HELA APPAREL HOLDINGS



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AT A GLANCE

THE HELA STORY

With three decades of experience in the apparel sector, Hela Apparel Holdings focuses on providing supply chain solutions for the fashion and medical apparel industries.

The Company provides design to delivery solutions in the intimate-wear, kids-wear, active-wear and medical-wear product categories. Hela has an extensive client base across the US, Europe and Asia.

Headquartered in Sri Lanka, Hela has 11 factories across Sri Lanka, Kenya and Ethiopia as well as partnered capacity in Tanzania and Mozambique. It is also supported through its design centres in Sri Lanka, US, UK, and France.

Hela is aiming to raise LKR 4 bn to fund key growth initiatives in Sri Lanka and strengthen the company's balance sheet to support further expansion in Africa.



COMPANY SNAPSHOT



KEY IPO HIGHLIGHTS



KEY INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

BUILT ON A CULTURE OF SPEED & AGILITY

An end-to-end solution driven apparel manufacturer which is an integral part of its customers' supply chain

A multi-country origin strategy that meets the varying needs of our

business turnarounds

STRONG CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

Trusted supplier for leading global brands including Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein, Michael Kors, and VF Corp

One of the largest vendors for as well as the largest manufacturer for Michael Kors in men's underwear

> **Building long-term** relationships with customers through strategic initiatives

SPEARHEADING AFRICA'S **APPAREL REVOLUTION**

Strategically located manufacturing facilities in Africa, capitalizing on the benefits each country has to offer

A SUSTAINABLE AND ETHICAL MANUFACTURER

Winner of PVH's Global Human Rights award in 2016 & Ethiopia's Most Inclusive Employer award in 2019

Winner of the Most Sustainable Factory Award and the Sustainability Award from ASDA and Tesco in 2021, respectively

COMPANY STATISTICS

Supporting the development of sustainable cotton sourcing in Africa to build an Africa-for-Africa supply chain

PVH sleepwear and underwear





One of the leading apparel

manufacturers in Africa-

c. 19% export share in Kenya

One of the largest bra manufacturing plants in East Africa with technical capabilities to manufacture complex bras



GROWING GLOBAL INDUSTRY

Strong outlook for the apparel sector backed by the rapid recovery in global consumer spending



Consumer demand for apparel has rebounded since the initial phase of the pandemic and is expected to continue growing in the medium term

RAPID REBOUND IN APPAREL DEMAND FOLLOWING PANDEMIC

Following the demand shock triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, consumer demand for clothing and footwear has rebounded rapidly in key markets. This is particularly the case in the developed world where extraordinary government stimulus policies have protected household incomes.

While the recovery in demand is uneven due to sporadic surges in infections across the world, it is expected to broaden and strengthen into 2022 as the rollout of vaccinations globally accelerates.



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LONG-TERM UPWARD TREND IN CONSUMER SPENDING ON APPAREL

Globally, spending on clothing and footwear is expected to grow at a CAGR of 6.1% between 2021 and 2025, to exceed USD 2.5 trillion. This will be driven by resumption of growth in population, disposable income and urbanization across developing economies, as well as robust demand in advanced economies.

As the trend towards more responsible consumption gathers steam, innovative solutions such as circular products using recycled fabrics are expected to continue driving consumer spending on apparel products.



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Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis & UK Office for National Statistics, Statista



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COVID-19 has accelerated a number of trends in the industry - Global fashion executives expect digitalization and sustainability to be the biggest opportunities

DIGITALIZATION AND SUSTAINABILITY ARE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT

Digital adoption has soared during the pandemic, with brands expanding their ecommerce offerings and embracing digital innovations, such as 3D sampling. The shift to digital solutions is expected to be permanent and will continue to create opportunities to build smarter operating models and differentiated customer propositions.





Sustainability also remains high on consumer agendas – 60% of consumers in a recent McKinsey survey said brands' promotion of sustainability was an important factor in their purchasing decisions. In response, brands are stepping up their sustainability efforts and manufacturers have a central role to play in providing solutions.

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OTHER KEY TENDS IN APPAREL Speed **Deeper Partnerships Inclusive Culture** The vulnerability of Consumer and brand The need for flexibility global supply chains has and speed will continue, pressure will continue to been exposed; brands push manufacturers to as brands place greater are seeking deeper emphasis on reducing embrace more inclusive inventories to increase partnerships with key practices across their business, products and manufactures that can full-price sell through supply chains provide greater agility and accountability Casualization **Brand Consolidation** Material revolution Alternative materials The shift towards casual M&A activity is likely to and sustainable clothing was supercharged remain high in the substitutes are on their by the pandemic and is aftermath of the pandemic way to adoption at large likely to remain a as brands manoeuvre to scale dominant force driving acquire market share,

Source: BOF – McKinsey State of Fashion Report 2021

unlock new opportunities

and expand capabilities

United States Fashion Industry Association – 2021 Benchmarking Study



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growth in the athleisure

and loungewear segments

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Apparel sourcing executives are increasingly looking beyond China to the rest of Asia and Africa – Sri Lanka has a key role to play in this shift

LOOKING BEYOND CHINA

China's position as the world's top exporter of apparel products remains unchallenged. However, rising labour costs and concerns about the use of forced labour is driving international apparel sourcing executives to look for alternative manufacturing locations.

