# How Global Institutional Investors Are Incorporating ESG In Their Portfolio Management

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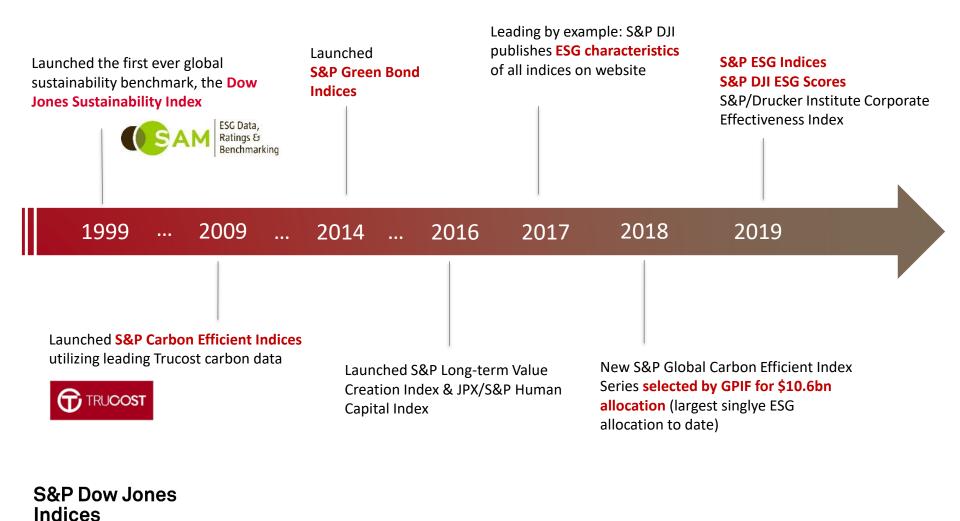


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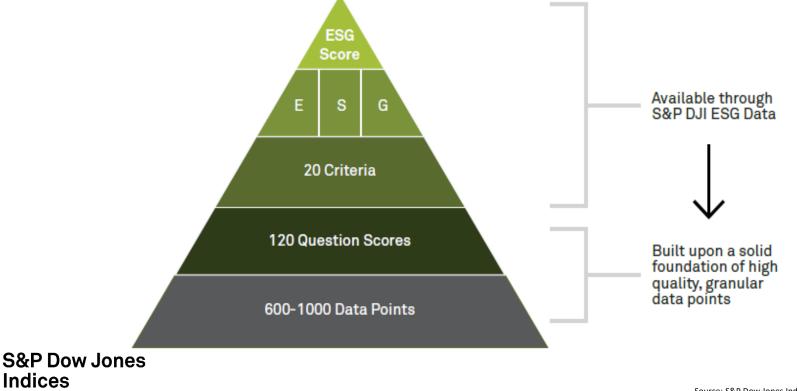
# **S&P DJI ESG Index Development**

Moving From Purely Exclusionary to Integrated ESG Strategies



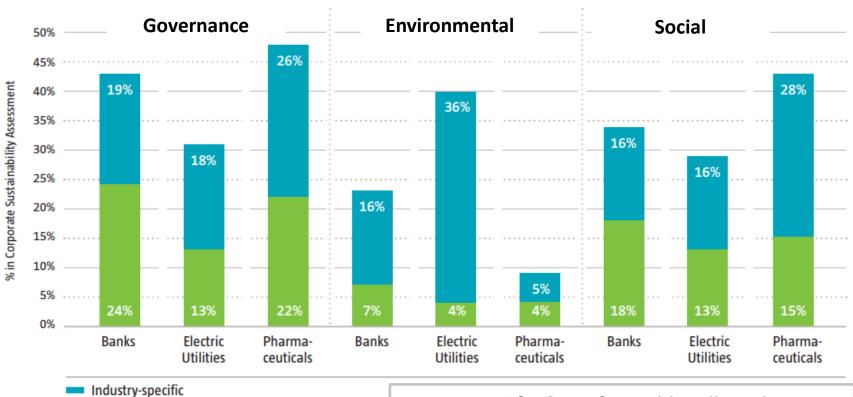
### S&P DJI ESG Score - Comprehensive and Granular ESG Metrics

- Calculated by SAM (a brand of RobecoSAM) through its annual Corporate Sustainable Assessment (CSA), which goes beyond public disclosure.
- Built upon comprehensive and granular ESG metrics (600-1000 per company).
- The CSA is industry-specific, accounting for the most financially material and relevant issues for a given sector.



