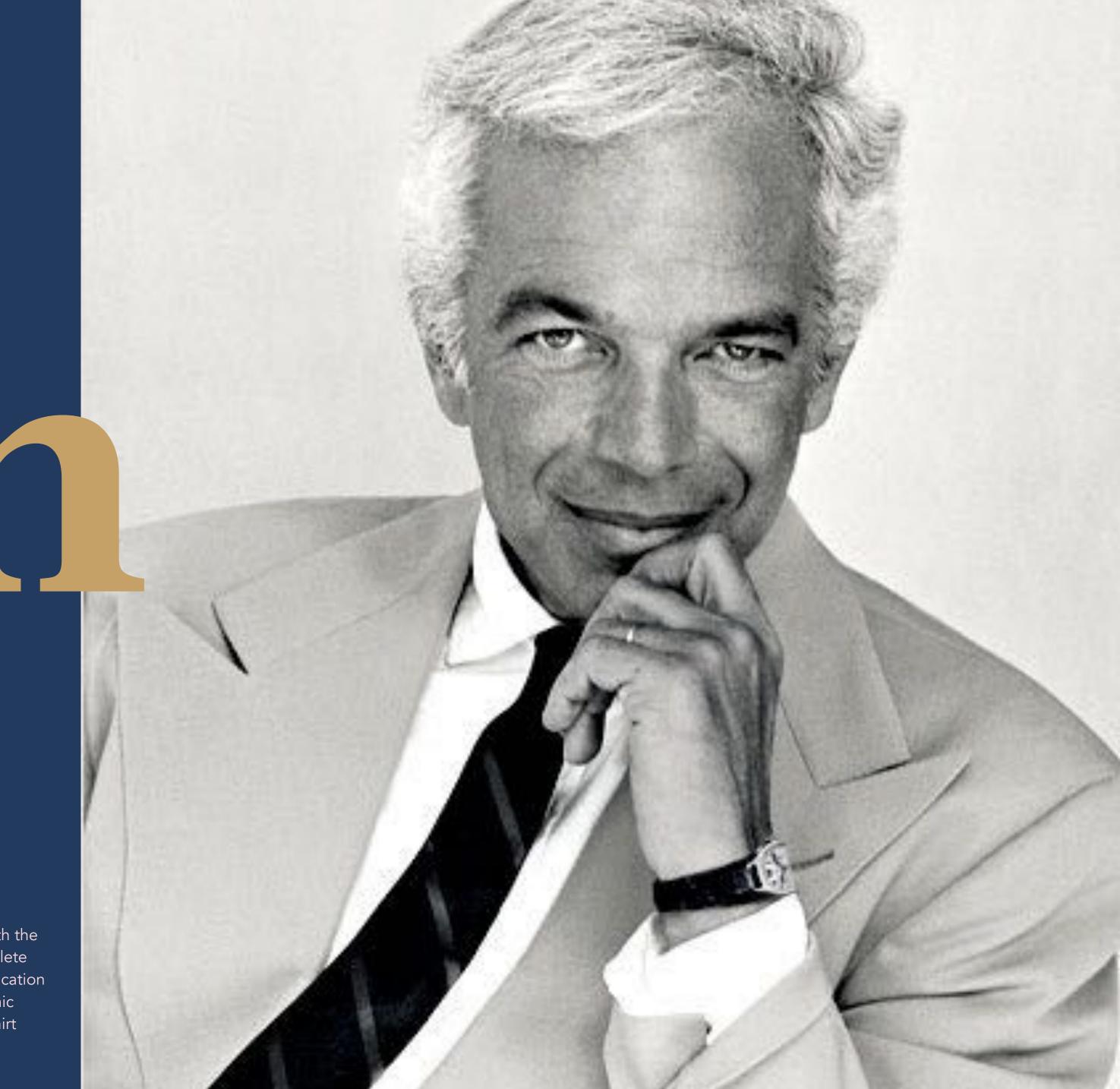
# RALPH LA UREN

**Ralph Lauren** (b. 1939) – Fashion designer and entrepreneur. Founded

Ralph Lauren Corporation in 1967.

Known for classic American style, iconic Polo brand, luxury lifestyle vision. From Bronx, NY, started with neckties, expanded globally.

