

Certifications Maintained 2024-2025

Our products and services are benchmarked to international best practices, and standards to offer the best options to our customers. We maintain 200 management systems for environmental impact control, health & safety, social governance and quality of service. All operations have implemented systemic interventions to identify impacts, establish controls and continually improve standard procedures to streamline the quality, safety, reliability, and sustainability of the product/ service we offer. Listed below are the operations that have sought certification for their management systems.

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Environmental & Social Sustainability

ISO 14001: 2015 Certified Environmental Management Systems

Tourism Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Travels (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Heritance Kandalama

Maritime & Freight Logistics Sector;

- > Ace Aviation Services (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Ace Cargo (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Aitken Spence Cargo (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Logilink (Pvt) Ltd
- > Hapag Lloyd Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Printing & Packaging (Pvt) Ltd.

Services Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Elevators (Pvt) Ltd.

Note: Implementing an environmental management system (EMS) is an essential action point for all Aitken Spence companies. These properties have taken a step beyond the essential requirement and certified their EMS in line with the ISO system standard for environmental management. An integrated management system is a combined management system for ISO 14001: 2015 Certified Environmental Management Systems, ISO 9001: 2015 Certified Quality Management Systems and ISO 45001:2018 Certified Occupational Health and Safety Systems. It should be noted that the ISO 14001 certifications at Aitken Spence marked several 'firsts' including the first hotel chain to certify their operations aligned to the ISO 14001 certification and the first large scale freight forwarding company to see this certification. Heritance Kandalama holds the distinction of being Sri Lanka's longest-certified ISO 14001 Environment Management System.

LEED Certified properties

Tourism Sector;

- > Heritance Kandalama (Bronze)
- > Heritance Negombo (Gold)
- > Heritance Aarah (Gold)

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Printing & Packaging (Pvt) Ltd. (Gold)

Note: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a rating system of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Securing the LEED certification is testament to the environmental performance of a building. Aitken Spence introduced LEED architecture to the world outside USA with Heritance Kandalama, the first LEED certified hotel in the world. We also gave South Asia its first LEED certified printing facility which has been carbon neutral for 8 consecutive years. In 2019, we introduced LEED certified architecture to the Maldives with Heritance Aarah.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody Certification

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Printing & Packaging (Pvt) Ltd

FSC Certified Estates

- > Bentota Estate
- > Deviturai Estate
- > Elpitiya Estate
- > Gulugahakanda Estate
- > Ketandola Estate
- > Lelwella Estate
- > Talgaswella Estate

Note: FSC Chain of Custody certification traces the path of products from forests through the supply chain, verifying that FSC-certified material is identified or kept separated from non-certified material throughout the chain. To achieve chain of custody certification, a business must meet FSC-STD-40-004 Chain of Custody Certification standard.

Rainforest Alliance Certified Operations

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Dunsinane Estate
- > Sheen Estate
- > Fernlands Estate
- > Meddecombra Estate
- > New Peacock Estate
- > Nayapane Estate

Note: The RA certification is a symbol of environmental health, and the green frog certification seal of RA indicates that a farm, forest, or tourism enterprise has been audited to meet standards that require environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

Travelife Gold Certified Hotels

Tourism Sector;

- > Heritance Ahungalla
- > Heritance Ayurveda Maha Gedara
- > Heritance Kandalama
- > Heritance Negombo
- > Heritance Tea Factory
- > RIU Ahungalla

Travelife Certified Operations

- > Aitken Spence Travels (Pvt) Ltd

Note: The Travelife Sustainability System is an initiative dedicated to promoting sustainable practices within the travel and tourism industry. The Travelife certification illustrates an organisation's compliance with the international Travelife standard for social and environmental sustainability. It is noteworthy that currently Aitken Spence Travels is the only destination management company in Sri Lanka which is Travelife certified.

Green Globe Certified Hotels

Tourism Sector;

- > Heritance Aarah
- > Adaaran Club Rannalhi
- > Adaaran Prestige Vadoo
- > Adaaran Select Hudhuranfushi
- > Adaaran Select Meedhupparu

Note: Green Globe Certification is a globally recognised standard for sustainable tourism, assessing environmental, social, and economic practices across the travel and hospitality sector. It helps tourism businesses demonstrate their commitment to responsible operations, resource efficiency, and community engagement—enhancing credibility and appeal among eco-conscious travellers and partners.

Green Fins Accredited Members

Tourism Sector;

- > Dive Point, Adaaran Select Hudhuranfushi
- > Dive Point, Adaaran Prestige Vadoo
- > Dive Point, Adaaran Club Rannalhi

Note: This is an environmental standards and code of conduct for the diving and snorkelling industry.

Compliance+ Certification

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Garments Ltd.

Note: Awarded by the Employers' Federation of Ceylon, this certification is proof of exemplary standards in employment practices

Product & Service Responsibility, Quality and Safety

ISO 45001:2018 for Occupational Health & Safety

Tourism Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Travels (Pvt) Ltd

Maritime, Freight & Logistics Sector;

- > ACE Containers (Pvt.) Ltd.
- > Ace Distriparks (Pvt) Ltd
- > Hapag Lloyd Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Logilink (Pvt) Ltd

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Printing & Packaging (Pvt) Ltd.

