

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)
THEORY, PRACTICE & RELATION TO ASSET MANAGEMENT

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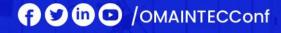




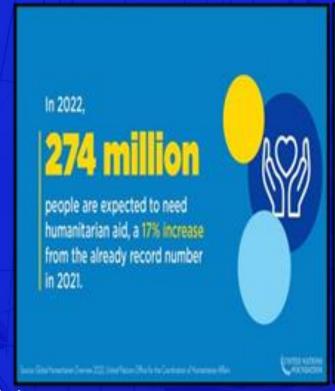


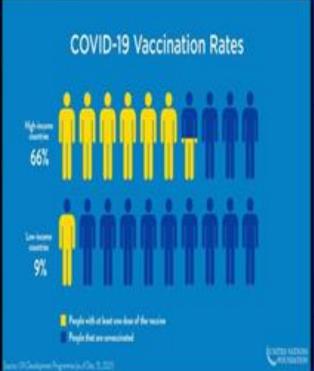


## Global Challenges









#### **CLIMATE PROGRESS IN ACTION**

Snapshot of Momentum Toward Net-Zero

- 105 world leaders signed on to a Global Methane Pledge
- The U.S. and EU launched an initiative to cut methane emissions by 30% by 2030
- There was an agreement to create zero-emissions shipping lanes
- France, Germany, the EU, UK, and U.S. pledged \$8.5 billion to help South Africa decarbonize its coal-heavy energy system

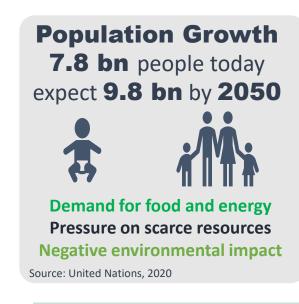


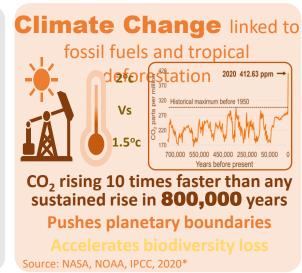




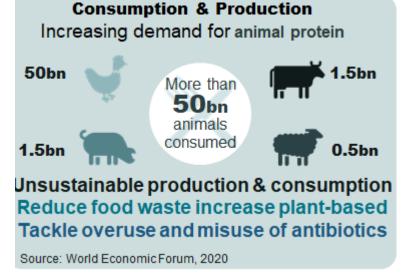
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#### Challenges facing the world today







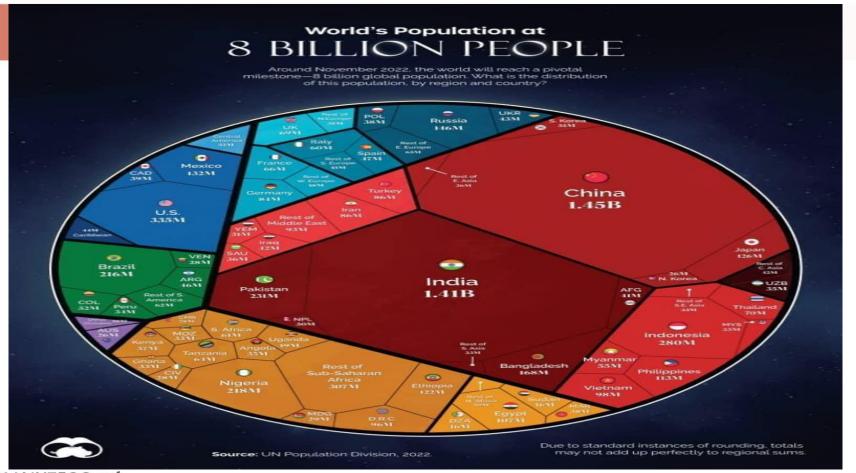




Dislodged viruses

<sup>\*</sup>NASA (National Aeronautics & Space Administration), NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)







#### Global Context, Global Challenges



Businesses
are
operating in
a volatile
and highly
risky
environment
of
continuous
change

