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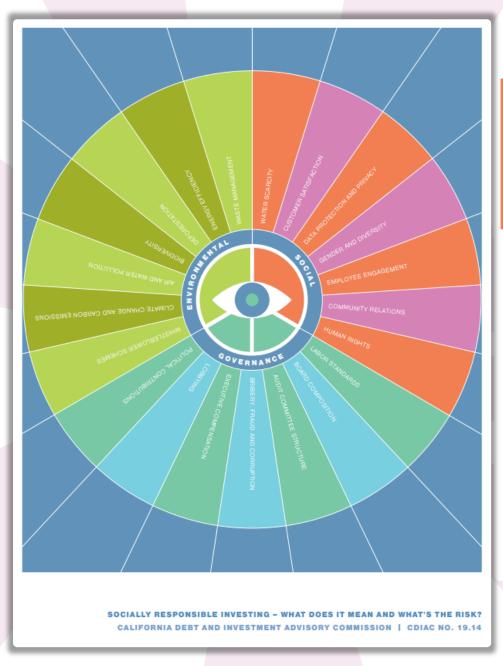
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### Resources

#### CDIAC Publications:

- Socially Responsible Investing What Does it Mean and What's the Risk?
- Local Agency Investment Guidelines (LAIG)

#### Other Resources

A list of ESG and SRI resources can be found at the back of Socially Responsible Investing publication and on the <u>webinar page</u>.

### Speaker Introductions

#### David Carr

Assistant City
Treasurer
City of Santa Monica

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Research Data
Specialist

California Debt and Investment Advisory (CDIAC)

#### Kevin Webb CFA

Piper Jaffray

### Fundamentals

Tara Dunn, Research Data Specialist, CDIAC

Socially
Responsible
Investing
Defined

Allowable
Investments Per
Investment Code
and Investment
Policy

Optional
Positive and/or
Negative
Screening

Factors to Consider

# Socially Responsible

### Investing

Strategies to promote concepts and ideals a local agency seeks to support while practicing prudent investment management.



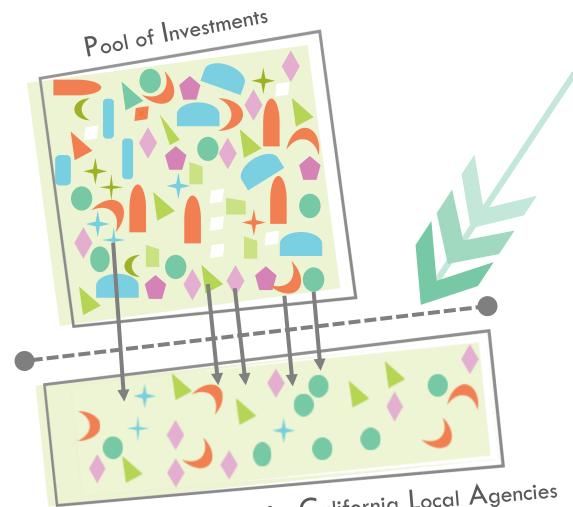
Safety Prudent Liquidity Investor Standard Yield Section 53600.3 Section 53600.5 Recommended **Best Practice:** Investment Policy California Investment Resources: Requirements 2019 CDIAC's Local Agency Investment Guidelines (LAIG) CDIAC's California **Public Fund Investment Primer** 