This shift will benefit other sourcing destinations in Asia, including Sri Lanka, as well as Africa – 41% of fashion executives expected to increase sourcing from Africa and 26% from Sri Lanka in the next two years.

Where Apparel Sourcing Value will Increase in the Next Two Years (% of responses from U.S. fashion companies) Bangladesh 37% 11% Vietnam 44% Africa 41% Sri Lanka 26% China ■ Somewhat Increase Strongly Increase

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SRI LANKA REMAINS A SOLID BASE FOR THE APPAREL SECTOR

Sri Lanka is well known globally for its ethical labour, environmental, and sustainability standards. The high-level of technical skill in the industry means that it remains a sought after apparel sourcing destinations for premium brands.

Sri Lanka is also well known for its abundance of skilled apparel management experience, with many such managers being employed in emerging sourcing locations.



COMPANY OVERVIEW

Hela is building value for its customers through disruptive solutions across multiple product categories and geographies



Hela has grown rapidly to become a leading ethical apparel manufacturer in Sri Lanka and East Africa



An expert in innovative value creation in the apparel sector across multiple product categories and geographies





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BUILT ON A CULTURE OF SPEED & AGILITY

A Company built on a culture of agility to meet the evolving needs of its customers



Not just a traditional cut-and-sew player – Hela has evolved into a solutions provider, playing an integral role in the customer's supply chain

END-TO-END SOLUTIONS PROVIDER

Hela's focus on providing end-to-end supply chain solutions has enabled the company to evolve from a traditional cut and sew model, thereby making it integral to the customer's future.

SOURCING & SUPPLY CHAIN				
OPERATIONS	TRADITIONAL CUT & SEW MODEL (Vendor's role is primarily restricted to			
MANUFACTURING	manufacturing)			
DESIGN & NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT				
WHITE SPACE FOCUSED SALES DEVELOPMENT	ADDITIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS			
LOGISTICS & DISTRIBUTION	(Joint efforts by Vendor and Customers – with the Vendor contributing the entire value chain across all stages of the			
AFRICA FOCUSED SUPPLY CHAIN ADVISORY SERVICES	process)			

TRANSFORMATION INTO A SOLUTION-DRIVEN MANUFACTURER

THE PROBLEM

A vendor for a common customer was finding it challenging to scale up in Ethiopia.

Given Ethiopia's importance to the retailer and Hela's proven track record in Africa, they reached out to Hela to suggest a joint venture opportunity.

THE SOLUTION

Hela took over the management of the plant in December 2020 leveraging its champion turnaround management team to streamline operations, optimize planning and restructure the cost base.

THE RESULT

Hela's efficiency improvements, cost savings and technical prowess resulted in the factory turning profitable within 8 months of Hela taking over.

Production capacity is on track to reach 1mn units/month at full scale which will help the customer save over USD 10mn annually through duty savings.

HELPING CUSTOMERS IMPROVE INVENTORY CYCLES FROM 2 TO 4 TIMES

Hela is constantly partnering with its customers to roll out new supply chain models to assist them in optimizing their inventory.

These innovative models reduce purchase order (PO)-to-delivery lead times from 90 days to 7 days.



Initiating collaborations with Clients and Peers alike to add value through product development – resulting in a win-win

UNLOCKING VALUE FOR CLIENTS THROUGH BRAND COLLABORATIONS

Hela has played a matchmaking role in the strategic collaboration of two iconic brands – going above and beyond what a generic vendor offers.

Hela's understanding of the clients' needs and ability to identify the collaboration potential will result in significant profit margin improvements for both brands.



This collaboration will allow the US luxury brand to become a long-term participant in the European sports-wear market and Hela will benefit by receiving exclusive manufacturing rights for this product range.

Hela is also partnering with key e-commerce platforms to develop a South Asian direct-to-consumer brand focused on active and loungewear. This will secure additional demand and capture greater value for the company.

MUTUAL SYNERGIES THROUGH COLLABORATIONS WITH PEERS



infrastructure and industrial development arm of the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED), to manufacture medical, personal care and industrial clothing.

Safeguard Workwear - IV between Hela and IPS Kenya, the



Product development will be executed by Hela while AKFED will secure demand through its own chain of hospitals and medical universities, as well as through its network of government and non-government organizations



The relationship will add c. USD 1mn in profits for Hela and develop new market opportunities in FY24E



Hela took the lead role in providing technical assistance to help a large manufacturer of mosquito nets based in Tanzania become a manufacturer of high quality cotton-based fabrics.