Incorporating
Sustainability
& ESG can
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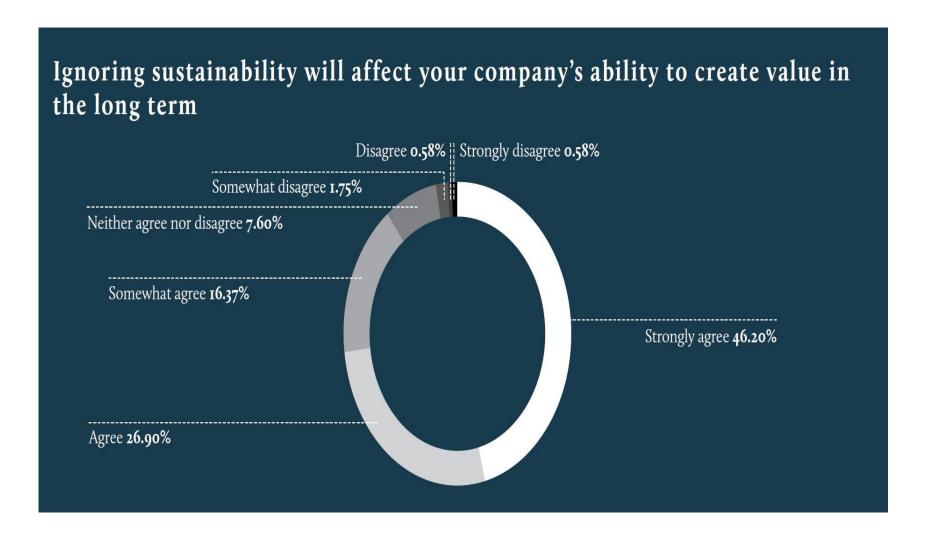
Provides
companies
with a
license to
operate and
an increased
trust
between the
brand and its
stakeholders

More and more companies at the international or regional level are demanding greater transparency regarding sustainability/ ESG from their supply chains

## ESG can help **identify opportunities** including:

- Achieve cost reductions
- Increase quality of products and services
- Better control of entire value chains (human and social rights, work practices etc.)
- Capitalize on new business opportunities from circular economy
- Gain access to crucial funding (i.e., EU funds, international donors, institutional investors and banks)
- Improve reputation
- Strengthen dialogue with a wider stakeholder base

#### Sustainability & Value Creation



Leadership in Corporate Sustainability – European Report 2018

## **ESG Definition & Concept**

#### What is ESG?

 ESG means using Environmental, Social and Governance factors to evaluate companies on how far advanced they are with sustainability. Once enough data has been acquired on these three metrics, they can be integrated into the investment process when deciding what assets and equities to buy.

## What is ESG?

- Environmental, social and governance (ESG):
- refers to a collection of corporate performance evaluation criteria that assess:
  - ✓ the robustness of a company's governance mechanisms and
  - ✓ its ability to effectively manage its environmental and social impacts.
- Examples of ESG data include the quantification of a company's:
  - carbon emissions, water consumption or customer privacy breaches.
- Institutional investors, stock exchanges and boards increasingly use sustainability and social responsibility disclosure information: to explore the relationship between a company's management of ESG risk factors and its business performance.

#### Let's start by clarifying a few key terms

#### Sustainable Development:

• The development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. (Gro Brundtland, World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED), Our Common Future, 1987).

#### Sustainability:

• The ability or capacity of something to be maintained or to sustain itself, to support, or endure. Sustainability is the destination, an end-state, and sustainable development is a means of getting there.



#### Corporate Social Responsibility: (CSR):

The 'responsibility of enterprises for their impacts on society" (European Commission).

#### **ESG**:

Environmental, Social Governance **metrics** are used to assess a company's exposure to a range of environmental, social and governance risks and is a term mainly adopted by investors and rating agencies.

# Today ESG important for businesses for different reasons

- Corporate reputation ESG can enhance a company's license to operate making it easier to accomplish business objectives and respond to crisis scenarios with key stakeholder groups.
- Risk reduction ESG can assist with the identification of immediate and longterm risks depending on the industry and business model.
- Opportunity management Shifting market and non-market conditions can expose unmet needs for new products and/or services, potential customer bases, and potential strategic relationships for addressing **ESG** issues.
- <u>Culture & intrinsic value</u> ESG maturity is an **indicator of a company's** commitment **to building a high performing**, purpose-driven **workforce** and inclusive culture.