Permissible Investments

See LAIG, Chapter 2

# Permissible Investments: Mandatory



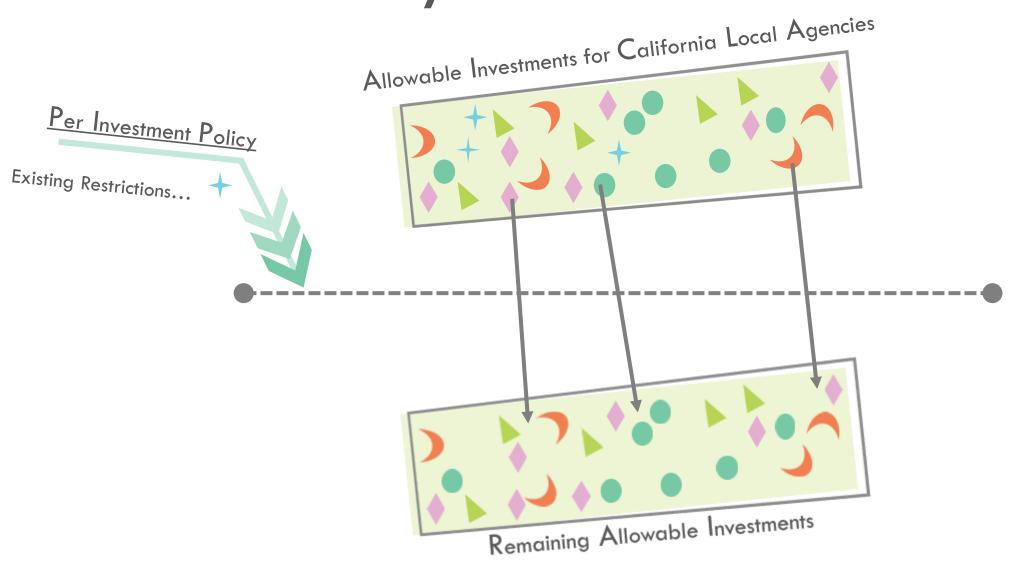


Allowable Investments for California Local Agencies

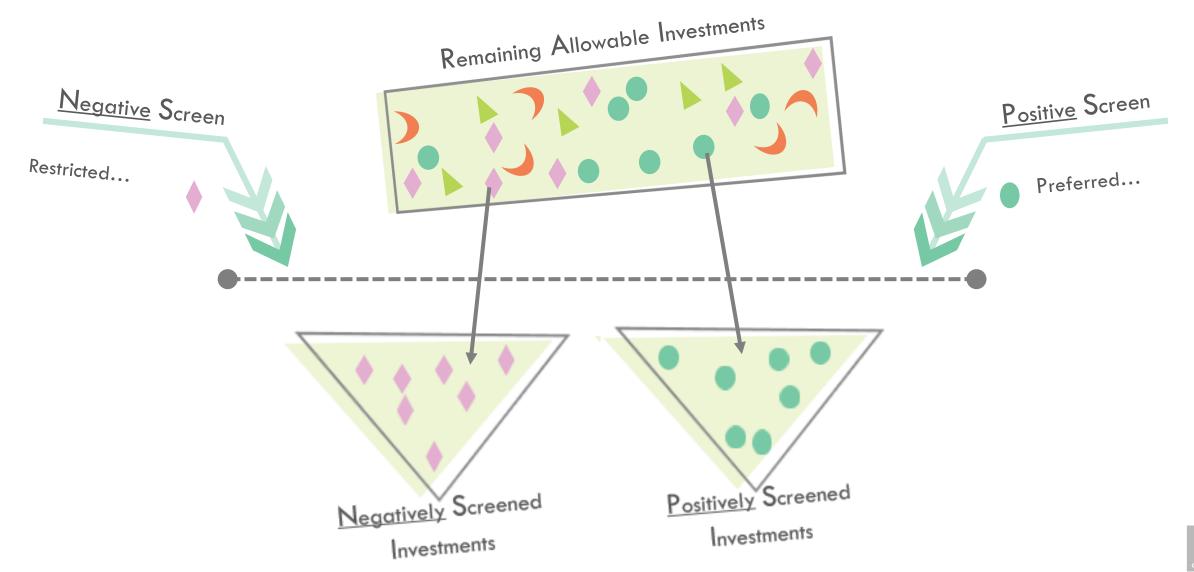
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# Investment Policy: Best Practice



# **Optional Screening Strategies**



# Determining 'Want'

Whether an agency uses positive or negative screening, they still must build their 'screen' by determining what they do or do not want in their investments.

#### Environmental, Social, and Governance Criteria

1. Examples of ESG Categories

Environmental	Social	Governance
Climate change and	Customer satisfaction	Board composition
carbon emissions		
Air and water	Data protection and	Audit committee structure
pollution	privacy	
Biodiversity	Gender and diversity	Bribery, fraud and
		corruption
Deforestation	Employee engagement	Executive compensation
Energy efficiency	Community relations	Lobbying
Waste management	Human rights	Political contributions
Water scarcity	Labor standards	Whistleblower schemes

2. Company/Investment Scores/Ratings

Green Bonds

Local Community Banks

Economic Development

Infrastructure, Affordable

Housing

Source: CFA Institute

### Factors to Consider

#### Complexity

- Process
- Analysis
- Alternatives
- Available Data

#### Flexibility

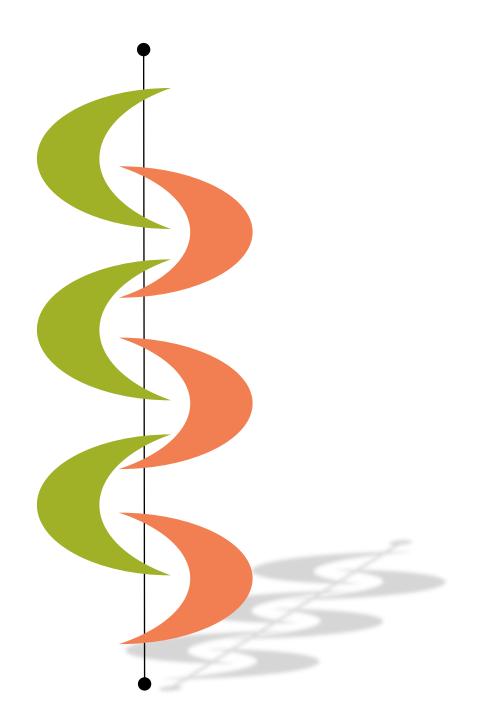
- Adapt to MarketChanges
- Improved ESGMetrics