Revolutionized fashion with the concept of selling a complete lifestyle, blending sophistication with casual elegance. Iconic pieces include the Polo shirt and tailored suits.





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STYLE GUIDE FOR RALPH LAUREN CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

### TARGET AUDIENCE 01

Ralph Lauren resonates with a modern audience that appreciates luxury while embracing a versatile lifestyle.

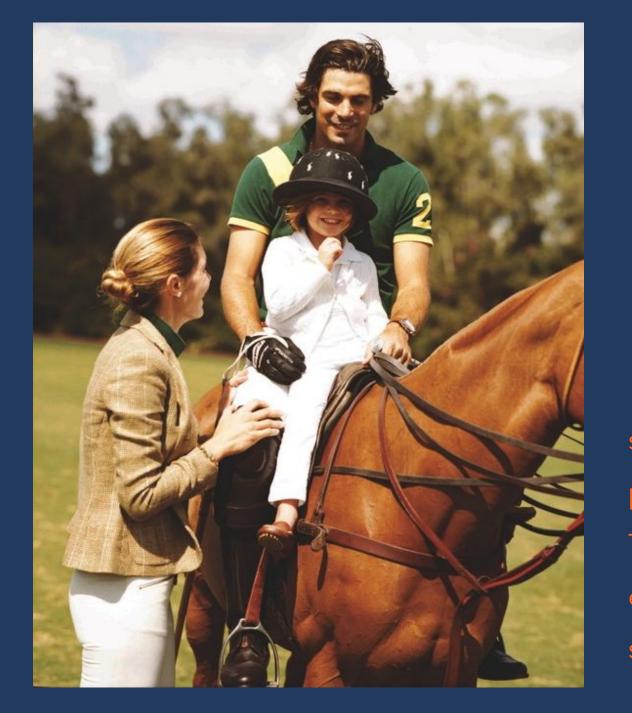
These individuals seek a balance between classic sophistication and contemporary sensibility



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LUXURY FOR YOUR

EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE



#### **TARGET AUDIENCE 02**

Ralph Lauren's audience embodies a sense of timeless elegance rooted in a passion for quality, luxury, and heritage.

These are individuals who value personal expression through classic American style and sophisticated design.

Rooted in heritage, designed for today's individual with an appreciation for elegance and quality

# AUDIENCE

#### Omnichannel Retail Strategy & Digital Flagships

Ralph Lauren is focusing heavily on an omnichannel strategy, creating seamless experiences between their physical and digital stores. With the launch of their digital flagships, customers can have a personalized shopping experience online, with styling appointments, virtual try-ons, and curbside pickups, blending physical luxury with digital convenience.

## Targeting Gen Z through TikTok & Social Media

They've run viral campaigns like #WinningRL to tap into the preppy aesthetic that Gen Z loves, blending nostalgia with modern social media trends. These campaigns focus on storytelling and authenticity, key drivers for attracting younger audiences.

## Collaborations with Athleisure & Sports Brands

RALPH LAUREN

## **Expansion into the Metaverse and NFTs**

**CURRENT MARKETING TRENDS** 

In the digital space, Ralph Lauren has entered the **Metaverse** through collaborations with platforms like **Zepeto** and Roblox. They've also launched NFTs (non-fungible tokens) to connect with younger, digitally-native audiences. Their virtual outfits and accessories are a key strategy to explore new digital frontiers and reinforce the brand's presence in the future of online fashion.

#### RALPH LAUREN

#### Ralph's Club: Experience-Based Marketing

The brand created an immersive, glamorous event that mimics a high-society nightclub and enlisted celebrity ambassadors like Gigi Hadid and Lucky Blue Smith.

## **Luxury Home Expansion - Ralph Lauren Home**

Ralph Lauren is expanding its home goods line, capitalizing on the increasing demand for high-end home decor. The pandemic has sparked a renewed interest in luxury home products, and Ralph Lauren Home offers a range of elegant furniture, textiles, and accessories that reflect the brand's iconic style. The brand's marketing highlights the timelessness and sophistication of their home collections, appealing to affluent customers looking to extend the Ralph Lauren lifestyle into their living spaces.