# The relationship between **ESG** and **financial performance**

- Improved financial performance due to ESG becomes more marked over longer time horizons.
- ESG integration, broadly speaking as an investment strategy, seems to perform better than negative screening approaches.
- **ESG investing** appears to provide downside **protection**, especially during a social or economic crisis.
- Sustainability initiatives at corporations appear to drive better financial performance due to mediating factors such as improved risk management and more innovation.
- Studies indicate that managing for a low carbon future improves financial performance.
- **ESG disclosure** on its own does not drive financial performance.

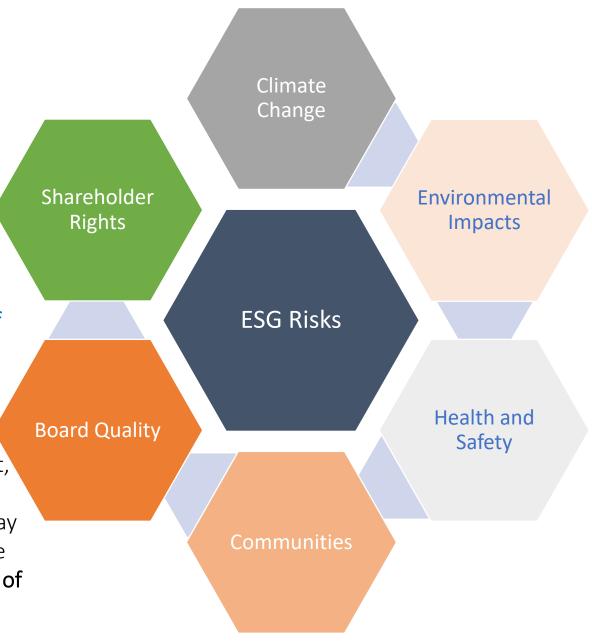
#### What is ESG?

ESG addresses many topics and stakeholders.

efforts to systematically assess, manage, and monitor risks of material potential impact to the strategic and financial decisions of the company.

The term ESG is often used as a synonym for sustainability, CSR, public relations, social investment, or environmental compliance.

While some of these elements may factor into an ESG program, at the center of ESG is the management of risk and the preservation of shareholder value.



## **ESG Metrics & components**

#### More investors are accounting for ESG factors

Total US assets under management using sustainable investment strategies against total US assets under management, 2020

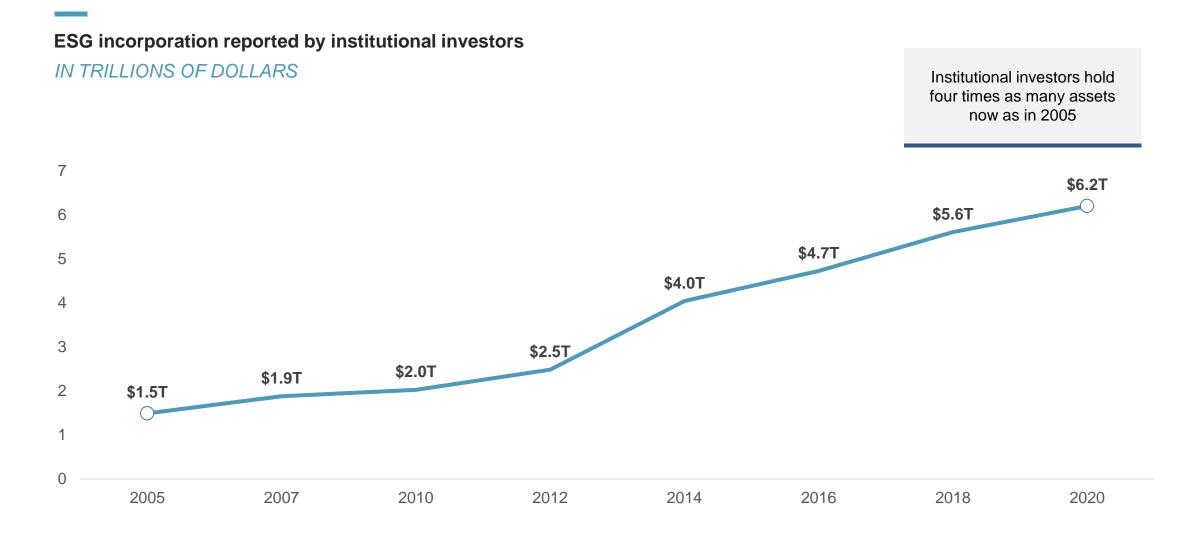
IN TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS



**\$17.1 trillion** of professionally managed assets at the start of 2020 were under strategies that considered ESG criteria in their investment process and decision-making, compared to **\$8.1 trillion** in 2016 and **\$2.5 trillion** in 2010

This means that in 2020, **\$1 of every \$3** invested by institutional investors, money managers, and community-investing financial institutions in the US was under an ESG investment strategy

#### Institutional investors and ESG



## **ESG Metrics & components**

#### ESG factors: Environmental

- Environmental factors: include the contribution a company to
- climate change through greenhouse gas emissions, along with
- waste management and energy efficiency, Given renewed
- efforts to **combat global warming**, cutting emissions and decarbonizing is become more important.

### ESG factors: Social

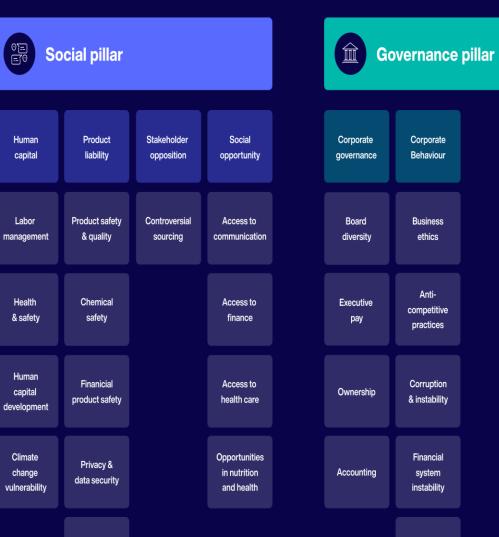
- Social include
  - human rights,
  - labor standards in the supply chain,
  - any exposure to illegal child labor, and more routine issues such as
  - adherence to workplace health and safety.
  - A social score also rises if a company is well **integrated with its local community** and therefore has a 'social license' to operate with consent.

#### ESG factors: Governance

- Governance refers to:
- a set of rules or principles defining rights, responsibilities and expectations between different stakeholders in the governance of corporations.
- A well-defined corporate governance system can be used to balance or align interests between stakeholders and can work as a tool to support a company's long-term strategy.

#### The Key Elements of **ESG** Reporting





Corporate

Behaviour

**Business** 

ethics

Anti-

competitive

practices

Corruption

& instability

**Financial** 

system

instability

#### Trends: ESG & purchasing decisions

#### ESG is a Key Differentiator in Purchasing Decisions



ESG score is on average in 94% correlated to Reputation

Develop and Implement an ESG Strategy

## ESG & UN-SDG'S

#### Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) came into force in 2016 with the aim to achieve a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable society by 2030.