#### Informal Practice

- Stakeholder Sentiment
- Board Direction
- Developing Expertise

Narrow Focus of Criteria

- Investment Type
- Investment Sector
- Exceptions

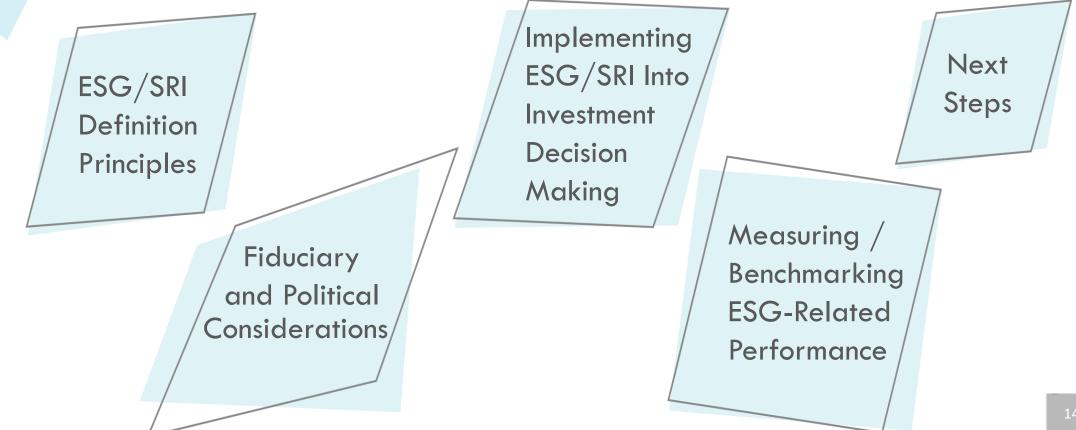


### Audience Poll

Do you currently use ESG/SRI in your investment process?

# Santa Monica's Perspective

David Carr, Assistant City Treasurer, City of Santa Monica





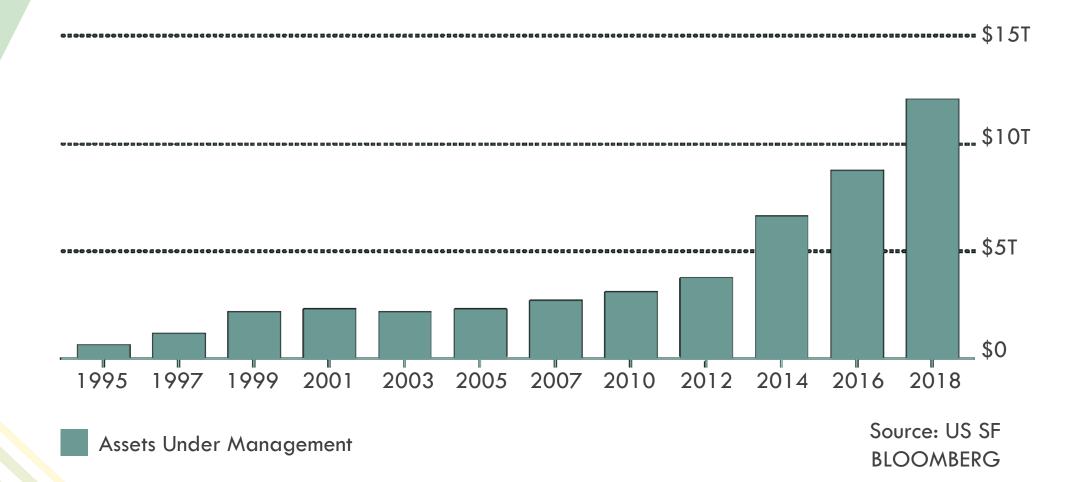
# What is ESG/SRI?

Responsible investment is an approach to investing that aims to incorporate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into investment decisions, to better manage risk and generate sustainable, long-term returns.

<u>UN Principles of Responsible Investment</u>

# Sustainable Growth

Investors using socially responsible criteria hit \$12 trillion in US assets.