Hela also helped to convert that operation from servicing the local market to becoming export oriented. The mill now services the fabric requirements of Hela Kenya for leading global brands.





Multi-country origin strategy to meet the varying needs of the customer, made possible by Hela's expertise in turning distressed factories profitable

MULTI-COUNTRY ORIGIN STRATEGY TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF THE CUSTOMER

Customers have country of origin preferences due to factors such as:

- ✓ Supply chain simplification
- ✓ Sector expertise
- ✓ Sustainability or development concerns
- ✓ Cost savings (e.g. duty concessions)

The preferred destination of Hela's largest customer was Africa and its first mover advantage helped to gain significant market share from other vendors.

ENABLING CUSTOMERS TO MAXIMISE BENEFITS ACROSS MARKETS

Each country/region has its own advantages. Hela, with factories across Sri Lanka and Africa, can maximize the advantages offered to clients:



One of Hela's customers wanted to shift their underwear manufacturing to Kenya (due to duty benefits). The customer did not have to switch vendors as Hela already had factories in Kenya. Thus Hela was able to offer both Sri Lanka's domain expertise and Kenya's duty concessions to the customer.

Hela's next expansion will be in Egypt – a USD 1bn industry that has the potential to rival Turkey (USD 25bn industry).

The Egypt operation will significantly reduce lead times for US and EU customers and improve the value proposition by localizing the supply chain for African manufacturing, while providing the customer indefinite duty free manufacturing.

ATTRACTIVE DUTY CONCESSIONS AND LEAD TIMES Sri Lanka Kenya Ethiopia Eg

	Sri Lanka	Kenya	Ethiopia	Egypt
Duty	EU – 0%*	EU – 0%	EU – 0%	EU – 0%
	US – 8%-32%	US – 0%	US – 0%**	US – 0%
Estimated	EU 23-25 days	EU 23 days	EU 23 days	EU 3-7 days
A Lead Times	US 21-25 days	US 28 days	US 25 days	US 12-16 days
Competitive Advantage	Agility & technical expertise	Skilled workforce	Cost advantages to target niche markets	Close to key markets

*under GSP+ concessions

**Under current AGOA tariff concessions

EXPERTS AT TURNING AROUND FACTORIES

Comprehensive geographic presence driven by management's unique operational turnaround and greenfield set-up experience, enabling Hela to replicate manufacturing excellence across continents in record time.



Kenya Factory Commenced – 2016 Break-even – 22 Months



Ethiopia Factory 2 Commenced – 2020 Break-even – 8 Months



Ethiopia Factory 1 Commenced – 2017 Break-even – 13 Months





3-D virtual sampling gets a boost in the pandemic – leading to opportunities for agile manufacturers beyond COVID-19

POST-PANDEMIC DIGITALIZATION

One fact became abundantly clear during the COVID-19 pandemic: adopting technology is crucial to the longevity of a business. As companies around the world were forced to rely on alternative means to in-person collaboration, the need for innovations like digital sampling was more prominent than ever.

This accelerated the existing trend towards the greater usage of digital tools in the apparel sector. According to a 2020 survey, 27% of fashion sourcing executives believe 3D design will be common practice in the future and 18% expect to invest in it as part of their digital transformation.

Usage of Selected Digital Tools And Approaches (% of responses from sourcing executives of fashion retailers and brands)



HELA ACTING AS THE SOLUTION PROVIDER

Hela rapidly adapted 3D sampling solutions during the pandemic to provide customers with an agile solution as they adjusted to working from home while managing disruptions to courier services.

Hela has since rolled out 3D sampling with most of its customers and plans to further invest in 3D tools to strengthen this offering.



63 Reduces Significantly Avoids excessive **Reduces** textile reduces sampling unnecessary rounds of physical waste carbon emissions lead times and sampling and from shipping associated cost sampling costs

BENEFITS

Source: McKinsey & Company, Time for Change report 2020



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STRONG CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

Deep and narrow strategy focused on building strong and lasting relationships with key international brands



Hela has become a trusted supplier for several popular high-end brands as a result of the Company's customer-centric operational model



Serving a diverse & robust portfolio of customers through customized engagement models

CATEGORY	CLIENTS	HELA ENGAGEMENT MODEL	DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS	
Luxury & Lifestyle	CALVIN KLEIN MICHAEL KORS TOMMY THILFIGER	 Focus on strong lifestyle brands with presence across multiple distribution channels. Matchmaking role on strategic collaborations to offer benefits to the customers while ensuring exclusive manufacturing rights. Partnering with the customer to base Hela staff in their offices to work directly with them and manage development, souring and manufacturing. Hela has design houses in both the US and Europe to provide design solutions in response to local trends. 	Wholesale Retail	
Value	warner's [.] TESCO	Engagement with supermarkets and value brands ensures robust demand, regardless of economic conditions. Strategic sourcing partners for specific product lines. Hela offers high-quality manufacturing capacity along with design, supply-chain and logistics services.	E-commerce	

