

# SCOPE 3 SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS:

Target Setting, Tracking, Supplier Engagement +  
Implementation | Target Corporation



## OBJECTIVES

Building on its operational Scope 1-2 emissions reduction goals, Target needed to develop its first full Scope 3 emissions inventory, evaluate and then set a science-based target (SBT) to fulfill the requirements of its SBTi commitment. Anthesis was selected as the consulting partner to guide Target through this process leading to an industry leading 30% absolute emissions reduction by 2030 and a supplier engagement target.



## PROJECT

The work included i) a comprehensive inventory development of their Scope 3 footprint, ii) modelling both the requirements of targets and options, as well as initiatives (existing and proposed) required to reach the target and iii) submitting and supporting the SBTi validation process.

Anthesis continues to partner with Target through the implementation phase: providing subject-matter expertise to direct existing programs and launch new initiatives across its supply chain in key product impact areas (apparel, grocery, home & hard goods), program management of Target's initiatives and workstreams, and supporting the roll out of Target's ambitious supplier engagement program to get 80% of its suppliers by spend to set their own science-based targets by 2024.

## SBT GOALS



Target will reduce its absolute Scope 1, 2 and 3\* greenhouse gas emissions by 30 % below 2017 levels by 2030.



Target is also committing that 80 % of their suppliers will set science-based reduction targets on their Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2023.

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## SERVICES

- Scope 3 screening assessment and comprehensive inventory reporting
- Modeling current and existing sustainability initiatives to provide confidence and a flightpath towards achieving the targets
- Data collection, management and reporting across diverse data sets, sources, types to establish baselines and enable year-on-year performance tracking.
- Novel Scope 3 category methodology development for supply chain absolute emissions accounting
- Product lifecycle assessment research, data collection and analytics to inform emissions reductions project and initiatives
- Leading supplier engagement program design and implementation with communications, content, tools and developing training programs to support suppliers complete their own GHG emissions inventories and ultimately to set their own science-based targets.

## OUTPUTS

Target's SBT is seen as leading in the retail industry particularly given the ambition of its target (aligned with a well-below 2 degrees scenario) and the breadth of its product portfolio and global reach of its supply chain. The SBT is enabling Target to take decisive and comprehensive action on climate change by tackling key hotspots and areas of opportunity with their suppliers. They have prioritized initial workstreams in apparel, grocery, and home & hard goods as a result while simultaneously launching a supplier engagement and capacity building program for hundreds of their largest suppliers.



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