# **S&P DJI ESG Score - Data Collection Process**

**Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA):** Annual rules-based questionnaire assessment comprising a best-in-class approach to assessing ESG performance.



**61 industries** with tailored questionnaires containing both general and industry-specific questions

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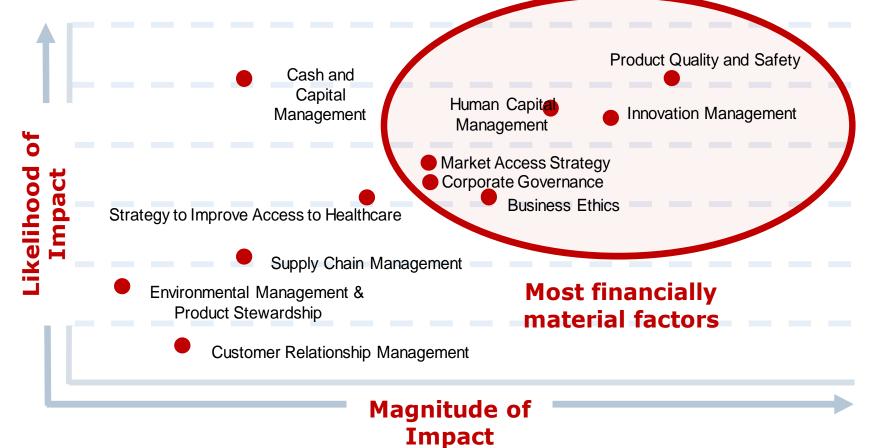
## S&P DJI ESG Score - Industry-Specific Criteria And Component Weighting

| Governance Dimension                  | Electric<br>Banks Utilities Ph          | narmaceuticals    |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Anti-crime PolicyහMeasures            | •                                       | industry-specific |
| Codes of Business Conduct             | •                                       | e general         |
| Corporate Governance                  | • •                                     | e general         |
| Customer Relationship Management      | •                                       | industry-specific |
| Financial Stability and Systemic Risk | •                                       | industry-specific |
| Information Security & Cybersecurity  | • •                                     | industry-specific |
| Innovation Management                 | •                                       | industry-specific |
| Market Opportunities                  | ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• | industry-specific |
| Marketing Practices                   |   | industry-specific |
| Materiality                           | • •                                     | e general         |
| Product Quality and Recall Management |   | industry-specific |
| Risk හ Crisis Management              | • •                                     | e general         |
| Supply Chain Management               | ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• | industry-specific |
| Tax Strategy                          | •                                       | industry-specific |
| Total Economic Dimension Weight       | 43% 31%                                 | 48%               |

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# **S&P DJI ESG Score - Financially Materiality**

Weights vary by industries and are determined by SAM's financial materiality analysis for a given industry



Financially Materiality For Pharmaceuticals industry

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# **Application of ESG Scores**

- **Portfolio Exclusions -** Investors can screen stocks by ESG scores to:
  - Reduce exposures to reputational risks
  - Performance concerns of the lowest ranking ESG companies
  - Ethical concerns
  - Client demand
  - Invest in best in ESG class companies

### Integrating ESG scores into analysis

- Concerns around the risks associated with low-ranking ESG companies
- A view that highly-ranked ESG stocks will outperform
- Quantifying intangible values
- Portfolio Tilts
  - Portfolio-level ESG improvement without excluding companies and losing diversification. Tilts can also be applied alongside other strategies within an index.
- Identifying Industry Laggards
  - It is impossible to engage with every company in the way they would desire. ESG scores can be used to target laggards within industries.

