# DIVINE SEEDS = Resilient Beauty



Bringing natural Mediterranean beauty to the world

## COMPANY OVERVIEW



### VISION

TO BLEND MEDITERRANEAN NATURE AND SCIENCE TO CREATE "DESTRESSING" SKINCARE PRODUCTS THAT WILL ARM SKIN WITH RESILIENCE AND **BRING OUT NATURAL BEAUTY** 



### **CORE TECH**

TECHNOLOGY EXPLOITING THE HIGHLY RESILIENT, ANTIOXIDANT AND HYDRATING IDENTITIES OF PRICKY PEAR AND ARTICHOKE SOURCED FROM GREECE



## **EXPORTS**

**DELIVERY TO MORE THAN 68** COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE. SHIPPING VIA DHL EXPRESS **OUTSIDE GREECE** 



## **HEADQUARTERS & PRODUCTION**

ATHENS, GREECE



## **SUSTAINABILITY** COMMITTMENT

DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH - SDG 8 **RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND** PRODUCTION – SDG 12 CLIMATE ACTION – SDG 13 LIFE ON LAND – SDG 15 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS - SDG 17



## **CAUSE**

MEMBER OF THE "1% FOR THE PLANET" CAUSE. **CONTRIBUTING 1% OF ANNUAL REVENUES TO ACCELERATING SMART ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS** 



## **BUSINESS OWNERS 50% FEMALE OWNED**

YOTA PAPAGEORGAKI (SHE) STAVROS DAMIANIDIS (HE)



### MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

**BRITISH "VOGUE"** "THE ART OF LUXURY", 50<sup>TH</sup> EDITION **NEWSBOMB GREEK PORTAL** TAJMEELI ARABIC WEBSITE **DELUXE MAGAZINE** TFC ONLINE MAGAZINE LUXURY PROPERTY MAGAZINE ABODE2!



## **AWARDS**

EUROPEAN DESIGN AWARDS, **SILVER 2021.** SHORTLISTED IN THE PURE BEAUTY AWARDS, LONDON 2021. ECRM BUYER'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER, FIRST PRIZE 2022

## INTRODUCTION



Divine Seeds was founded to address skin quality deterioration and dehydration. To do so, it develops a new generation of facial skincare products that enable skincare health and radiance, while raising environmental and social consciousness.

Based in Athens, Greece, Divine Seeds concentrates on Pricky Pear and Artichoke, two hero ingredients sourced from the microclimate of Greece (Creta Island), exploiting their highly resilient, antioxidant and hydrating identities.

Pricky Pear is a cactus growing under severe drought conditions, delivering the most hydrating oil in the world. Artichoke is an edible plant whose extracts provide very potent anti-cancer and anti-ageing actives.

## INTRODUCTION



Divine Seeds is a startup that works with highly qualified professionals, who specialize in the sectors of chemistry and cosmetology. Divine Seeds has an international orientation (exporting to foreign markets) and invests in innovation and development, proven by the awards it has obtained for its innovative formulations, products and packaging.

## CREATING SUSTAINABLE VALUE

Our economic, ecologic and social values underlying our sustainable supply chain.

## DEMAND SIDE: SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION

SUPPLY SIDE: SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION

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### **SOCIAL ECOLOGY:**

THE LOGIC BEHIND THE FORMULATION OF OUR PRODUCTS INFLUENCES CONSUMERS TO ADOPT SKINIMALISM AND INSPIRES PROACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION BEHAVIORS. IN DIVINE SEEDS WE FOCUS ON PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS.



**CULTURAL ECOLOGY:** 

WE PROMOTE SUFFICIENCY
AND EFFICIENCY BY MAKING
POTENT FORMULATIONS,
LEADING TO LARGE EFFICACY
FROM USING SMALL
QUANTITIES. WE MAKE THE
MOST OUT OF OUR HERO
INGREDIENTS





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### NATURE CONSERVATION:

OUR METHODS RESPECT
AND PROTECT ECOSYSTEMS
SERVICES. OUR HERO
INGREDIENTS COME FROM
HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE AND
DROUGHT-TOLERANT
PLANTS. ALL OF OUR
PRODUCTS ARE VEGAN AND
CRUELTY-FREE.



### HEALTH AND SAFETY:

WE PRODUCE AND PROVIDE THE MARKET WITH HEALTHY, SAFE AND EFFECTIVE PRODUCTS SUITABLE FOR ALL SKIN TYPES AND AGES BY COMBINIG NATURAL WITH LAB-BASED INGREDIENTS.



## RESOURCE PRODUCTIVITY:

WE AIM AT REDUCING
THROUGHPUT AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO
INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY
AND COMPETITIVENESS.
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
PACKAGING MATERIALS ARE
FULLY RECYCLABLE AND AS
SMALL AS POSSIBLE.



**PARTNERSHIPS** FOR THE GOALS



We strengthen local and domestic resource mobilization, while promoting exports of environmentally sound products to 68 countries and enhancing global sustainable business partnership.