#### RALPH LAUREN

#### Polo Originals: Leveraging Heritage

Ralph Lauren has been doubling down on its heritage collection, specifically its **Polo Originals** line. By leaning into the brand's 50-year history, they are emphasizing timeless, classic designs like the polo shirt, which has become synonymous with American luxury. Marketing campaigns focus on the evolution of Polo over the decades, celebrating its icon status with storytelling around their archives.

CURRENT MARKETING TRENDS

## Made-to-Order Fashion with Custom Polo

#### Sustainability Goals -Global Citizenship & Social Responsibility

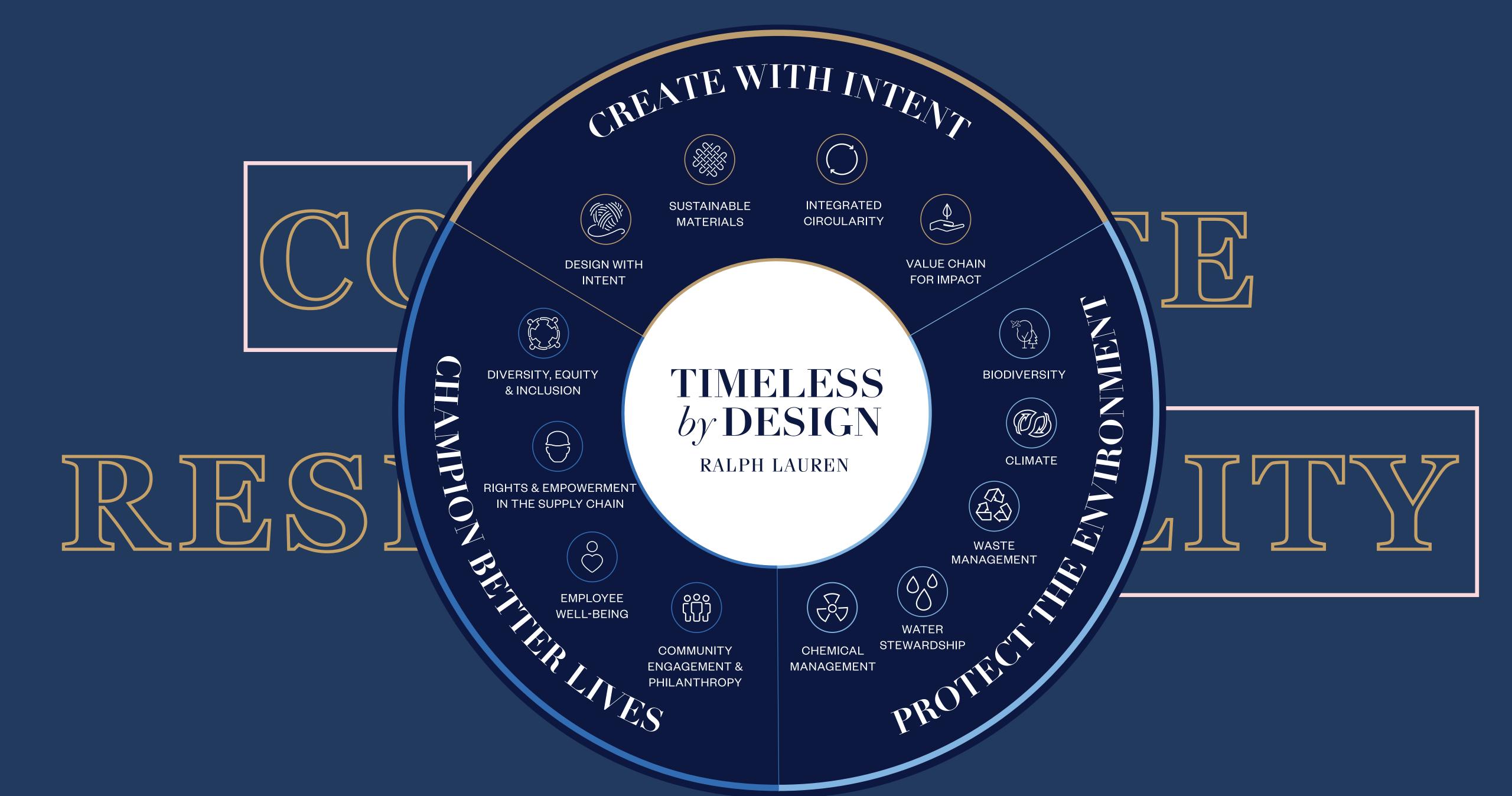
Ralph Lauren has set ambitious sustainability goals under their "Design the Change" initiative. They aim to achieve a fully sustainable cotton supply by 2025, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create a circular economy within their production processes. Their marketing often highlights eco-friendly materials, such as their Earth Polo, which is made from recycled plastic bottles