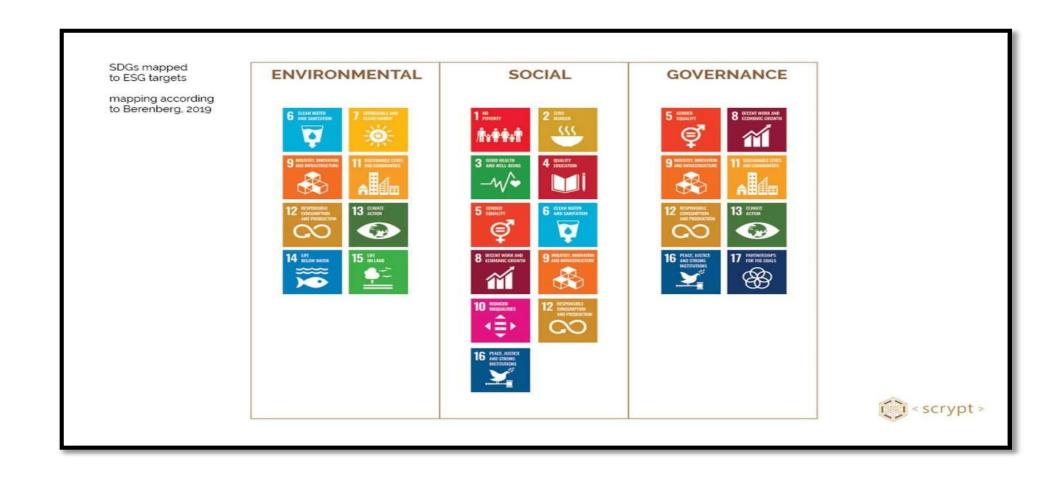
SDGs aid organizations in achieving organizational growth and productivity while 'moving the world towards a sustainable and inclusive development path'.

As organizations strive to be more proactive in getting the most from the Goals to support their purpose, accelerate growth and maximize impact,

**SDGs Alignment** provides tools and tangibles methodologies to navigate past risk and focus on opportunities reflected in the SDG Agenda.

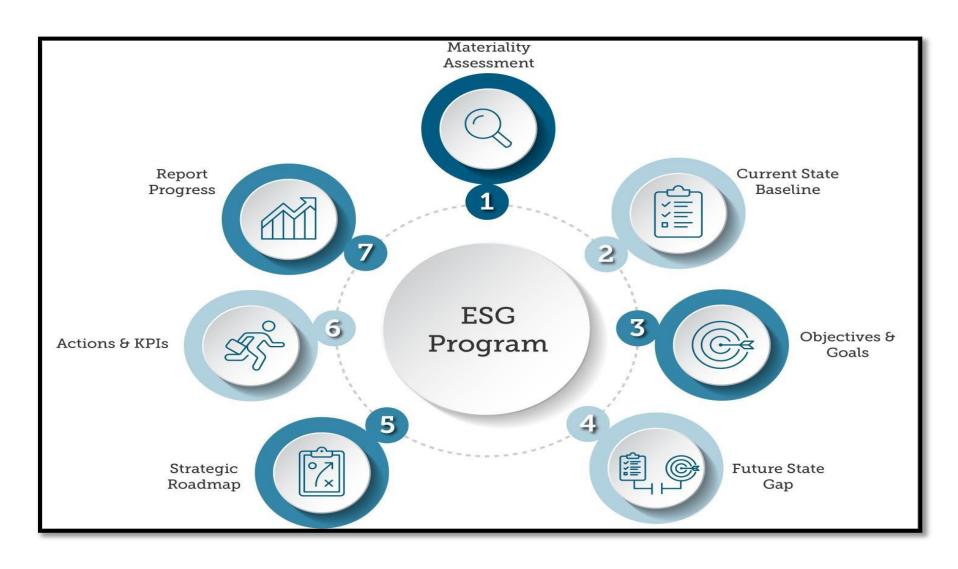


## SDGs work together with ESG factors



# ESG Framework, Road map & Impact of ESG on companies

## ESG Program



#### ESG as Part of a Company's Core Strategy

**An ESG strategy cannot be separate from the broader organizational strategy**. The further development of an ESG strategy effectively means the integration of sustainability elements to a company's core strategy.

- Emphasis on Material Issues: Priority is given to the most material issues from a financial, environmental, and social standpoint.
- Strategic Alignment: The emphasis on materiality allows for the development of an ESG strategy that is fully integrated with the broader strategy.
- **Board Leadership and Oversight:** The Board and top management will own the strategy and oversee its implementation.
- Innovative Programs and Policies: Introduction of new policies, procedures, and technologies to achieve the company's long-term strategic objectives.
- Metrics and Goals: The implementation program includes quantitative and qualitative objectives which can be monitored to measure the company's progress towards its goals.
- **Monitoring:** The implementation should allow for regular assessment of the effectiveness of the various programs, so that the company can make adjustments for improvement.



