

Architecture in a Circular Economy

A new perspective on how to design, sell and supply solutions

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Integrator of intralogistics material handling solutions Acquired in 2017 by Toyota Industries Corporation





>9,000 employees

€2.1 billion revenue







many of the largest global e-commerce players and retailers

- Woolworths
- Albert Heijn (part of Ahold Delhaize)
 - Zalando
 - Walmart



>600 Airports 12 of the world's top 20



- Orlando International Airport
- London Heathrow Airport
- Hong Kong International Airport
- · Amsterdam Airport Schiphol
- Istanbul Airport



Global market leader



Innovative systems



Intelligent software



Life-cycle services



Parcel

>52 million parcels sorted every day

5 largest parcel and postal companies

- UPS
- DHL
 FedEx
- SF Express
- DPD







Drivers for sustainability







Limited availability of resources (material, energy)



Governmental regulations



Social responsibility



Expectations from customers, industry and communities



Labour scarcity



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Climate change









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Labour scarcity

what is your main t

Many stakeholders

> Translating targets into actions?

> Which targets to set?

Impact vs. influence

> Long term vs. short term

> How to measure?

> Where to start?





Sustainability is an integral part of our business

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Customers

Contribute to the sustainable development of our customers' businesses



Employees

People are our biggest asset



Suppliers

Involving our suppliers in achieving sustainable transformation



External factors

Sustainable development does not only come from within



Our sustainability framework

GUIDANCE ON EXECUTING OUR STRATEGY UN Sustainable Development Goals

> Our Mission



Zero Carbon Footprint

We will be net zero carbon by 2040, 10 years ahead of the Paris Agreement.

Circular economy

We will be a regenerative company in 2040 as part of our commitment to the acceleration of a circular economy.

Good business

Demonstrating strong business ethics by taking responsibility for fair, honest, and transparent business practices

Fulfilling experience

Putting people first:
Foster environments to protect
the well-being of stakeholders,
and promote education,
personal development and DEI

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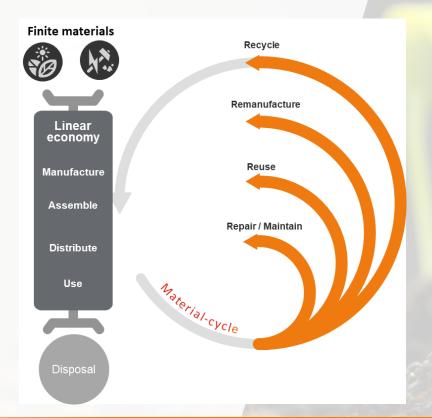






Circular economy

Extending the economic / technical lifetime of a solution for as long as possible to minimize waste and use of new material







The linear model started when the 1st industrial revolution introduced 'waste'



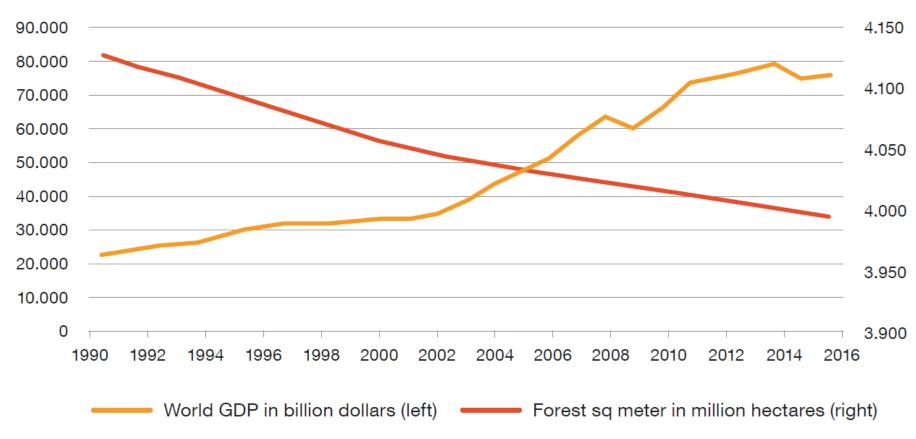


On average a lifetime of an iPhone is **18 months**



This model has produced sustained economic growth and increased prosperity, but with some nasty side effects...