### Fiduciary and Political Considerations

Political Considerations

Governing Board Sets Policy

History in Santa Monica

ESG vs SRI in Santa Monica

Integration

Screening

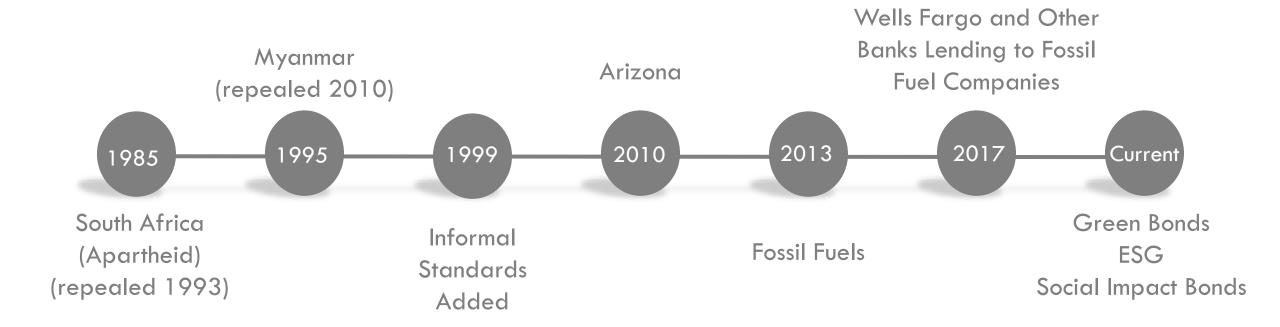
**Thematic** 



EsG Impact on Credit Ratings

Risk vs Reward

# Santa Monica's SRI Evolution



# Santa Monica's nvestment Policy

#### 17. Socially Responsible Investing

RESTRICTIONS – The direct investment of City funds are restricted as follows:

- healthy environment, including following safe and environmentally sound practices.
- b. No investments will be made in fossil fuel companies as defined by the organization 350.org or in banking institutions that provide financing to said companies.
- c. No investments are to be made in tobacco or tobacco-related products.
- d. No investments are to be made to support the production of weapons, military systems, or nuclear power.
- e. Investments are to be made in entities that promote community economic development.

Funds invested with trustee and/or outside investment managers such as the Cemetery and Mausoleum Perpetual Care Funds will comply with this section of the policy.

# ESG Implementation

- One component of investment analysis and decision making.
- Typically applicable to corporates, but can be applied to other asset classes.
- → Variety of ESG data tools:
  - Bloomberg
  - Yahoo!
  - **Brokers**
  - Private ESG Analytical Firms (Sustainalytics, MSCI, RobecoSAM, etc.)

# Implementation in Santa Monica

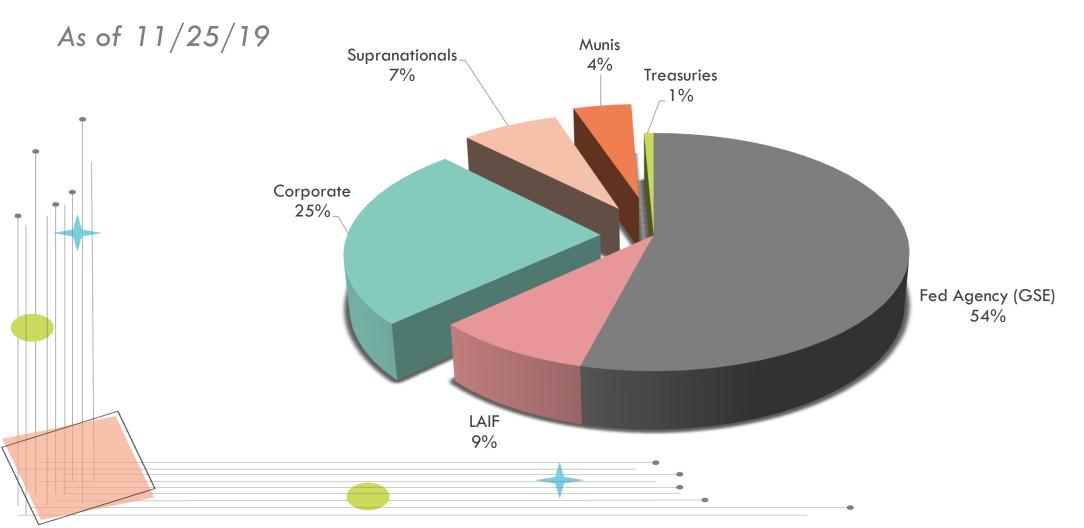
ESG does not alter other daily investment processes.