## **ESG SCORING and Reporting**

# The benefits of applied ESG within physical assets management have so many advantages such as:

- Increased Cost Avoidance.
- Decreased Resource Waste.
- Improved Occupant Health
- Extended Asset Life Expectancy.
- think out of the box and beyond it start thinking more "circular" than "linear"
- Data-Driven Decision Making.
- Fewer Disruptions to Stakeholders& renew the trust contract with stakeholders
- Improve risk management
- Gain competitive advantage & outperform market.
- Improved Eligibility for Sustainability Incentives.
- Decreased Carbon Foot print
- Better, Faster Completion of Maintenance Needs.

## Mapping ESG to asset management.

#### Pathway to ESG **ESG: Typical Elements Programmed Success** Related AM Aspects Environment Environment Assess Present State **Energy Use** Performance Assessment Operational Practices Waste Asset Condition Work Management Pollution Reliability Programs Asset Strategy Resource Utilization Optimization Performance Programs Social Social Planning Supply Chain ESG Criticality Assessment Strategic Alignment Community Engagement Risk Profiling Identify Strengths and Weaknesses Employees(H&S) Operational Excellence Maturity Customer (Quality) **Employee Engagement Best Value Opportunities** Governance Cost Governance Program Implementation Change Challenges Transparency Reporting Performance Measurement Roadmap/Journey Stakeholder Engagement Management Oversight Timing and sequence of change Conflict of Interest Scorecards and Dashboards Articulation of Plan

## Mapping ESG to asset management competencies.

# ENVIRONMENT

#### Reduced energy consumption:

- · Optimizing processing
  - Controls
  - Monitoring
  - Analytics
- Reducing energy losses
  - Losses Monitoring
  - Efficiency Programs
- Optimizing Maintenance
- Performance Management

#### **Waste Reduction**

- Better use of raw material:
  - Controls
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- Enhanced operational practices
- Competency based training
- Performance Management

#### **Pollution Reduction**

- Emissions Reduction
  - Controls
  - Monitoring
  - Analytics
- Maintenance Optimization
- Competency based training
- · Performance Management

#### **Resource Utilization:**

- Continuous Improvement
- Optimizing Maintenance
- Work Prioritization
- · Risk Identification
- Risk Based Decision Making
- Climate Adaptation Planning
- · Performance Management

#### Employee Health and Safety:

- Criticality Assessment
- Asset Condition
- · Risk Determination
- · Program Design
- Maintenance Strategy Design
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#### Customer - Product and Service Quality:

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#### Community:

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#### **Supply Chain:**

- Criticality
- Risk Based Decision
  Making
- Performance Management

## GOVERNANCE

SOCIAL

#### Transparency:

- Maintenance Strategy Design
- Program Design
- Risk Based Decision Making
- Comprehensive Measures
- Data Management

#### Reporting:

- Independent Report Generation
- · Automated Reporting
- Self-Audit Built into Programs
- Rigorous Management Review Process

#### Stakeholder Engagement:

- Maintenance Strategy Design
- Risk Determination
- Risk Based Decision Making

#### Conflict of Interest:

- Risk Based Decision Making
- Self-Audit built into core Programs
- Data Management
- High Degree of Automated Reporting

## ESG and AM Alignment: Environmental Elements

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#### A strong environmental, social, and governance (ESG) proposition links to value creation in five essential ways.

	Strong ESG proposition (examples)	Weak ESG proposition (examples)
Top-line growth	Attract B2B and B2C customerswith more sustainable products Achieve better access to resourcesthrough stronger community and government relations	Lose customers through poor sustainability practices (eg, human rights, supply chain) or aperception of unsustainable/unsafe products  Lose access to resources (including from operational shutdowns) as a result of poorcommunity and labor relations
Cost reductions	Lower energy consumption Reduce water intake	Generate unnecessary waste and pay correspondingly higher waste-disposal costs  Expend more in packaging costs
Regulatory and legal interventions	Achieve greater strategic freedomthrough deregulation  Earn subsidies and governmentsupport	Suffer restrictions on advertisingand point of sale Incur fines, penalties, andenforcement actions
Productivityuplift	Boost employee motivation Attract talent through greatersocial credibility	Deal with "social stigma," which restrictstalent pool Lose talent as a result of weak purpose
Investment and asset optimization	Enhance investment returns by better allocating capital for thelong term (eg, more sustainable plant and equipment)  Avoid investments that may not pay off because of longer-termenvironmental issues	Suffer stranded assets as a result ofpremature write-downs Fall behind competitors that have invested to be less "energy hungry"