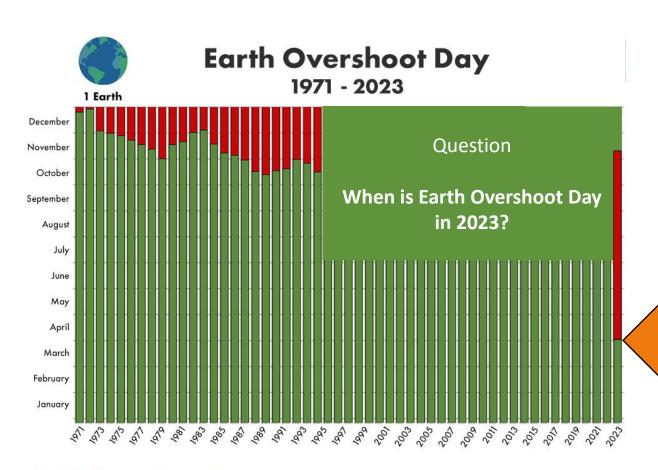
Wealth creation versus environmental degradation (deforestation as a proxy)



Sources: The World Bank and the Food and Agriculture organisation



Basically we are using more resources than we can re-generate; thus putting our future prosperity at risk





The Netherlands April 1st

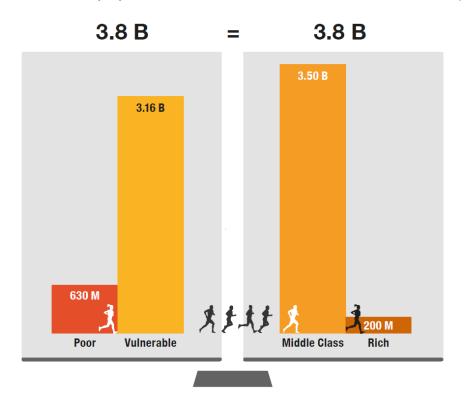




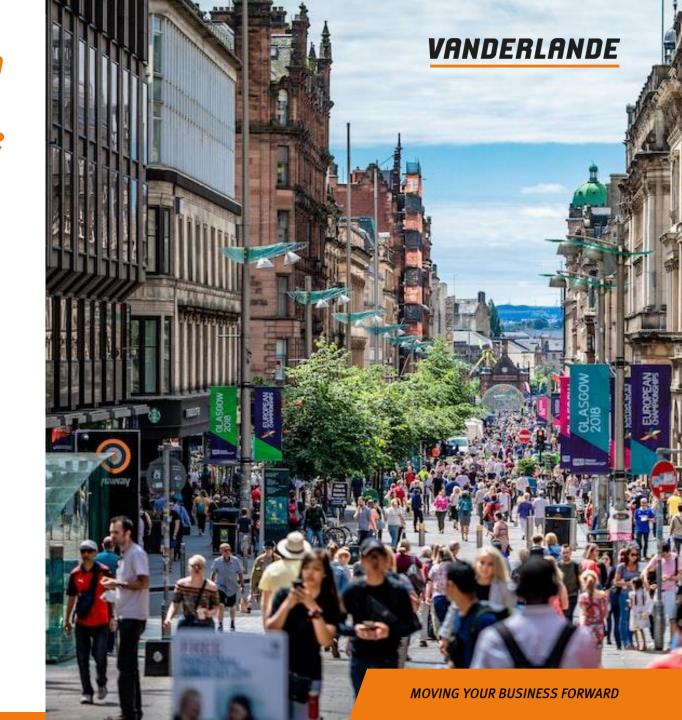
Source: National Footprint and Biocapacity Accounts 2023 Edition data.footprintnetwork.org

And resources are running out at an unprecedented rate, while consumption is set to increase

Half the world population is now middle class or wealthier (2018)



Source: World Data Lab/ Brookings Institution



The Economics of it all – Who pays?