> Peace, Justice and Strong

Institutions

**Partnerships** 

for the Goals





We take into consideration the growth of natural regeneration and support natural habitats and protected species. Our ingredients derive from highly productive and drought-tolerant plants.

CLIMATE



Our business culture, values and customer relationships raise awareness and improve education on climate change and impact reduction.



By carefully selecting our partners and suppliers we secure sustainable production processes, while inspiring consumers to use small product quantities and adopt sustainable beauty routines.

8 ŔŧŔŔŧŔ **Y** Life Below Quality Education **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** 0 Climate Gender Action Equality CO Water and B DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH **Decent Work** Reduced and Economic Inequalities Growth

**Poverty** 

from plants that have been scarcely

used in the past, we give the opportunity to growers and local communities to create a new revenue stream for economic growth.

By producing an entire product

array from ingredients coming

## OUR ESG COMMITMENTS

### SUSTAINABLE STAKEHOLDER

RELATIONSHIPS: Maintain gender equality in our business activities and enhance our customer-centric approach for the sustainable growth of our community, "seeds club".

Contribution to SDG 3, 8, 9, 11

### **CONSCIOUS CONSUMERISM:**

Increasingly educate users around sustainable consumption by enabling them to embrace "skinimalism", the utilization of fewer products with high efficacy.

SOURCING PRACTICES
WITH RESPECT FOR
BIODIVERSITY: Produce
and provide vegan, crueltyfree skincare products with
locally sourced ingredients

and re-cyclable packaging.

Contribution to SDG 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17

Contribution to SDG 16, 17

# Make partnerships and support collaborative schemes to generate

**COLLECTIVE ACTION:** 

schemes to general environmental and societal benefits.

Contribution to

SDG 8, 10, 11, 16,

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## PRODUCTIVITY AND CIRCULARITY:

Continuously minimize resource throughput, improve circularity and take environmental action.

Contribution to SDG 8, 12, 13,15, 17

SDG 8, 12, 13,1 17 SOCIAL



GOVERNANCE

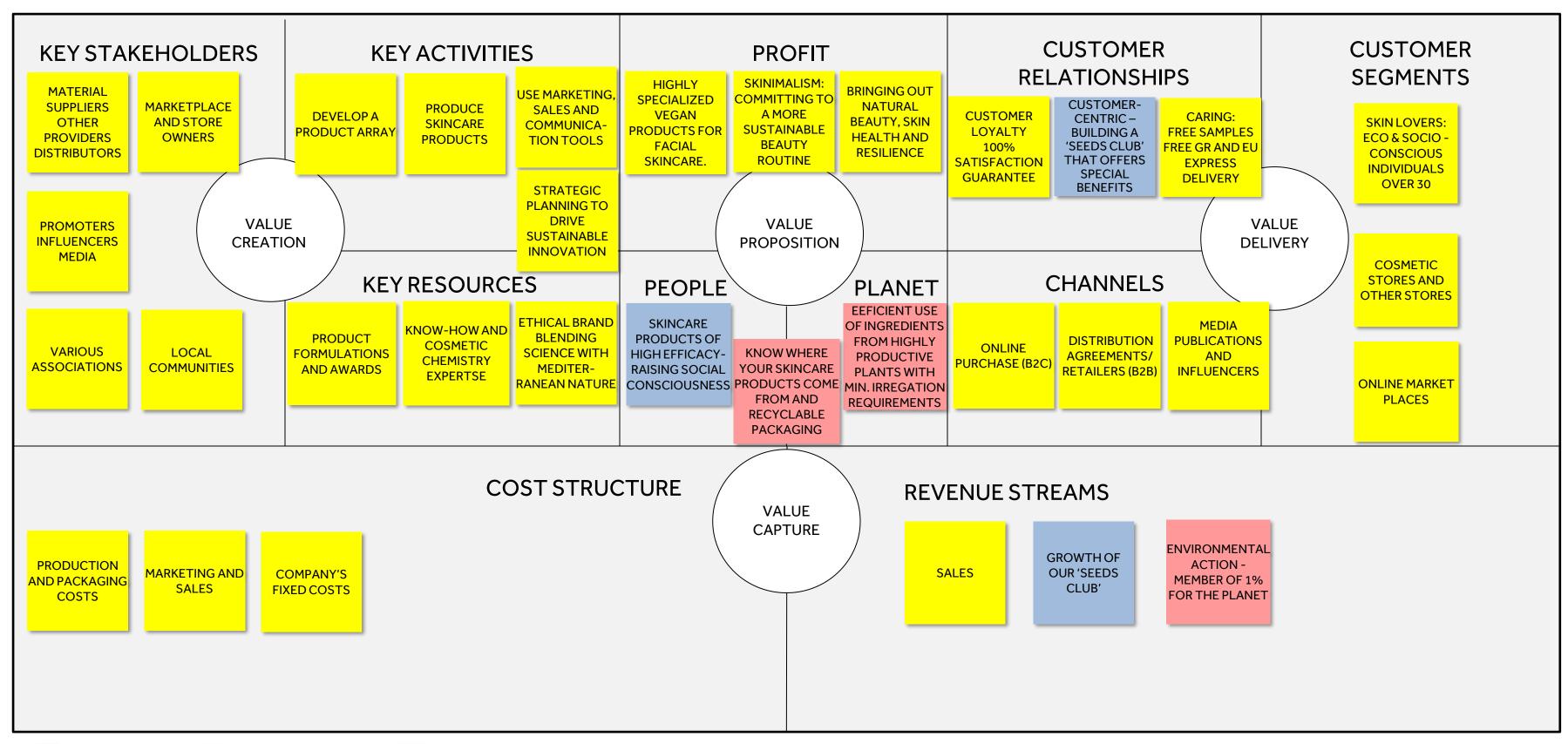
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## TRANSPARENT VALUE CHAIN:

Ensure transparency throughout the value chain, responsible production and fair working conditions.

