

## SUSTAINABILITY IN THE LEATHER GOODS INDUSTRY

**Focused on tradition and sustainability, the companies in the Fashion Cluster invest in handcrafted and unique work to underline their commitment to the environment.**

The leather goods sector is at the cutting edge of sustainable transformation. From selecting eco-friendly raw materials to skilled, artisanal labour, companies focus on social, ethical and environmental responsibility, which are the core values represented in the MADE IN PORTUGAL naturally campaign developed by AICEP, the Portuguese Trade and Investment Agency.

There are several examples of leather goods companies that are 100 per cent MADE IN PORTUGAL.

Made from 100 per cent natural leather, [Elenco](#) bags, which come with a lifetime guarantee upon purchase, stand out for their quality craftsmanship and the perfect touch of irreverence in every detail.

[Rufel](#), a company specialising in manufacturing bags and accessories for men and women, has a highly detailed production process, from selecting fabrics to creating the product. Most of the production is handmade.

[Ownever](#) is a luxury luggage brand established during the pandemic that focuses on sustainable production. The bags are produced in vegetable-tanned or upcycled leather, dyed with vegetable dyes and packed in organic cotton.

[Maria Maleta](#) uses only sustainable raw materials, always putting the spotlight on the excellence of Portuguese production. The brand, inspired by friendship and the feminine personality, firmly believes that all women have two personified sides, so most of its bags can be used in various ways.

[Ideal & Co](#) seeks to reproduce, safeguard and share authentic Portuguese beauty. The brand's collection is made by local artisans using Portuguese leathers, tanned exclusively with natural plant-based tannins obtained from tree bark. The brand also uses "selvedge canvas", an exclusive fabric from the only factory on the Iberian Peninsula that manufactures these resistant canvases.

Established in 1977, [Ceancarel](#) is a brand that manufactures handmade leather bags in limited quantities. To extend the life of its pieces, it provides its customers with a repair service.

These and other companies can be found in the directory available at [portugalglobal.pt/portugalnaturally](http://portugalglobal.pt/portugalnaturally)

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