

## Marketing & Communications Watch

ESG\* - Exciting, Sustainable and a Growth Driver? The Impact on Corporate Marketing



# Some of the critical questions and issues we will be answering today

- ✓ Why and how dedicate part of a careers to this area?
- ✓ ESG and its meaning and importance to different stakeholders?
- ✓ How best communicate, co-create, evolve ESG?
- ✓ Where does accountability lie?
- ✓ How does ESG impact brand, strategy, marketing, organization?
- √ (When) should a company be(come) an activist?



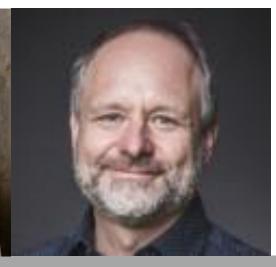
## Today's Speakers











Balaji Ganapathy
Chief Social Responsibility
Officer; Global Head, CSR
Tata Consultancy Services

Suzanne Hader
Chief Marketing Officer
John Hardy

Katya Hantel
Senior Director, Sustainability
Conagra Brands

JP Kuehlwein (Moderator) Marketing Leader, M&C Center The Conference Board



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#### Conagra Brands at a Glance













































#### Good Food

We continuously strive to make safe, delicious and nutritious foods, while providing the information that consumers need to make educated food choices.



#### **Better Planet**

The health of the planet and availability of natural resources are intricately linked to every part of our business. We're especially focused on acting on climate change, preserving water resources, and eliminating waste.



#### Responsible Sourcing

We approach the sourcing of ingredients and packaging materials with care and consideration, taking into account environmental, social and economic impacts across our value chain.



#### **Stronger Communities**

Conagra Brands cares deeply about our employees and we invest in them, their growth, success and overall wellbeing. In our communities where we live and work, we take action to address the issue of hunger by activating a variety of our resources, including employee volunteerism, product donations and financial contributions.

With the introduction of new eco-efficient packaging for Swiss Miss® in September 2020, we were the first major hot cocoa brand to move from round canisters to a recyclable cube. The cube is made from recyclable plastic with a wraparound in-mold label and a spaceefficient tapered cube design that reduces the carbon footprint associated with manufacturing and transporting the hot cocoa containers by 15%4. Specifically, the new design reduces the package's carbon footprint by 98 metric tons each year due to less energy required to manufacture and transport the material, while the new shape allows Conagra to better utilize space in transit, saving more than 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually from fewer truck loads transporting plastic tubs<sup>5</sup>. This new package design is initially being used for the 38-ounce size Swiss Miss Milk Chocolate Hot Cocoa Mix.







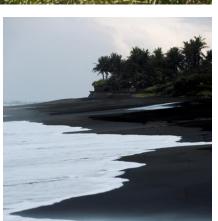










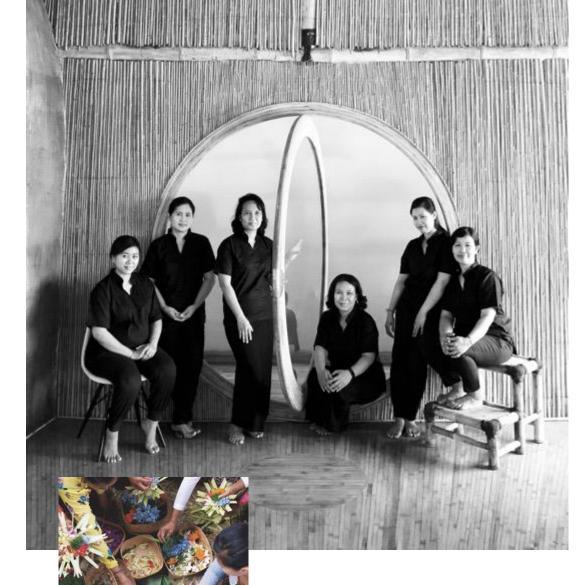














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