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**Sustainability is
an adventure,
so ride the winds
of change.**

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Overview

Datatec is an international ICT solutions and services group. Through three core divisions, the Group offers Integration and Managed Services (Logicalis International and Logicalis Latin America) and Technology Distribution and Financial Services (Westcon International).

Sitting at the heart of the IT channel ecosystem, Datatec sees both sides of the market in a network of vendors, partners, and communities. Many look to Datatec for support and depend on them to help them succeed. This means Datatec has an opportunity to lead, inspire, and make a wider impact beyond their organisation.

Datatec has made the strategic decision to transition towards a low-carbon model, a transformative process in which GCX has played a crucial role. We've helped the business define robust, measurable targets and provided a platform for monitoring their progress.

Our engagement with Datatec is ongoing and multifaceted; we consistently collaborate with the business to identify potential projects and actions that will expedite their progress toward their set objectives and journey to net zero by 2050. These targets are ambitious, reflecting Datatec's commitment to substantial long-term change.



Locations

Operating in 60 countries across North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Asia-Pacific region.



Size

Datatec Limited is a substantial organization, employing more than 11,000 individuals.



Sector

Datatec is a prominent entity in the technology hardware services sector. It has two subsidiaries: Westcon-Comstor and Logicalis.



Assets

The company has considerable economic resources, generating an annual revenue of \$5.1 billion.



Customers & Partners

10,000+ Global

Challenges

Datatec was seeking to address sustainability challenges that needed effective solutions.

These challenges included -

#1 Understanding their global carbon footprint

#2 Setting Science-Based Targets (SBTs)

#3 Devising an emission reduction strategy to reach these SBTs

#4 Improving sustainable procurement practices while assessing the sustainability risks linked with their key suppliers

Solutions

In response to Datatec's challenges, we at GCX worked in collaboration with the company to provide the following strategies:



Data Automation

We carried out carbon footprint evaluations and supported the extension of these assessments to cover global operations progressively.



Data Management Platform

We used the DASH platform for a centralised approach to data collection and reporting from all Datatec locations.



Scope 3 Assessment

We supported Datatec in grasping their scope 3 value chain emissions and the effects of purchased goods and services.



Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) Registration

We oversaw the creation and registration of SBTs with SBTi and supported the development of a regional emission reduction strategy.



Supply Chain Engagement Strategy

We aided in shaping a supply chain engagement scheme to support data validation.



Executive Training

We delivered executive training on net-zero and carbon neutrality concepts.

Results

The collaborative efforts of Datatec and GCX have yielded significant results:



Data Automation

We supported the broadening of Datatec's carbon footprint assessment from the South African operations to all global operations.



Data Management Platform

Datatec enlisted for the DASH platform to report monthly and quarterly data from 270 sites across 62 nations.



Scope 3 Assessment

Together, we developed and registered SBTs with SBTi, establishing near-term and long-term net-zero emission goals.



Regional Emission Refuction Plan

A regional emission reduction plan was developed to assist Datatec in achieving it's SBTs.



Executive Training

The executive team was trained on net-zero and carbon neutrality concepts.



Sustainable Business Model

Our joint efforts are pushing the limits in the technology hardware services sector, providing a model for other companies to follow.



CHARISSA JAGANATH
Global Head of Responsible Business



Datatec has worked with GCX for a number of years on data collection and reporting to the CDP.

As the Datatec ESG strategy evolved over the years, we leaned on the expertise of the GCX team to support our efforts to better understand our scope 3 value chain emissions, to develop regional and global decarbonisation plans, and to create and submit our science-based targets. We hugely value the knowledge and professionalism of GCX, who have become a critical partner to Datatec as we continue to pursue our sustainability ambitions as a global organisation.