Services Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Elevators (Pvt) Ltd.

Note: All Aitken Spence companies have procedures in place to ensure occupational health and safety. Several companies have progressed one step above the essential actions required from companies and implemented occupational health and safety (OHS) management systems as expected within the Group's integrated sustainability strategy due to the nature and scale of OHS vulnerabilities identified. Companies mentioned above have sought certification for their management systems in line with the requirements of the ISO 45001:2018 system standard.

ISO 9001: 2015 Certified Quality Management Systems

Tourism Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Travels (Pvt) Ltd

Maritime, Freight & Logistics Sector;

- > Ace Aviation Services (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Ace Cargo (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Aitken Spence Cargo (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Ace Distriparks (Pvt) Ltd
- > Hapag Lloyd Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Fiji Ports Terminal Ltd.

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Financial Shared Services Centre (Financial accounting outsourcing division of Aitken Spence Corporate Services (Pvt.) Ltd.)
- > Aitken Spence Printing & Packaging (Pvt) Ltd.
- > Aitken Spence Garments Ltd.

Services Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Elevators (Pvt) Ltd.

Note: ISO 9001 is a system standard for quality. Many of our operations maintain quality management systems. This certification is a reflection of the efforts to assure the quality of the product or service.

ISO 27001: 2013 Information Security Management Systems

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Corporate Finance – Group IT

Note: Information security is a priority for the company and Group IT has implemented an information security management system (ISMS) with standard procedures and practices per the requirements of the ISO 27001 system standard. An ISMS generally includes all legal, physical and technical controls involved in an organisation's information risk management processes.

ISO 22000/ HACCP: 2018 Certified Food Safety Systems

Tourism Sector;

- > Adaaran Club Rannalhi
- > Adaaran Prestige Vadoo
- > Adaaran Select Hudhuranfushi
- > Adaaran Select Meedhupparu
- > Heritance Ahungalla
- > Heritance Kandalama
- > Heritance Tea Factory
- > Heritance Negombo
- > Heritance Aarah
- > Turyaa Kalutara

Maritime & Freight Logistics Sector;

- > Ace Distriparks (Pvt) Ltd

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Dunsinane Tea Factory
- > Fernlands - Kaipoogalle Tea factory
- > Meddecombra North Tea Factory
- > Meddecombra South (HACCP only)
- > Nayapana Tea Factory
- > New Peacock Tea factory
- > Sheen Tea factory

Note: ISO 22000 is a system standard for food safety. Our operations have implemented management systems to ensure hygiene and food safety to provide the best products and services to our clients.

Sri Lanka organic agriculture production and processing (SLS 1324:2018)

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Organic cinnamon certificate – Elpitiya Plantations PLC

Note: Sri Lanka's organic agriculture standard (SLS 1324:2018) emphasizes health, ecology, fairness, and care. It drives diverse organic practices, aiming for holistic optimization of productivity and community well-being within the agroecosystem. This standard fosters social, ecological, and economic sustainability, highlighting the potential to combine indigenous knowledge, modern science, technologies, and practices for organic agriculture in Sri Lanka.

Organic Certification of Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI)

Tourism Sector;

- > Heritance Tea Factory

Note: Awarded by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI) for cultivation and processing of organic tea.

Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA – 4 Pillar)

Maritime, Freight & Logistics Sector;

- > Ace Containers (Pvt.) Ltd.

Strategic investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Printing & Packaging (Pvt) Ltd

Note: SMETA is an audit methodology, providing a compilation of best practice ethical audit techniques. It is designed to help auditors conduct high quality audits that encompass all aspects of responsible business practice, covering Sedex's four pillars of Labour, Health and Safety, Environment and Business Ethics.

Sedex Registered Supplier

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Garments Ltd.

Note: Sedex is a global non-profit membership organisation that shares responsible sourcing data on supply chains, used by more than 43,000 members in over 150 countries. Many companies use Sedex to manage their performance around labour rights, health & safety, the environment and business ethics. Sedex enables members to bring together different data, standards and certifications, to make informed business decisions, and to drive continuous improvement across their value chains.

Intertek's Supplier Qualification Program – Achiever

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Printing & Packaging (Pvt) Ltd

Intertek is a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide. Intertek's Supplier Qualification Program provides a world-class Industry Standard that drives continuous improvement through open benchmarking. The program's strength lies in its accredited training programs, qualified trainers and auditors, risk-based scorecard as well as a continuous corrective and preventative action process.