#### RALPH LAUREN

# Inclusive Luxury - Expanding Product Range

They've expanded their product range to be more size-inclusive, and they've also diversified their campaigns to reflect a broader demographic

URRENT MARKETING TRENDS



# COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

by 25% by 2025 Committed to reducing total waste across their operations production processes programs focusing on

target energy renewable sources: By 2030, 100% all global operations across energy renewable Focus on

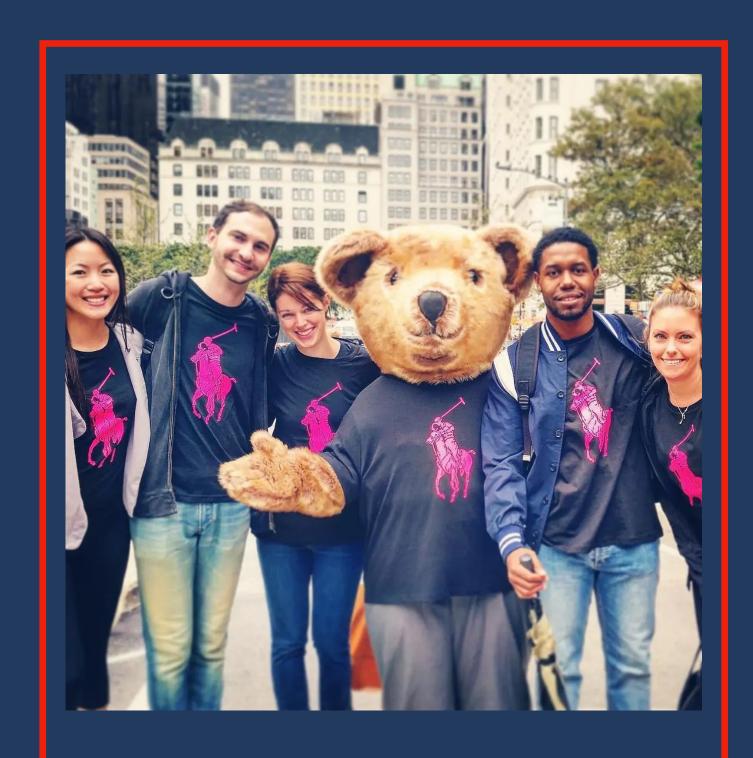
the company's material usage now focuses on sustainable fibers 90% of

global gas emissions by 30% across with plans to reach net-zero emissions by 2040 greenhouse and 2 erations,  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$ Scope <u>d</u>0 Reduced

ensuring that or recycled made from sustainably sourced plastic in packaging and materials by 2025 d to eliminating all unnecessary packaging materials are 100% of Committe

cotton and polyester, are responsibly sourced, with goal to reach 100% sustainable sourcing by 2025 including 90% of key materials,

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



HEALTHCARE FOR ALL



CHAMPIONING
DIVERSITY &
INCLUSION



## CSRACHIEVEMENTS: BYTHE NUMBERS

\$50 million

Donation through Pink Pony Fund raised to support cancer research, prevention, and access to quality care worldwide.

85% cotton

Cotton used in products is sustainably sourced, with a goal of reaching 100% by 2025.

20% water conservation

Implemented sustainable practices that have reduced water usage in denim production

100% renewable energy

Aims to power 100% of its global operations with renewable energy by 2030, significantly reducing its carbon footprint.

# SELF

### <u>POSITIVES</u>

Strong Focus on Sustainability

Community
Centered
Initiatives



### <u>NEGATIVES</u>

More Detailed
Progress
Updates

Expanding Circularity Efforts

# QUESTIONS

If Ralph Lauren could collaborate with any cause or nonprofit, what partnership would excite you most?

Imagine you're the CEO of Ralph Lauren for a day—what's the first CSR initiative you'd launch?

Would you be more likely to choose a brand based on its CSR, even if you didn't love the product as much?

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