Hela's holistic market approach enables it to achieve a level of flexibility which is unique in the apparel sourcing sector. Improving profitability during COVID-19 is a testament to this strategy as e-commerce and supermarket channels remained active during the pandemic



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Source: Management Information

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Hela's product innovations have gained wide market credibility, higher margins and stickier clients



An award-winning apparel manufacturer on a journey to become the industry leader in ethical and sustainable manufacturing



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SPEARHEADING AFRICA'S APPAREL REVOLUTION

The next big destination for apparel where Hela has the first mover advantage



Hela has the first mover advantage to capitalize on Africa's transformation in the apparel industry at a time when brands are exiting China en masse

STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN AFRICA WITH FIRST MOVER ADVANTAGE

Having identified Africa as the final frontier for apparel manufacturing, Hela's first mover advantage has secured it as the pioneer of the industry's rehabilitation in East Africa and one of the region's largest apparel exporters.

This position has allowed Hela to attract a substantial portion of business from major global brands that are migrating to the region.



AFRICA IS THE NEXT MAJOR DESTINATION FOR APPAREL

With many brands seeking to move manufacturing out of China due to rising costs, US tariffs and concerns over forced labour, changes to global apparel supply chains have accelerated. European buyers are now also joining their US counterparts in the search for alternative sourcing destinations.

Hela is in a unique position to capitalize on this as customers seek reliable, established and high-quality suppliers in the African region to enable them to benefit from the cost and duty benefits of sourcing from the region.



Hela is leading the development of textile supply chains in East Africa to ensure it can offer a robust value proposition to its customers. Through collaboration with local textile mills, Hela has already increased use of African fabrics in its Kenyan and Ethiopian plants to 10% of the total requirement. Further expansion plans in Africa's supply chain are also under discussion.

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Source: AGOA.info, UN Comtrade, Management Information

Duty free access to Europe and the US coupled with government commitments to develop the apparel sector will make Africa a future fashion hub

AFRICA OFFERS SIGNIFCANT DUTY BENEFITS

Exporting from the African region provides significant duty benefits. The Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) provides duty free access to the US with no restrictions on the use of imported fabric. Similarly, Europe's GSP scheme and network of Economic Partnership Agreements allows uninhibited access to the European Union and UK markets. Many African countries also benefit from duty free access to other markets, including Canada, Australia and Japan.

This allows apparel brands to make savings of up to 32% compared to sourcing from other regions, which Hela is able to pass on to its customers' bottom line.



SUPPORTED BY FAVOURABLE GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND COST BENEFITS

Major African governments (including in Kenya and Ethiopia) have identified apparel manufacturing as crucial to their next stage of development and are pursuing a range of supportive polices. For example, Hela's African plants benefit from significant investment incentives, including corporate tax holidays of up to ten years and subsidized utilities.

Coupled with a lower-than-average labour cost, this allows Hela to offer costcompetitive manufacturing solutions while maintaining favourable margins.



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Hela's next expansion in Africa will be in Egypt – offering a "nearshoring" solution with a well-developed local supply chain



Egypt offers a **large**, **cost-effective**, **and skilled labour force**. The average age is 25 and the working age population is expected to grow rapidly over the coming decades. Average labour costs in the apparel sector are around USD 125 per month, which compares favourably to competitors like India or Vietnam.

Its **strategic geographical location** also allows it to offer a nearshoring solution for apparel brands, with shipping times as short as 3 days to Europe and 12 days to the US. Given its significant cost benefits over other nearshoring destinations such as Turkey or Eastern Europe, it is an extremely attractive sourcing location.

Indefinite duty free access to the US – through the Qualified Industrial Zone programme – and the EU & UK through bilateral free trade agreements, further strengthens Egypt's value proposition.

WELL-DEVELOPED SUPPLY CHAIN

Egypt is one of the few countries in Africa that offers **a fully verticallyintegrated supply chain**, from cotton growing to fabric knitting. It is also the largest producer of extra long staple cotton in the region.



The textile sector is already well established in Egypt and has a strong reputation for quality, technical expertise and socially compliant factories, offering everything from basic cotton fabrics to complex synthetic products, including weft knitted fabrics and lace.

The Egyptian government also offers significant incentives to source locally, including export rebates on local value added. This is in addition to incentives for apparel manufacturing, including corporate tax holidays.





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A SUSTAINABLE AND ETHICAL MANUFACTURER

Hela is a social capital-focused manufacturer – driving inclusivity and sustainability across the apparel sector



Hela provides 18,000+ stable jobs with opportunities for progression to those in vulnerable communities across Sri Lanka & Africa



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*Employee numbers as of September 2021

Hela empowers its employees and the wider community through multiple CSR initiatives across its global footprint

RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYER

Hela's focus on the triple bottom line ensures that the company is fully cognizant of its impact in the community. This has resulted in the company striving to ensure that its employee compensation is above the GDP per capita of the countries in which its operates.