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My economic activity affects your economic opportunities

Negative externalities



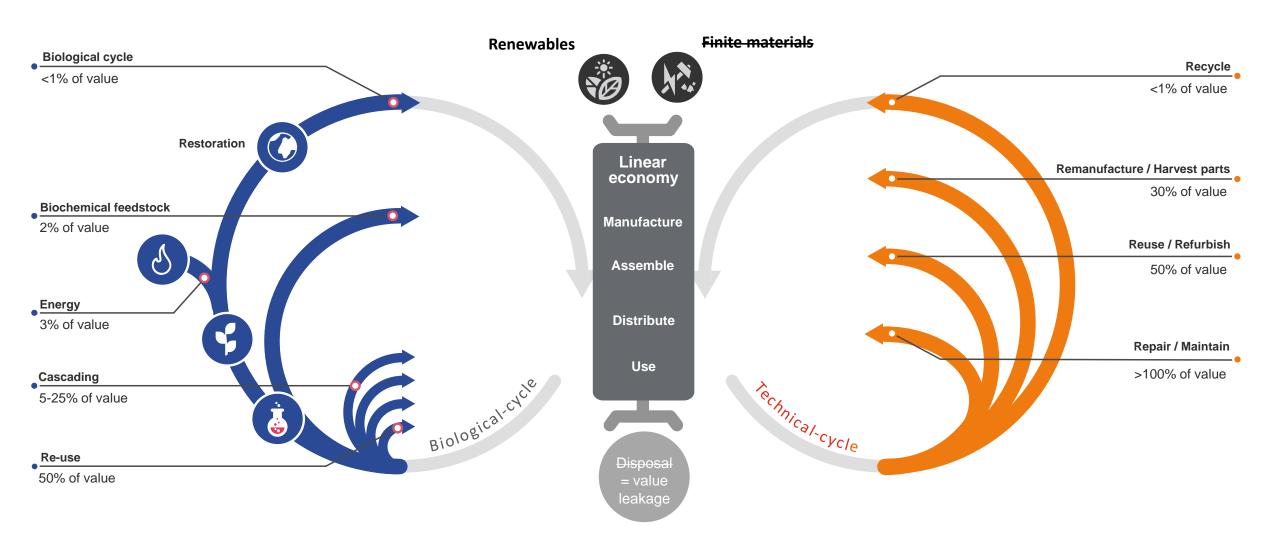
Your consumption shouldn't restrict my possibility to consume

Public goods





A circular business model captures value - that would be lost in case of disposal



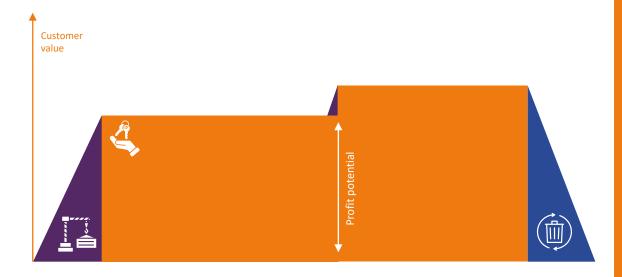
The Value Hill Concept explains the business case of circularity





