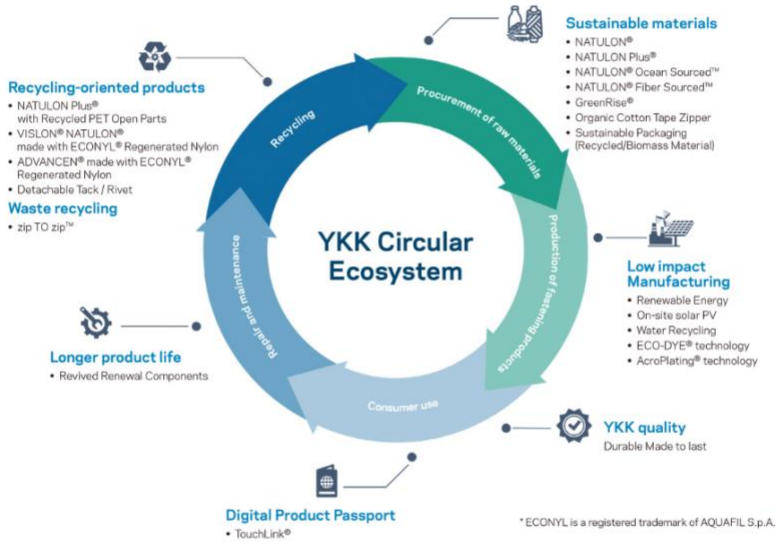
YKK's Net-Zero Mission: Pioneering a Circular, Responsible, and Future-Ready World



YKK's 2025 Integrated Report showcases a bold and purpose-driven roadmap toward a climate-neutral and circular future. Guided by its long-term Sustainability Vision 2050 and unified under the powerful ONE YKK philosophy, the company continues to embed sustainability at the core of its strategy, operations, and culture. This vision spans five essential pillars—climate change, material resources, water stewardship, chemical responsibility, and respect for people—each aligned with the United Nations SDGs.

YKK's commitment to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by FY2050, validated under the SBTi Net-Zero Standard, reflects true climate leadership. The

company has already reduced Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 57% and enhanced renewable energy usage to over 61%, with 45 global sites now fully powered by clean energy. Ongoing investments in solar expansion and phasing out fossil-fuel-based equipment further reinforce this direction.

Circularity also takes center stage. YKK increased its use of sustainable materials to 48%, advanced packaging sustainability, and raised waste recycling rates to nearly 94%. Innovations such as NATULON Plus® and Revived Renewal Components demonstrate how product design can extend lifecycles and reduce resource dependence. In-house recycling experiments and supplier sustainability certifications continue to strengthen the company's circular ecosystem.

Water management, chemical safety, and human rights remain integral to YKK's responsible growth model. Reduced water intake, strict ZDHC-aligned wastewater controls, updated chemical restrictions, and extensive supplier compliance programs reflect a deep commitment to operational integrity and community well-being. Robust monitoring of labor conditions and global human-rights due diligence further highlight YKK's dedication to people-centered development.

With transparency, innovation, and collaboration at its core, YKK continues to inspire the industry—proving that sustainability is not just a goal, but the pathway to a resilient and inclusive future.