To counter a shortage of clean drinking water, Hela Kenya provides each team member with 20L of drinking water that they may take home each day. This is part of the HELA FRESHI project. To date the company has provided over 5mn litres to its employees positively affecting over 1000 families.

The HELA CRECHE was started to provide free childcare to employees in Kenya, thereby reducing their economic burden and providing parents with peace of mind while they work. The children also benefit from spending time with child development professionals.

Global Human Rights Award 2016 Awarded by PVH



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Most Inclusive Employer Award 2019 by the Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development

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COMMITMENT TOWARDS COMMUNITY



P.A.C.E.

Hela has rolled out PACE in all Sri Lankan plants and was the **first company** to commence this programme in Ethiopia. Hela's Internal target is set to produce **5,690 P.A.C.E. Certified employees** by 2023.



PROJECT DIRILIYA

Hela is forming a **Diriliya Club** in every plant to empower and support team members in improving the lives of their families, and uplifting them as heroes in society.

These clubs will provide support to employees to gain additional skills and leverage the wider Hela network to support the development of additional income sources for their families.



Hela Diriliya

Hela is targeting to enroll **5% of the company's employees** (~1,000) by 2023.

Source: MSINGI Textile And Apparel Industry In East Africa | Country Benchmarking Report 2020



Hela is at the forefront of sustainable manufacturing, which is becoming a focal point in the global apparel sector

POWERED BY THE SUN

Hela is continuously striving to be a responsible manufacturer, and has introduced multiple sustainability initiatives to reduce its environmental impact.



of Hela's factories will use solar panels by end-2022

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41% share of renewable energy usage in current energy mix



 Environmental Management
 System and Energy
 Management System in 2022 (to support Net Zero trajectory)

Multiple plant sustainability & environmental compliance certifications demonstrate these efforts. In particular, Hela has obtained both the Global Recycled Standard (GRS) and Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS), and is working towards B Corp certification by 2022.



IMPACT COTTON™

Hela is leading the **rehabilitation of textile supply chains in East Africa** through its Impact Cotton initiative. Focusing initially on Tanzania – the world's fifth largest producer of organic cotton – this project aims to build linkages between cotton farmers, spinners and textiles mills, to produce high-quality fabrics that can be used in Hela's manufacturing operations across the region.

In addition to reducing the environmental impact of shipping fabrics from Asia, this project will allow Hela to provide customers with a **comprehensive**, **transparent and traceable African supply chain solution** at a time when major brands are seeking alternatives to opaque supply chain networks in Asia.

Organic Cotton from

Tanzanian Farmers

Spinning in Tanzania

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Hela is supporting the development of recycled cotton and driving further innovations in sustainable textiles

RECYCLED FABRICS

Hela is supporting the development of recycled cotton yarns made from used clothing in partnership with a Sri Lankan textile manufacturer. This has been rolled out with a number of Hela's customers as an additional 'circular' solution.

In addition to this, Hela has also supported the development of a polyester fabric range made from recycled PET bottles – branded as "RECLAIMED". Hela has demonstrated the viability of this product by manufacturing thousands of employee uniforms from this fabric.

RECYCLED COTTON PROCESS



SUSTAINABLE MATERIAL

WELLNESS FIBRE

To address the environmental impact of producing cotton and petroleumbased synthetic fabrics, Hela has partnered up with an international fibre manufacturer to provide its customers with fabrics using fibres derived from plant-based sustainable sources.

These fibres are produced exclusively from sustainable raw materials – including wood and seaweed – using methods that save both energy and resources. This also ensures they are entirely biodegradable.

TEA DYE COLORS

As an alternative solution to chemical dyes, which produce significant water pollution, Hela has introduced a process that uses natural tea pigments. This is a partnership with local Sri Lankan researchers and tea producers, and provides a range of colour options from Ceylon tea waste.

Tea dyeing is viable on a wide range of fabrics and has generated significant interest from Hela's customers as an additional sustainability offering.



of dyeing by 75%

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Feasible on a range of fabrics

REPUTABLE LEADERSHIP

Combination of Shareholders, Board of Directors & Top Management with decades of industry experience driving Hela from the top



Shareholding consisting of a consortium of local and international giants in the apparel sector



An investment vehicle established by trusts, which benefit the family of Tom Singh, the UK fashion pioneer and founder of high-street fashion chain 'New Look'.

Over the last 30 years, New Look has grown in size and value, and generated several cash realisations for the Singh Family Trust that allowed them to build a diversified portfolio of private equity, real estate and liquid investments.

The Singh Family Trust are advised by London and Zurich based boutique investment advisor Rianta Capital, who have created a diversified global PE portfolio, with a strong focus on the retail sector. Represented by Channa Palansuriya, who was formerly Chairman of Sampath Bank, and Chairman and Managing Director of Orit Group which comprises of Orit Apparel Lanka Ltd. and Orit Trading Lanka Ltd.