Major indices for ESG

# six ratings providers have emerged as market leaders:

- Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI)
- Sustainalytics
- Refinitiv
- S&P Global Ratings
- FTSE Russell
- Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS)

# Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) MSCI

• MSCI has been one of the major drivers of consolidation in the ESG ratings space, acquiring several competing data providers since its entry on the scene. In addition to businesses, MSCI also rates countries and financial products like securities, loans, mutual funds, and ETFs.

 Methods: Analysis of publicly available reporting, plus proprietary ESG data Coverage: 8,700+ companies

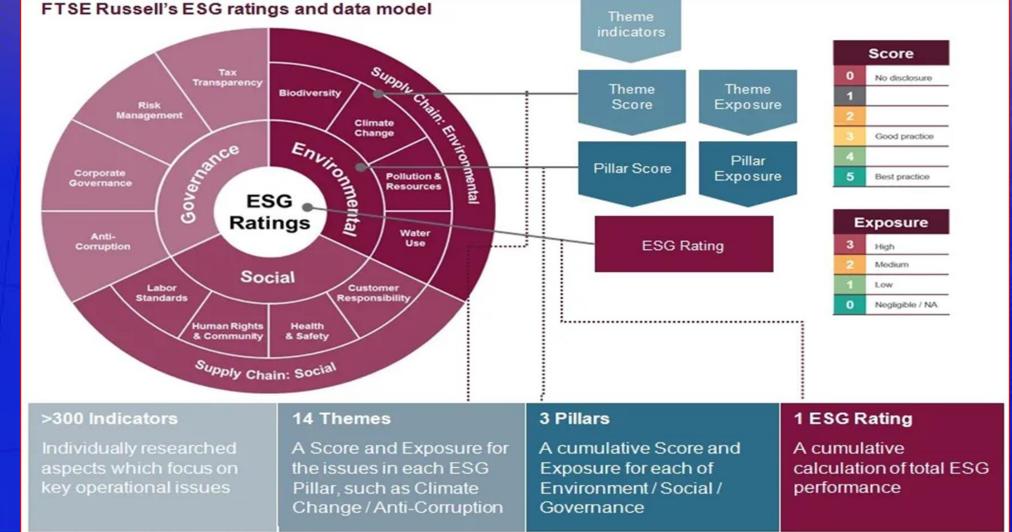
Clients: 1,400+ clients, including 46 of the top 50 global asset managers

Key issue coverage: 35 key issues, 6-10 identified per industry (materiality is determined at industry level)

**Scoring**: Leader (AAA, AA), Average (A, BBB, BB), Laggard (B, CCC). Calculations are made via a weighted an average of each score level that's then adjusted relative to peers.











### Benefits of Applied ESG in Facilities Maintenance and Asset

## Management

Applying ESG management to assets and maintenance reveals significant opportunities within an organization. Instead of blindly making decisions, Facilities & Asset Managers can realize these key benefits:

- •Increased Cost Avoidance. Improved maintenance will naturally lead to increased cost avoidance.
- Decreased Resource Waste. Less waste within the facility will avoid costs as well, not to mention ensures assets function appropriately and within their prescribed lifespan.
- •Improved Occupant Health. The benefits of considering the social ramifications of maintenance decisions will also increase occupant health by eliminating the hazard, such as improved air quality.
- Extended Asset Life Expectancy. Extended asset life expectancy will lead to reductions in TCO and contribute to fewer costs for the company.