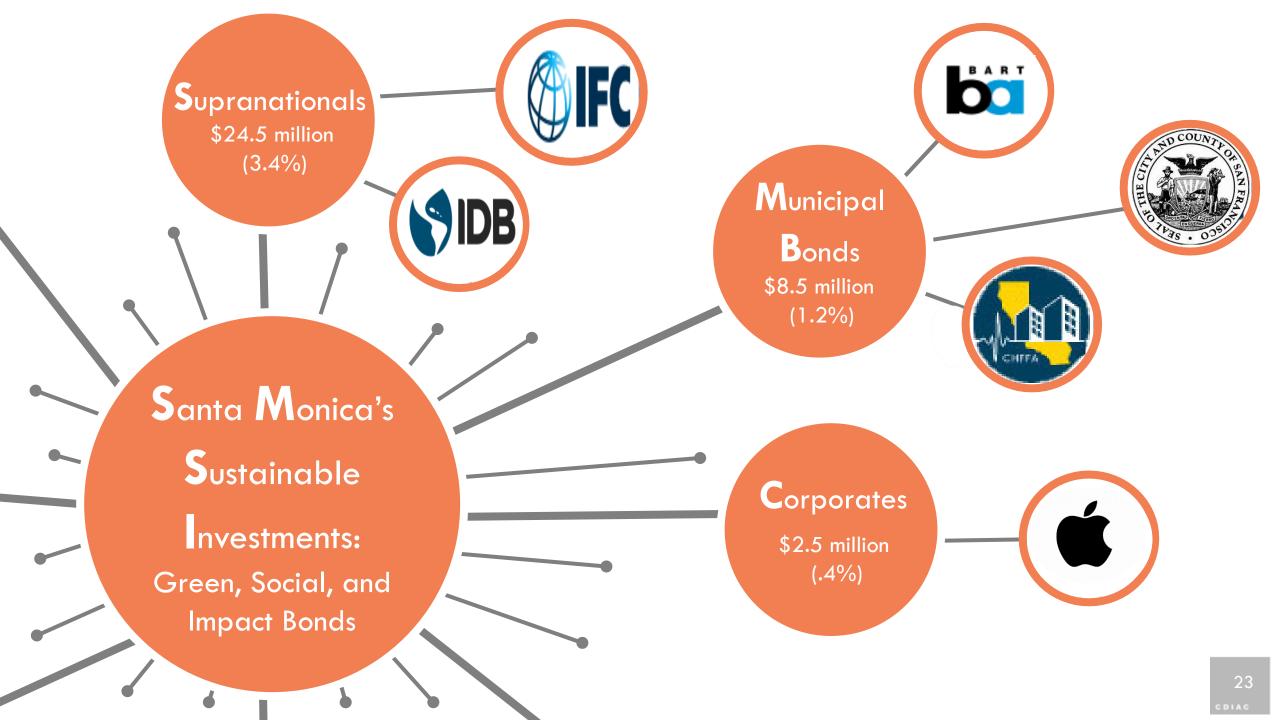
Check ESG score of corporates as an added component of credit analysis.

Partner with broker to look for suitable investments.

Corporates are not the only sector where SRI applies.

### Santa Monica Portfolio





# ESG Impact on Returns



Companies with higher ESG scores tend to have slightly higher returns.



Governance scores are the most highly correlated.



Increase of 0.3% to 0.4% annually.

### ESG in Credit Analysis

#### Credit Rating Agency Signatories

Axesor Rating

Beyond Ratings

China Chengxin International Credit Rating Co., Ltd

Dagong Global Credit Ratings Group

Fedafin AG

Fitch Group, Inc

Golden Credit Rating International Co., Ltd

Japan Credit Rating Agency

JCR Eurasia Rating

Liberum Ratings

Microfinanza Rating

Moody's Corporation

**RAM Ratings** 

Rating-Agentur Expert RA GmbH

Rating and Investment Information, Inc.