Channa's experience as a pioneer in the Sri Lankan apparel sector has helped Hela in expanding its footprint in Sri Lanka as well as providing the required expertise in local apparel sourcing. Dilanka is the Group CEO and Executive Director of Hela Apparel Holdings.

He was formerly the Managing Director of Foundation Garments and is credited with transforming it into one of Sri Lanka's most progressive apparel organizations prior to its acquisition by Hela in 2016.

He has also been a Non-Executive Director at Panasian Power PLC, (a renewable energy company listed on the Colombo stock exchange).



Led by a group of industry professionals with decades of combined experience



A.R. Rasiah – Chairman

Rasiah has over 40 years of experience in the finance sector both internationally and locally. He is the former Finance Director of Nestle Lanka PLC and the former Chairman of Atlas Axillia (Pvt) Ltd. He was also the former Senior Director of Nations Trust Bank PLC, and served on the boards of the Colombo Fort Land & Building Group and Ceylon Cold Stores. He currently serves as a Director of Sunshine Tea Co. Ltd.

Aroshi Perera - Independent Non-Executive Director

Dynamic leader in the field of strategic planning, HR and risk management, having gathered extensive experience through her 20 year career. Aroshi started her career as a Corporate Banker, first at ABN AMRO Bank NV and later at Deutsche Bank AG Sri Lanka. She was the Group Director of Human Resource Development at Delmege while also serving on the Board of Delmege Interior Décor (Pvt) Ltd. She later joined the Brandix Group as Chief Risk Officer and subsequently as CEO of Brandix Hangers (Pvt) Ltd.



Trisha Peries – Independent Non-Executive Director

Trisha is the Head of Economic Research at Frontier Research (Pvt) Ltd, playing a key role in the development of its macroeconomic views, catering to many of Sri Lanka's largest listed conglomerates, private equity funds and investment banks. She plays a key role in providing and executing strategic business decisions for the firm, as well as leading initiatives to develop new opportunities within the economic product portfolio. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees to the CEPA Development Fund



Dr. Alastair Alderton - Non-Executive Director

Alastair is the CEO of Rianta Capital, a London and Zurich based boutique multi-asset investment advisor. As part of his role, he manages a global, diverse and dynamic investment portfolio in private equity, with a strong footprint in leading consumer-facing businesses and DTC retail. Alastair was formally a senior lawyer at law firm, Clifford Chance and holds a PhD in History from the University of Cambridge in addition to his Bachelors, Masters and Law School qualifications. Alastair has been chairman of Hela Advisory Board since its creation in 2018.



Gayan Gunawardana - Independent Non-Executive Director

Gayan is a chartered accountant (CPA) who started his career at PWC UK. He has over 12 years of experience in leadership, finance and strategic planning with strong technical knowledge on accounting, audit and corporate governance. He has secured and executed several multimillion dollar investments and transactions across multiple businesses and industries. He is currently the CFO at listed renewable energy producer Panasian Power PLC.

Patrick Schleiffer - Non-Executive Director

Patrick is a private equity investment manager at Rianta Capital, a London and Zurich based investment advisory firm. In his role, he oversees Rianta's private equity portfolio, which has a strong footprint in consumerfacing businesses and technology. During his time at Rianta, Patrick has closed several cross-border transactions ranging from the US, Germany, Spain, India, Australia, and Sri Lanka. Prior work experience include Obviam, the manager of the Swiss Investment Fund for Emerging Markets, where Patrick has focused on investments in healthcare, education and renewable energy in Africa and Latin America. Patrick is a CFA charter holder.



Experienced senior management providing an edge in identifying opportunities



Shameen Pieris - CEO - Hela Intimatewear

Shameen has 20 years of business strategy and finance experience. He held the position of Chief Operating Officer for Hela Kids and subsequently became the Chief Operating Officer for Hela intimates and Hela Africa. Prior to joining Hela, Shameen was the Head of Planning at MAS Intimates, where he was responsible for driving business strategy.



Moiz Rehmanjee - Group CFO

Moiz has held a number of leadership roles in Sri Lanka as well as overseas in Forbes listed companies and has over 20 years of experience. He is the former COO at Teejay Lanka and former Finance Director at Reckitt (Philippines).



Viraj Fernando – CEO – Hela Sportswear

Viraj has over 20 years experience in the industry, starting his career at MAS before spending 9 years at Brandix where he held the position of Senior General Manager prior to joining Hela. He possesses a Bachelor of Finance and an MBA from the University of Colombo.



Nadeesha Wijesingha - Group Chief People Officer

Nadeesha has over 23 years of experience in human resources and marketing roles. She held the position of Global HR Business Partner at Unilever Sri Lanka where she started her career as a management trainee. She has a BSc in Architecture from the University of Moratuwa, and an MBA from the University of Colombo. She also has an MA in Dev. Economics as a recipient of the USA Fulbright Scholarship.