# **ESG Indices With Different Objectives**

| ESG Category         | Description  | Examples   |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Core ESG             | Best-in-class and broad market<br>approaches that target ESG<br>performance while replicating<br>the risk and return profile of the<br>parent index. | <ul> <li>Dow Jones Sustainability<br/>Indices</li> <li>S&amp;P ESG Indices</li> <li>S&amp;P 500 ex-Tobacco</li> </ul>                                  |
| Climate –<br>Aligned | Indices designed to address<br>climate change and the<br>transition to a low-carbon<br>economy.  | <ul> <li>S&amp;P Carbon Efficient Indices</li> <li>S&amp;P Carbon Price Risk<br/>Adjusted Indices</li> <li>S&amp;P Fossil Fuel Free Indices</li> </ul> |
| - Thematic<br>& SDGs | Indices that focus on specific<br>ESG-related issues, often with a<br>narrow objective.  | <ul> <li>S&amp;P Long-term Value<br/>Creation Index</li> <li>Dow Jones Green REIT<br/>Indices</li> </ul>   |
| Fixed<br>Income      | Fixed Income variants of the core ESG indices and a suite of indices providing access to the green bond market.                                      | <ul> <li>S&amp;P 500 Bond IG Carbon<br/>Efficient Index</li> <li>S&amp;P Green Bond Indices</li> </ul>   |

# The S&P ESG Index Series

Integrating ESG Values Into the Core

Aligning investment objectives with ESG values

- Broad market exposure & industry diversification
- Similar risk and return profile to the parent index
- Achieve a higher composite ESG score relative to the parent index which holds true industry by industry.

Covering global markets with transparent indexing approach

- Uses S&P DJI ESG scores to select companies, targeting 75% of the market capitalization of each GICS Industry Group within the parent index
- 23 country, regional, and global ESG indices, including the S&P 500 ESG Index

## **S&P ESG Index – Construction**

Driving ESG Performance While Maintaining Broad Market Exposure

### 1) Exclude:

- Tobacco
- Controversial weapons
- Low UNGC scores
- Bottom 25% of S&P DJI ESG scoring companies within each global GICS Industry Group

### 2) Sort & Select:

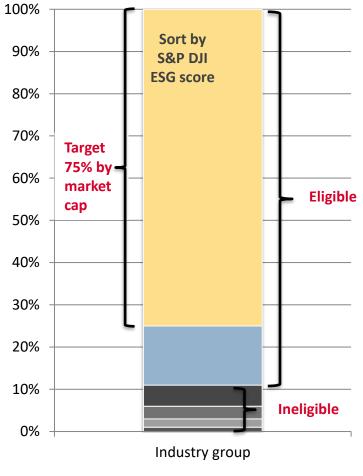
- Sort eligible companies by S&P DJI ESG Score within each GICS Industry Group
- Select top performing companies, targeting 75% within each GICS Industry Group

### 3) Weight:

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Weight companies by float-adjusted market cap

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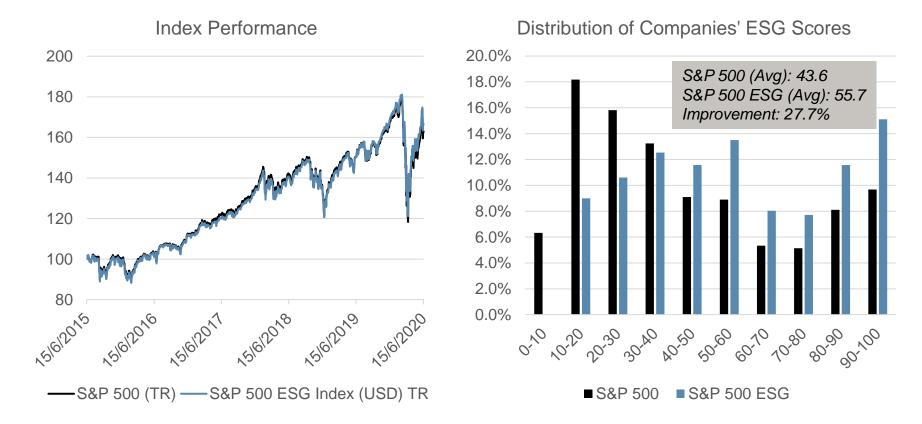


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## S&P ESG Index – Index Performance

Similar Risk And Return Profile To The Parent Index With Improvement On ESG Performance



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