



## About this report

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This Corporate Responsibility Report for the ALDI SOUTH Group is available electronically in both English and German. Our first-ever report was published in 2016 and covered the reporting year 2015.

### Target groups

The report addresses both internal and external stakeholders, in particular our employees, customers, business partners, and interested members of the public.

### Reporting period

The reporting period is 1 January to 31 December 2017. Any activities undertaken outside of this reporting period are indicated accordingly. The editorial deadline was 9 July 2018.

### Reporting scope

The subject of the report is the ALDI SOUTH Group. During the reporting period, this business group comprised the companies of the ALDI SOUTH Group in Germany as well as HOFER KG in Austria with its direct and indirect subsidiaries operating under the HOFER or ALDI name in Switzerland, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy (initial store openings in 2018), the United Kingdom, Ireland, the US, Australia, and China (online mail order service since 2017), including the respective national and international administrative and service organisations. Any information referring to a specific national organisation of the ALDI SOUTH Group is indicated accordingly. Due to their very recent market entry, ALDI Italy and ALDI China are not considered within the scope of the goals or key performance indicators (KPIs) specified within this report.

### Reporting content

This report has been prepared in accordance with the 'Core' option of the Sustainability Reporting Standards developed by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). Individual exceptions were made in the case of indicators for which reliable data can presently not be gathered.

The report's structure is based on the ALDI SOUTH Group's strategic orientation and the five fields of action as defined in our CR Principles: Customers, Supply chain, People, Community, and Environment.

Throughout all five fields of action, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) issued by the United Nations serve as the framework for our activities within the area of sustainability. The specific SDGs considered within the scope of the individual fields of action are indicated accordingly within each chapter.

The report focuses on the jointly coordinated activities of the national organisations of the ALDI SOUTH Group. Furthermore, the report contains references to the websites of the national organisations, which provide detailed information on the different goals set and measures taken in the area of Corporate Responsibility. Please note that these are not included in this report and may change over time.

The content of the report was selected based on the materiality principle. The process of the materiality analysis is presented in detail [here](#).

KPIs for measuring the progress of our CR activities, together with information concerning the method of their selection and data collection, are provided in each of the corresponding chapters as well as the KPI overview.

## Reporting cycle

The International Corporate Responsibility Report is published every two years. The next report for the reporting year 2019 is due to be published in 2020. In the years between the publications, information on the development of relevant KPIs is provided in the form of a data update which will be published online.

## Audit of the report

Together with the materiality analysis conducted within the scope of the International Corporate Responsibility Report 2017, selected KPIs for the reporting year 2017 were verified by the auditing firm KPMG AG. The corresponding audit certificate issued by KPMG AG can be accessed [here](#).

Selected KPIs from the International Corporate Responsibility Report 2015, together with the GHG balance and the Company Carbon Footprints for the years 2012, 2014, and 2016, were verified by the auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers AG. The audit certificate issued by PricewaterhouseCoopers AG can be accessed [here](#).

Verified content is indicated by a tick (✓). A grey tick (✓) indicates content verified by PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, while a black tick (✓) indicates content verified by KPMG AG.

## Editorial note

For the sake of simplicity, all statements within the report are gender-neutral.

## Contact

If you have any questions or comments, please contact our Corporate Responsibility International (CRI) department via email to [cri@aldi-sued.com](mailto:cri@aldi-sued.com).

## Further information

For further information, please visit the websites of the individual national organisations of the ALDI SOUTH Group:

- [ALDI SOUTH Germany](#)
- [HOFER Austria](#)
- [ALDI SUISSE Switzerland](#)
- [HOFER Slovenia](#)
- [ALDI Hungary](#)
- [ALDI Italy](#)
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- [ALDI Ireland](#)
- [ALDI US](#)
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