Rajitha Gunawardena - Director Manufacturing

With over 20 years of manufacturing experience within the apparel sector, Rajitha started his career as an Industrial Engineer and swiftly progressed to General Manager (Manufacturing). His knowledge and experience coupled with his unique leadership style has nurtured many successful experts across the apparel industry.



Sanath Amaratunga - CEO - Hela Kidswear

Sanath has over 25 years of apparel industry experience. He is the former Managing Director of Leading Lady Intimates (Licensee for Jones New York Intimates) and spearheaded the second seamless factory in Sri Lanka. He also served as the Chief Operating Officer at Timex-Wacoal Lingerie, where he set up a bra cup manufacturing facility and digital fabric printing plant.

Ruwanthi Fernando - Chief Information and Process Officer

Ruwanthi has over 25 years of experience in the IT industry. She is the former Chief Information Officer of Expolanka Freight and started her career at MAS. Ruwanthi possesses an MBA from the University of Western Sydney.



Vivek Ramchandani - CEO - Safeguard Workwear

Vivek has over 10 years of experience in the innovation space. He is the former Director of Production and Innovation at MAS Kreeda and was a General Manager at Twinery Innovations. He drove the completion of several major patent publications during his time at MAS.

Sajeeka De Silva - Director Design & Product Innovation

Sajeeka has over 15 years of experience in apparel. She started her career at MAS and worked as the Design Manager for Limited Brands. She has a Bachelors in Design (Hons) from the University of Moratuwa, a certificate in technical design for apparel (FIT-NYC) and is currently reading for an MBA in marketing from Cardiff Metropolitan University.

Nissanga Warnapura - Director Marketing

Nissanga is a graduate from the University of Nottingham with a degree in electronics. Nissanga pioneered the introduction of 3D printing and Quick Turnaround prototyping in Sri Lanka. With 13 years of experience in apparel, Nissanga was instrumental in creating and driving the 'Value Chain of the Future', which led to Hela being recognised as a household name in sustainable apparel manufacturing.


FINANCIAL FORECASTS AND VALUATION

An IPO with a valuation upside of 28.4%



Strong fundamentals demonstrated by a resilient financial performance and increased profitability despite the pandemic

RESILIENT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE DESPITE COVID IMPACT

Both FY20 and FY21 performance were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Average revenue fell to USD 10mn in March-September 2020 from an average of USD 16mn in the preceding period

Nonetheless, Hela's robust and strategic customer relationships supported a rebound in demand across the second half of the financial year. This allowed the company to add USD 4.6mn to its bottom-line and conclude the year with increased profitability

Income Statement (USD 000')	FY20	FY21
Revenue	183,502	171,101
Gross Profit	30,171	30,515
Operating Profit	11,096	10,429
Profit Before Tax	4,573	4,853
Profit After Tax	4,284	4,638
GP Margin	16.4%	17.8%
Operating Profit Margin	6.0%	6.1%
PAT Margin	2.3%	2.7%

ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE USD 8.1MN PAT IN FY22E WITH A SECURED PIPELINE

Continuing its strong performance, Hela has secured its order pipeline up to December 2021, surpassing its original budget by c. 23%

This will enable the Company to record USD 270mn in top-line for FY22E

Secured pipeline (USD 000')	1Q FY22*	2Q FY22*	3Q FY22**	Total 9 months
Revenue	57,406	74,558	77,498	209,462

The Company incurred USD 1.7mn in one-off expenses, such as increased spending on employee safety, which affected both FY21 and 1Q FY22 profits

Despite these one-off expenses, Hela has achieved USD 7.3mn recurring net profits attributable to shareholders (TTM September 2021) and is on track to achieve USD 8.1mn in FY22E

Recurring TTM Earnings (USD 000')	2H FY21	1Q FY22	2Q FY22	TTM Sep FY22
Net Profits attributable to shareholders	4,633	324	2,301	7,259

USD 1.7mn One-off COVID expenses TTM Sep 2021 USD 7.3mn TTM Sep 2021 Earnings

> FY – Financial year ended 31 March *Actual figures **Projected figures



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IPO valuation at a 10.5x implied PER on FY22E earnings resulting in a valuation upside of c. 28.4% for an investor

VALUATION AND INVESTMENT REQUIRED

The LKR 4bn in funds to be raised via the IPO (at 20.5% dilution) will directly support the company's key growth initiatives in Sri Lanka and strengthen the company's balance sheet to bolster further expansion in Africa

LKR 15.00 IPO Price/Share

Valuation	Value Per Share	Valuation
Methodology	(LKR)	Upside
Discounted Cash Flows	19.25	28.4%

The IPO price of LKR 15.00 offers an upside of 28.4% to an IPO investor on the post-money share price of LKR 19.25 derived from the DCF valuation

AT A SIGNIFICANT DISCOUNT TO PEERS

The implied PER based on the expected FY22E earnings attributable to equity shareholders, of LKR 1,570mn (USD 7.6mn), is at 10.5x – a 22.6% upside potential compared to the market cap weighted average local peer PER of 12.9x