## DIVINE SEEDS BUSINESS MODEL



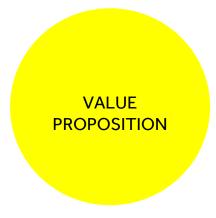
## BUSINESS MODEL EXPLAINED



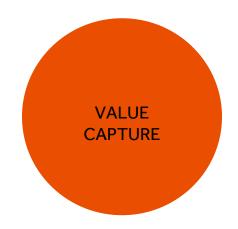
VALUE CREATION We create value by developing and producing unique facial skincare products. We make that possible by tapping into our key resources, such as our product formulations, know-how and cosmetic chemistry expertise, as well as by engaging and cooperating with key stakeholders. We maintain a remote working model to minimise the needs of office spaces.



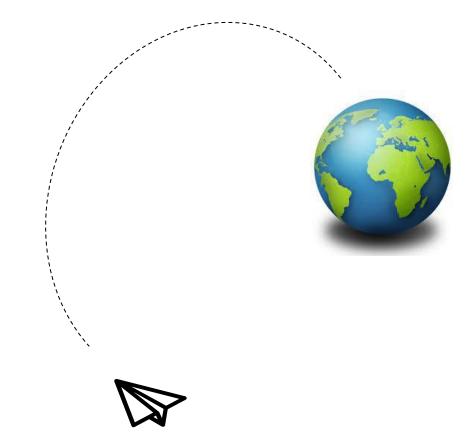
To deliver value we adopt a customer-centric approach with 100% satisfaction guarantee. The 'Seeds Club' members enjoy free express delivery within Greece and EU. Our customer segments consist of individual buyers, cosmetic stores and online marketplaces. Products are ordered online and delivered in customised boxes.



Our value proposition is a full mix of economic, societal and environmental benefits. Our products enhance skin health and radiance. Product users enjoy skincare products of high efficacy, while being inspired to commit to more sustainable beauty routines and consumption habits. We use the smallest possible recyclable tubes for durable packaging and make the most out of our hero ingredients to increase efficiency and support the conservation of natural ecosystems.



Our value capturing model is focused on renevue streams from product sales and the growth of the 'Seeds Club'. Further to that and as a member of 1% for the planet we aspire to capture value by contributing to environmental actions. Our cost structure is based on outsourcing to delegate activities as needed, expand resources and focus on business growth.





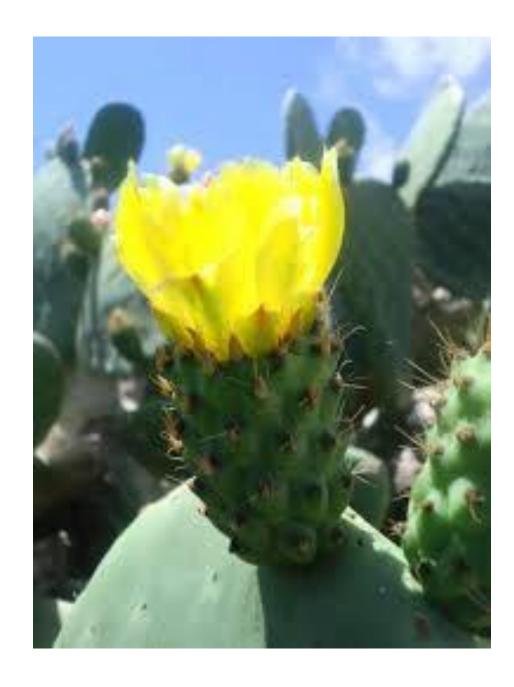
# OUR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

In an era of climate extremes, environmental degradation, urban pollution and stress,

Divine Seeds addresses skin quality deterioration and dehydration from a point of view that:

- ✓ Focuses on performance, results and continuous optimization of the value chain while aiming at leaving the minimum environmental footprint.
- ✓ **Creates a culture of inclusion** at a target market level by delivering unisex, vegan, crueltyfree, and fragrance-free products for all ages and skin colors and types.
- ✓ Enables sustainable consumption behaviors of individuals as its skincare products contain ingredients of high efficacy, thereby allowing consumers to use small quantities.
- ✓ **Enhances economic growth** through the sustainable valorisation of locally-sourced and scarcely used pricky pear and artichoke in the cosmetics industry.

The world around us, image www.whitehouseps.co.uk  $1\ 0$ 



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