Example: System Upgrade

Increase system performance / capability





Example: System Refurbishment

Extend economic lifetime



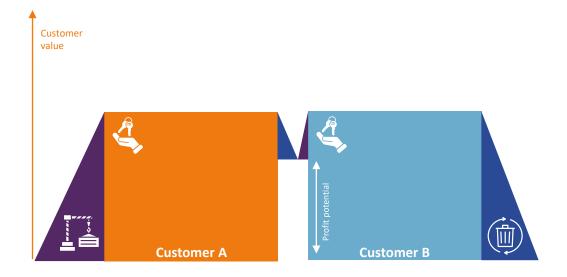






Example: Redistribute Systems

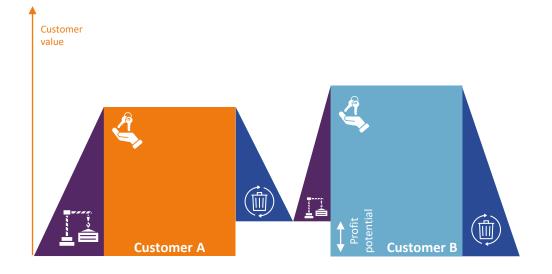
Original performance at other customer





Example: Component Remanufacturing

Extend & improve economic lifetime











Vision: The driver of circular economy isn't scarcity, it's opportunity ERLANDE



Customers push for sustainable and circular solutions



Technology makes under-utilization & waste obsolete



Resources are scarce, but circular resources are abundant



Legal requirements are maturing

Challenges



Material Handling solutions are material intensive



We have global and complex supply chains



Customers ask for increased availability of our solutions



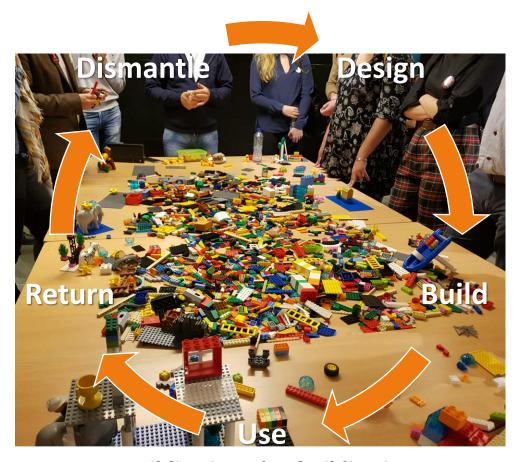
Shorter Leadtimes are required



The Modularity Perspective



Building it new out of the box "linear economy"

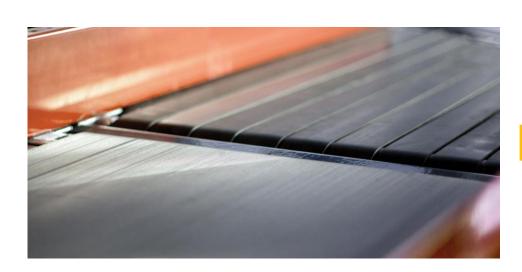


Building it and Rebuilding it "circular economy"