Based on the FY23E earnings, the implied PER is at 6.9x

10.5x	6.9x
IMPLIED PER	IMPLIED PER
(FY22E Earnings)	(FY23E Earnings)

P/E Comparison	HELA	Теејау	Hayleys Fabric	Weighted Average	Upside Potential
Implied P/E Multiple - FY22E	10.5x*	12.9x	12.9x	12.9x	22.6%
Implied P/E Multiple - FY23E	6.9x*	10.0x	9.0x	9.7x	40.9%

*Based on the diluted EPS

Market Capitalization as at 12th November 2021 and earnings on a trailing twelve months (TTM) basis Forward implied PER for peers are based on broker consensus from Bloomberg



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INVESTMENT

IRR of c. 25.0% for an IPO investor through an exit in FY23E – with investments yielding additional cashflows and 5.7% USD dividend yield on average

STRONG DIVIDEND FLOW

The Company intends to maintain a minimum dividend pay out ratio of 33%

This will provide investors with a c. 5.7% USD dividend yield on average over the next 5 years, with a even more significant benefit for local investors when taking into account the expected depreciation of the Sri Lankan Rupee

The dividend yield (post-IPO) is expected to be between 2.6% - 8.0% over the next 5 years



Forecast USD Dividend Yield

VALUATION UPSIDE AT A POINT OF EXIT

The valuation upside coupled with the dividend yield provide significant potential returns to an IPO investor



Based on an exit PER multiple of 10.0x and the forecasted dividend payout, an incoming investor can secure a potential c. 25.0% IRR if they hold the shares until FY23E





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Historical and forecasted financials

As at 31 March (USD 000')	FY20	FY21	TTM Sep 2021	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	183,502	171,101	239,952	269,997	283,373
Gross Profit	30,171	30,515	41,134	40,624	47,735
EBITDA	15,364	15,302	18,010	19,998	26,858
PBT	4,573	4,853	7,856	8,582	14,665
PAT	4,284	4,638*	7,656*	8,102	13,289
GP Margin	16.4%	17.8%	17.1%	15.0%	16.8%
EBITDA Margin	8.4%	8.9%	7.5%	7.4%	9.5%
PAT Margin	2.3%	2.7%	3.2%	3.0%	4.7%
Total Assets	126,899	133,941	167,351	179,311	178,341
Total Equity	15,042	19,944	22,182	42,781	51,640

Significant additional top and bottom line potential via the IPO proceeds

*FY21 PAT includes a \$0.4mn cost arising from the initial granting of shares under the company's Employee Share Option Plan



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USE OF PROCEEDS



Investments in digitalization initiatives and verticality to gain agility and supply chain security



Additional LKR 0.7bn capital expenditures funded via debt financing will flow into Africa expansions



Balance sheet restructuring will enable Hela to raise foreign debt funding, while automation initiatives are expected to improve efficiency levels





Hela is planning to invest LKR 1bn into verticality to obtain greater supply chain security and deepen its textile expertise

INVESTMENT INTO VERTICALITY

Hela intends to invest LKR 1bn of the IPO proceeds in a fabric mill project in Sri Lanka. This will be a joint investment as part of a consortium and the mill will be managed by an experienced fabric manufacturer which will ensure margin improvements and operational efficiencies. This investment will ensure greater raw material supply security for Hela's Sri Lankan operations, which will in turn enable more product innovation and higher levels of customer satisfaction. Considering the raw material requirements of Hela's Sri Lankan operations, the management is seeking to invest in a fabric mill with a daily production capacity of 15 to 30 tonnes. The expected timeline for the completion of the investment is in the first half of 2022.



Ensure raw material supply security for Hela's Sri Lankan operations which will in turn enable higher levels of customer satisfaction.



Build sector and technical expertise to support future supply chain investments in Africa.

RATIONALE



Human capital development is vital to Hela's growth and its productivity improvements. Diversifying into a new vertical pillar such as textiles will enable Hela to develop its employees with a broader spectrum of skills in the total apparel supply chain.



Greater sector expertise will help to support the development of more innovative textile solutions, such as sustainable fabrics.



LKR 0.6bn investment in SAP ERP system to develop the company's digital core – a crucial requirement for future growth

INVESTMENT IN DIGITAL CORE

LKR 0.6bn investment to implement SAP S/4HANA with the SAP Fashion industry vertical (ERP). This will also support the integration of the manufacturing execution system, planning tools and customer portals.

RATIONALE

Hela uses 34 systems that currently run with minimum integration and do not efficiently meet the requirements of a rapidly-growing business.

This investment will reduce this number of systems to 20 creating an integrated digital core supporting all aspects of the business.

It will also future-proof the business by ensuring readiness and extendibility of the systems for future requirements, as well as disaster recovery for system critical operations.









Hela group structure as of 1st September 2021





Hela future group structure: Streamlining the group structure by eliminating dormant companies while bringing all African entities under one holding company





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