# Benefits of Applied ESG in Facilities Maintenance

- Data-Driven Decision Making. Using ESG data, managers can make informed decisions for the maintenance schedule and beyond.
- Fewer Disruptions to Guest Experiences. Fewer disruptions will increase customer satisfaction rates.
- •Improved Eligibility for Sustainability Incentives. Depending on the area, increased sustainability may open the door to incentive programs that pay for the costs of such improvements.
- **Decreased Carbon Footprint**. A decreased carbon footprint will contribute to a growing global consensus that sustainability benefits everyone in both short-term and long-term outlooks.
- •Better, Faster Completion of Maintenance Needs. Faster completion of maintenance needs will naturally increase the responsiveness of your team.

#### The 7 Sins of ESG Management

The following are a few of the most common misconceptions and problematic practices among companies when dealing with the management of ESG issues:

- Excessive Focus on Ratings: A company approach that focuses exclusively on improving the company's rating is at risk of allocating more resources to "checking boxes" instead of developing a strategy that is tailored to the company's unique outlook and exposure to risk.
- Treating ESG Solely as a Communications Effort: Communications can help the company amplify its messaging, but they cannot substitute for a robust management system that addresses material risks.
- Lack of Board and Management Oversight: The company's ESG management strategy should be positioned as a core part of the company's vision and values. The involvement of the board and senior management is key.
- **Disconnect from Business Strategy**: An ESG strategy that does not consider the company's strategic objectives and does not inform the main corporate strategy fails to serve its purpose.
- Compliance-Oriented Approach: An approach to ESG management focused on compliance with rules and regulations may appear as reactive and indicate a reluctance to go above and beyond minimum requirements.
- Inconsistencies across the Firm: Lack of a company-wide strategy and coordination leaves significant gaps in the company's ESG management programs, with potential exposures to risk.
- Lack of Assessment and Monitoring: Lack of effective monitoring of ESG performance impedes the company's ability to make progress and receive full credit for its ongoing initiatives through reporting.

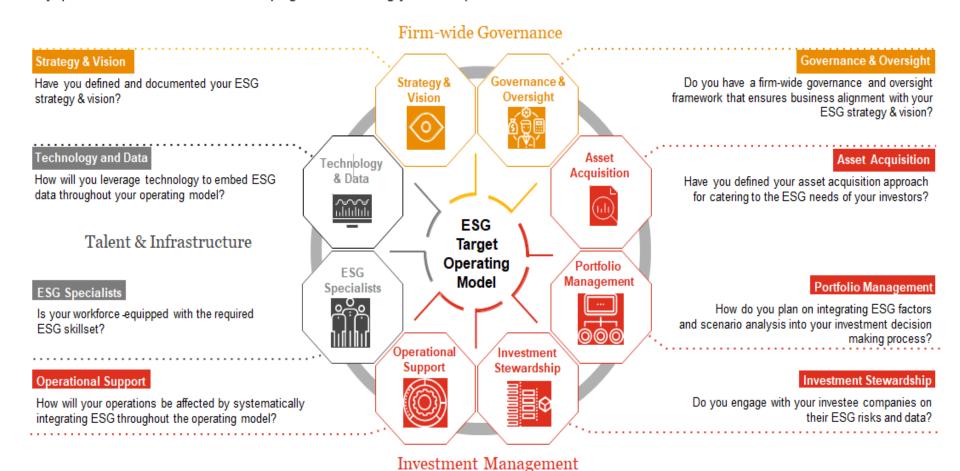
# ESG AND Asset Management

## **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG): An opportunity for Asset Managers**



#### Integrating ESG in the asset management target operating model

Developing an ESG practice has implications on all functions within the asset management target operating model. The following are some key questions to consider when developing and enhancing your ESG practice.



## Implement ESG strategy

managers and analyst

# ❖ Prepare an ESG roadmap □ Design your ESG governance structure: professionals recommend the most effective governance structure based on the ESG roadmap, operations and capabilities. □ Prepare action plans and key performance indicators (KPIs— Implement principles and approaches across asset classes, funds and mandates: □ Incorporate ESG principles into operational processes: professionals help to integrate ESG strategy into operations including sales and marketing, analysis, investment decisions and outsourcing.

□ Educate and train your people: specialists develop and deliver tailored

training programs for example for board directors, executives, portfolio

#### Conclusion



ESG is the future, not a fad



ESG ≠ ethical



ESG is a process, not a type of fund



ESG supports better informed investment decision-making



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