Scuba Schools International (SSI) Diamond Status Certification for commitment to excellence and leadership

Tourism Sector;

- > Dive Point, Adaaran Select Meedhupparu

Note: The SSI Diamond Status recognises dive centres and dive resorts that make a commitment to excellence and leadership in the categories of Business Practices & Ethics, Quality Assurance, Education Commitment, Customer Service and Diving Passion. Only dive centres and dive resorts recognized as the leaders in their marketplace can be considered for the SSI Diamond Status

Gold Certificate of Compliance – Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP)

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Garments (Mathugama)

Note: Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP) is an independent, objective, non-profit team of global social compliance experts dedicated to promoting safe, lawful, humane and ethical manufacturing around the world through certification and education.

Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) - Version 6.0

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Garments Ltd.

Note: GOTS is the worldwide recognized standard for the processing of textiles made with 95% (label grade “organic”) or at least 70 percent (label grade “made with organic”) certified organic fibres. GOTS is a textile production certification that limits the use of toxic bleaches, dyes and other chemical inputs during the production process of textiles. It is internationally recognized as the toughest organic textile standard due to its process that extends beyond verifying the organic farming process to include every step of manufacturing.

GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) certified operations

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Garments Ltd.

Note: GMP certification ensures that products are consistently produced and controlled according to quality standards, with a focus on hygiene, safety, and operational efficiency. For an apparel manufacturer in Sri Lanka, GMP certification reinforces compliance with international buyer requirements, enhances product quality, and builds trust with global partners through a commitment to safe and ethical manufacturing practices.

C-TPAT (Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism) certification operations

Maritime, Freight & Logistics Sector;

- > Ace Containers (Pvt) Ltd
- > Ace Distriparks (Pvt) Ltd
- > Logilink (Pvt) Ltd

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Garments Ltd.

C-TPAT (Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism) is a U.S. Customs and Border Protection initiative that certifies supply chain security practices across international trade operations. C-TPAT certification demonstrates compliance with stringent security standards, reducing risks of cargo tampering or terrorism-related threats—while facilitating smoother customs processing and trusted trader status.

Higg Index compliant manufacturing operations

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Ace Apparels (Private) Limited
- > Aitken Spence Garments Ltd.

Note: The Higg Index is a globally recognized sustainability assessment tool developed by the Sustainable Apparel Coalition to measure environmental and social performance in the apparel and footwear industry. For a manufacturing operation, being Higg Index compliant signifies a data-driven commitment to reducing environmental impact, improving labour conditions, and driving continuous improvement—enhancing transparency and credibility with global brands and stakeholders.

OEKO-TEX® Organic Cotton New regulations 2025

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Ace Apparels (Private) Limited

Note: The OEKO-TEX® ORGANIC COTTON certification is a globally recognised standard that verifies cotton products are genuinely organic, free from genetically modified organisms (GMOs), and tested for harmful substances. It ensures full traceability from farm to finished product, aligning with the latest 2025 regulations that mandate stricter oversight to prevent fraud in organic cotton claims. For apparel manufacturers in Sri Lanka, obtaining this certification signifies a commitment to sustainable and ethical production practices. It enhances credibility with global buyers seeking transparency and compliance with international standards, potentially opening doors to new markets and consumer segments that prioritise certified organic textiles.

European Flax certified operations

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Ace Apparels (Private) Limited

Note: European Flax™ certification (now Masters of FLAX FIBRE™) guarantees that flax fibres are sustainably grown in Western Europe without GMOs or irrigation, and processed under strict environmental and social standards. For an apparel manufacturer in Sri Lanka, this certification strengthens transparency and sustainability credentials—meeting the growing global demand for responsibly sourced, traceable natural fibres.

The Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) certification

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Garments Ltd.

The Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) is a supply chain management system that supports companies in improving social performance in their global supply chains. It provides a code of conduct and a range of tools to assess and enhance labour conditions, including fair remuneration, occupational health and safety, and prohibition of child labour. Adopting BSCI standards allows apparel manufacturers to align with international labour practices, making them more attractive to European and global buyers who prioritise ethical sourcing. It also aids in risk management by ensuring compliance with social standards, thereby fostering long-term business relationships and access to new markets.

Facility and Merchandise Authorisation (FAMA)

Strategic Investments Sector;

- > Ace Apparels (Private) Limited

FAMA is an authorisation granted by The Walt Disney Company, permitting facilities to manufacture and distribute Disney-branded products. To obtain FAMA, a facility must undergo a rigorous audit to ensure compliance with Disney's International Labour Standards (ILS), which encompass ethical sourcing, product safety, and responsible labour practices.

EM1 certified operation (Construction)

Services Sector;

- > Aitken Spence Elevators (Pvt) Ltd.

EM1 Certification refers to a contractor grading awarded by Sri Lanka's Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA). It signifies that a company is registered and graded to undertake electrical and mechanical engineering projects of the highest scale and complexity. Achieving EM1 status demonstrates a contractor's proven technical expertise, financial stability, and compliance with national construction standards. This certification enhances the agency's credibility, competitiveness, and eligibility for high-value infrastructure contracts, positioning it as a trusted partner in the vertical transportation industry.

Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) - from Fiji Revenue and Customs

Maritime & Logistics Sector;

- > Fiji Ports Terminal Ltd.