Scope Ratings

Spread Ratings

**S&P Global Ratings** 

### ESG in Credit Analysis Example

Country

US

Sector

Banking

Bank

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**ESG** Factor

Social and Governance

Action

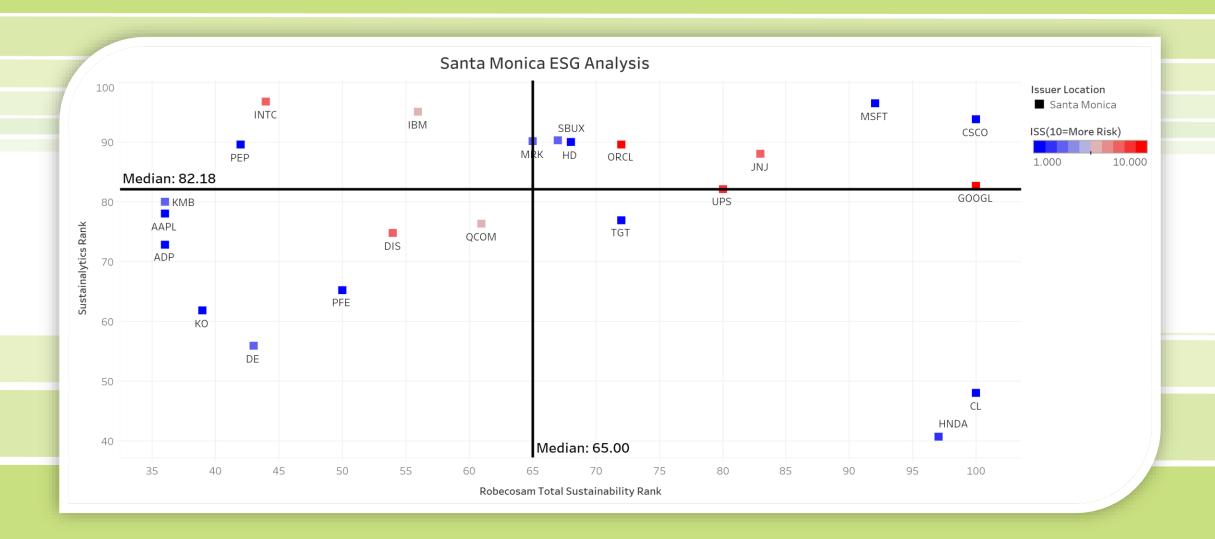
Credit rating downgraded from A to A-; outlook stable

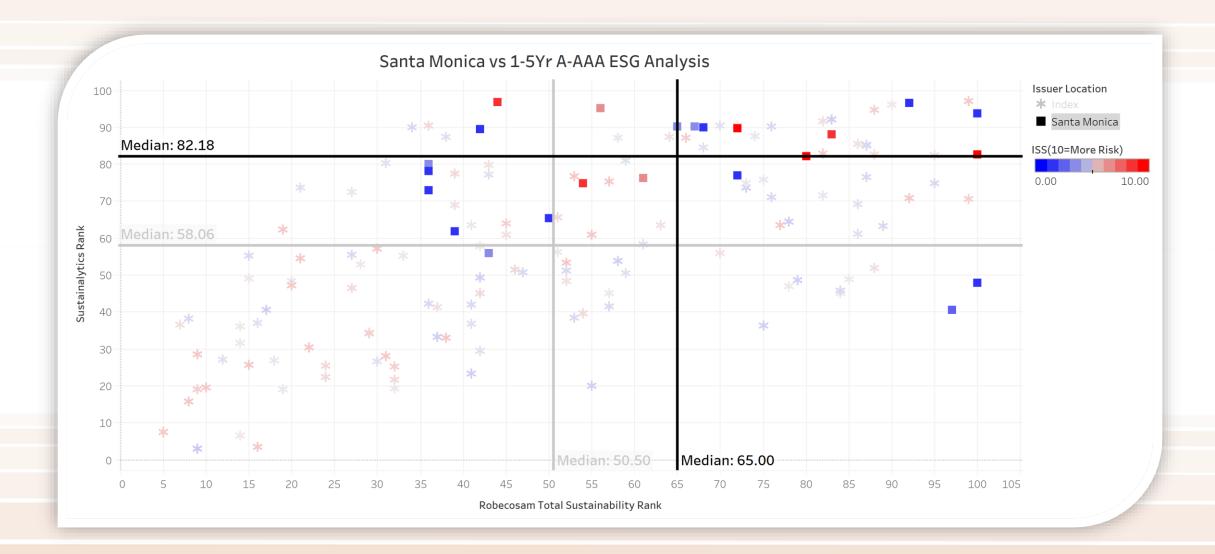
Key Rationale

Asset growth capped until the company further enhances its governance and compliance and risk management to the standards required by the regulator; the downgrade also reflects ongoing ramifications of its retail sales practices issues.

Source

**S&P Global Ratings** 







### Next Steps

Increasing interest in public sector.

There is a need for education.

GIOA Committee
Workshops and Conferences

Consistency needed in:

Standards in measuring Benchmarking

# Summary

**E**SG/SRI is expected to continue increasing in the public sector.

**E**SG/SRI is not just for corporates.

There are different approaches for each organization.

No evidence of decreased returns.

There are tools available!



# Tools for ESG Analysis

Kevin Webb, CFA, Piper Jaffray

Bloomberg

Subscription Service

Yahoo!