Serve different function with same product



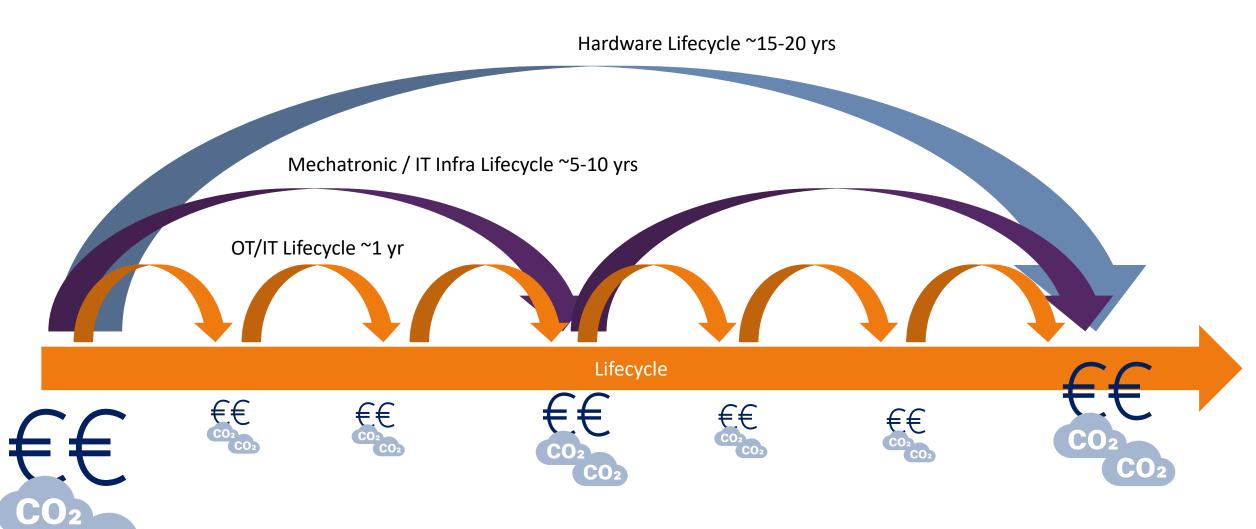








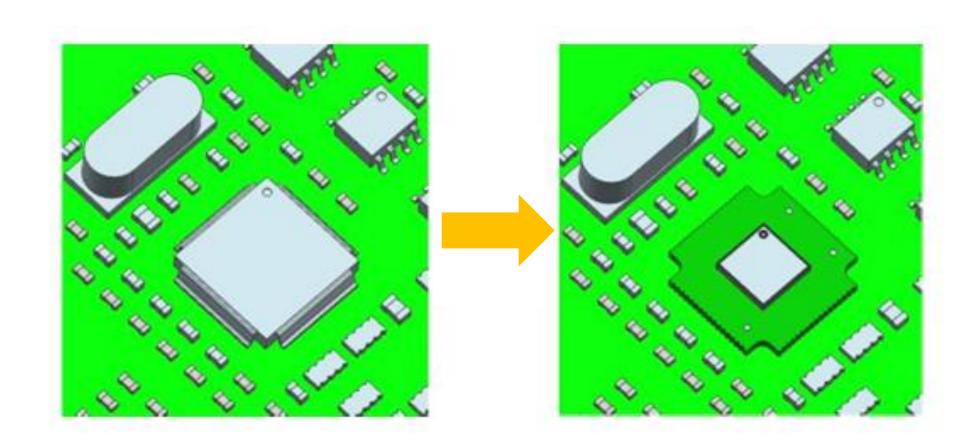
The Life Cycle Perspective



Technical Lifetime versus Economic Lifetime

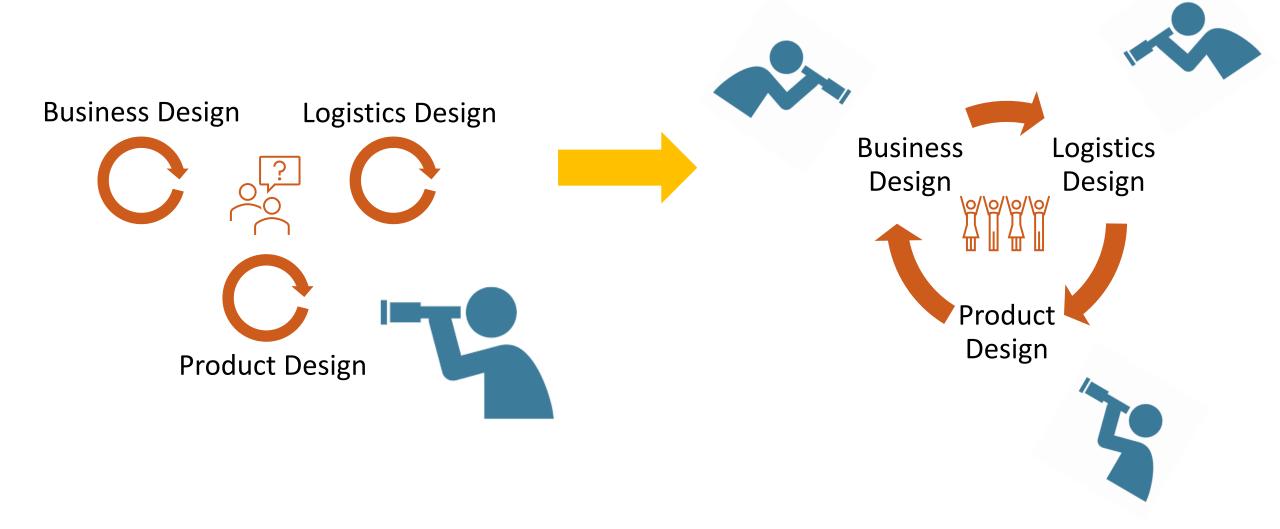


Resilience of products to supply chain disruptions





The Value Chain Perspective





Retake ownership, refurbish and reuse for system extension







Challenge: Create a Circular Economy Mindset



Design for durability



Design for modularity and reusability



Design for service and repair



Design for adaptability and upgradability



Design for disassembly



Design for recycling



Design out waste



Design with sustainable materials



Design for minimal energy use







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....bring great challenges and opportunities (for architects)
....and require new perspectives on product development



MOVING YOUR BUSINESS FORWARD