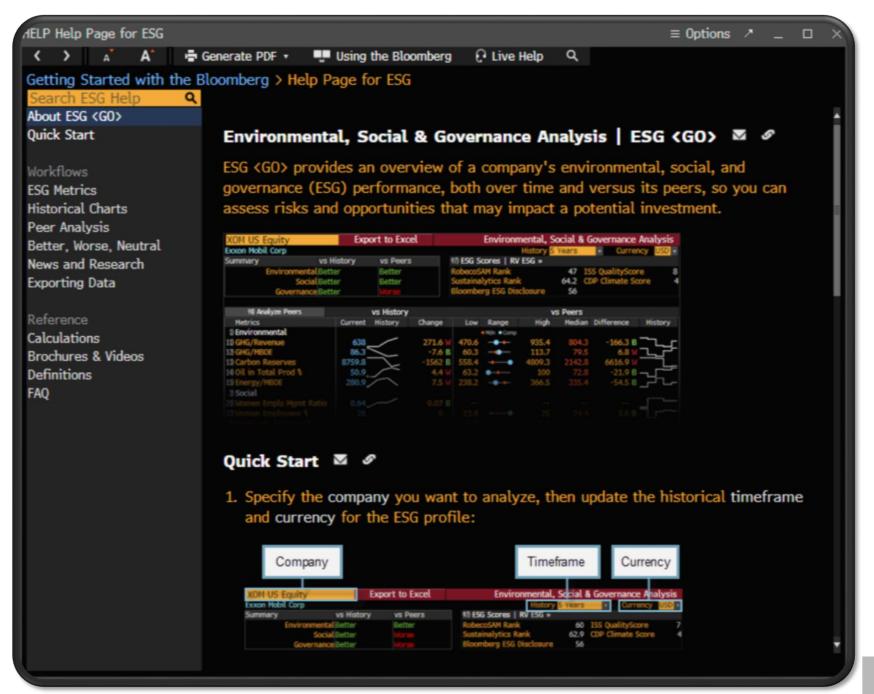
**F**inance

Sustainalytics

Data for

All Users

# Bloomberg ESG<GO>



### Bloomberg

Example CSCO Equity <GO> ESG<GO>



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### Bloomberg

ESG Relative
Comparison to
Peers



### Bloomberg

Can automate using
Bloomberg
Excel



February 2018: Announces it is only free provider of Sustainalytics scores.

**Source** 



#### Yahoo Finance Expands Offerings as Only Free Provider of Sustainability Scores, across Desktop and Mobile Web

Posted on February 1, 2018



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**February 1, 2018** – Current research shows that investors – particularly women and millennials – increasingly seek impact with their investments, and believe they can achieve competitive returns with companies that reflect their values. Starting today, these conscientious investors will be able to track the Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) scores of more than 2,000 publicly traded companies, *only on Yahoo Finance*.

Available globally, the new Sustainability quote pages will provide a company's numerical score for each of the three ESG categories, from 1-100, as well as their overall score. Powered by Sustainalytics — the leading independent global provider of ESG and corporate governance research and ratings — there will also be graphical representations of the same information, tracked against the category average and plotted over time, so users can see how they are trending and rank against industry peers.

#### Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Ratings

Total ESG score

Average Perform

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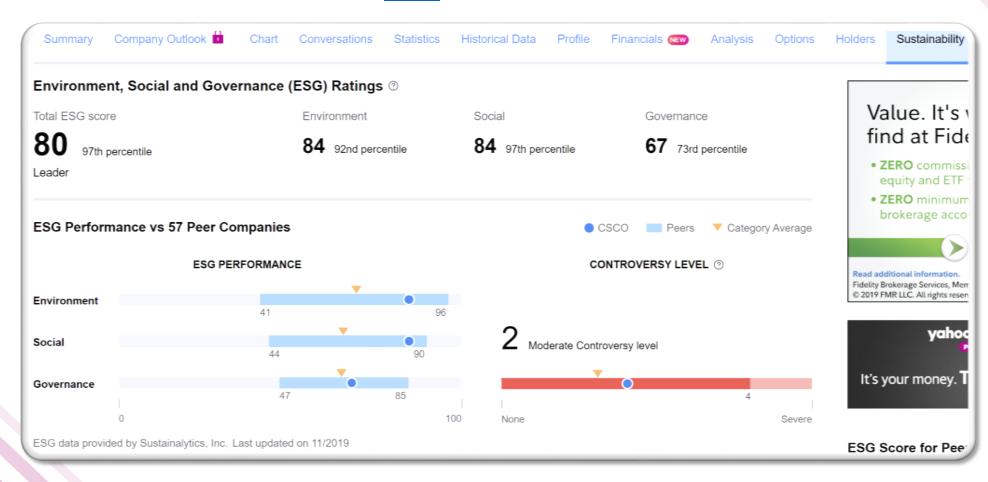
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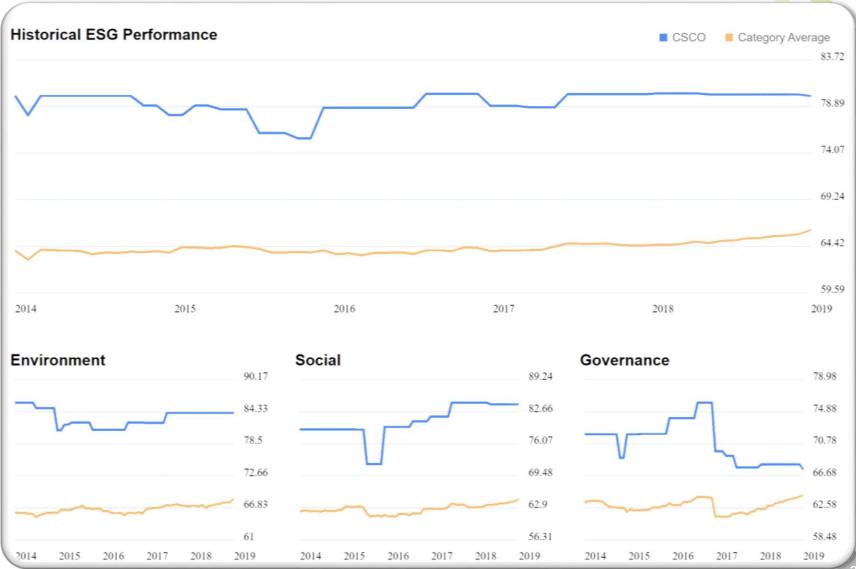
68 65th percentile 60 60th percentile

59 21st percentile

Can access Sustainalytics information directly online.



Shows historical performance of company versus the category average with breakdowns.

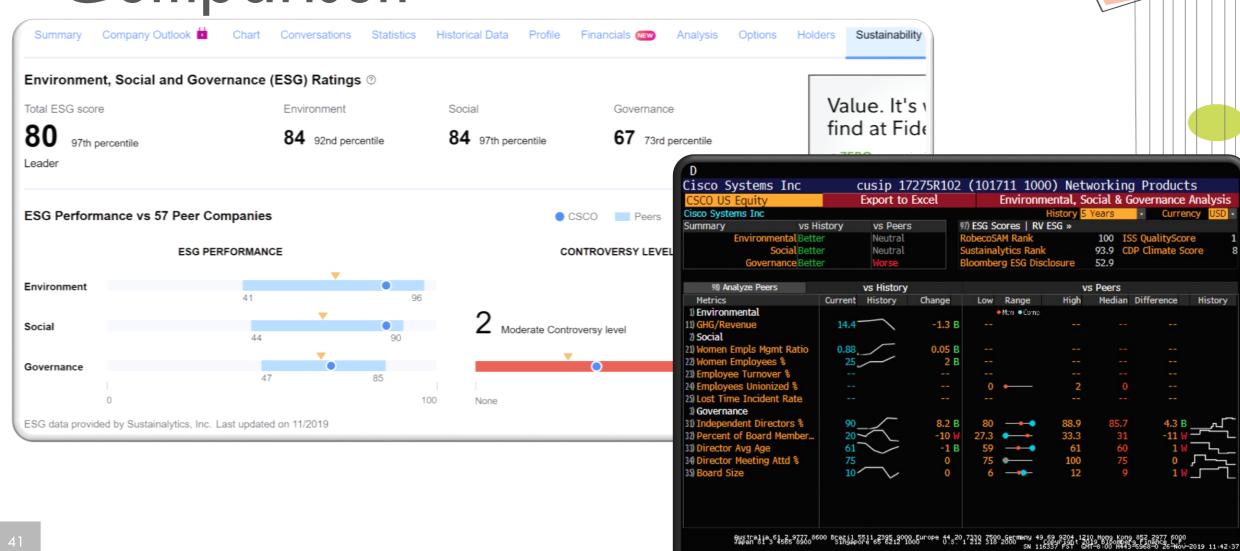


Shows ESG versus peers and product involvement areas.

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ERIXF ERICSSON		84	88	90	69
NOKBF NOKIA OYJ		84	90	82	76
CSCO ( this o		80	84	84	67
<b>DELL</b> Dell Technolog	ies Inc.	80	85	89	59
STX Seagate Techr	ology PLC	80	82	82	72

Product Involvement Are	eas ②
Products and Activities	Significant Involvement
Alcoholic Beverages	No
Adult Entertainment	No
Gambling	No
Tobacco Products	No
Animal Testing	No
Fur and Specialty Leather	No
Controversial Weapons	No
Small Arms	No
Catholic Values ③	No
GMO	No
Military Contracting	No
Pesticides	No
Thermal Coal	No
Palm Oil	No

# Comparison



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Questions to the panelists

ESG/SRI resources used by your agency

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CMTA/CDIAC Advanced Public Funds Investing:
The Analytics of Portfolio Selection and Decision-Making
January 15-16, 2020 | Claremont, CA

Municipal Market Disclosure March 3, 2020 | Irvine, CA

For more information and registration, go to: <a href="mailto:Treasurer.ca.gov/CDIAC/seminars">Treasurer.ca.gov/CDIAC/seminars</a>

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