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Company Information

Country	Switzerland
Market cap (USD million)*	12,152

*Source: S&P Global BMI, 31 July 2016

Company Description

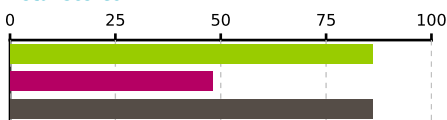
Established in 1878, SGS SA originally provided agricultural inspection services. Today, it is one of the world's leading providers of independent solutions for inspection, verification, testing and certification purposes, with 1,800 offices and laboratories worldwide. Its 87,962 employees help clients reduce risk, streamline processes, and benchmark their operations through 10 distinct service lines, including Agricultural, Mineral, Consumer Testing and Automotive divisions. The company reported CHF 5.7 billion in total revenues and CHF 584 million net profit for 2015. Despite a challenging year, SGS continued to grow its revenues, highlighting the strength of the Group's strategy and the depth and balance of its portfolio. SGS has expanded into new markets and diversified its service offerings through the completion of 10 acquisitions. The acquired companies added a combined total of CHF 45 million to the Group's revenue. With continued expansion and increased capabilities, SGS is well-positioned to capitalize on opportunities in new markets.

Industry Drivers

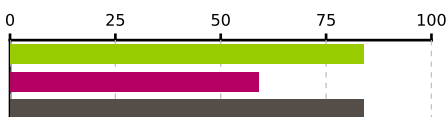
Professional services companies provide other companies with a range of business support services in the areas of staffing, consumer credit rating, research & analytics, as well as the testing, inspection and certification of manufacturing or other business processes. As providers of specialized services, these are knowledge-intensive companies whose success depends on the quality of their workforce. Therefore, talent attraction & retention are particularly important to professional services companies. A reputation for integrity is also critical to retaining customers and winning new business. Therefore, companies must ensure that employees comply with their codes of conduct and that their services are delivered according to high ethical standards. Professional services companies are entrusted with customer data, therefore data security and avoiding cybersecurity breaches becomes a top priority to avoid negative reputational impacts.

Sustainability Scores

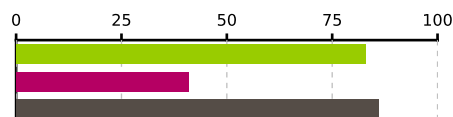
Total Scores



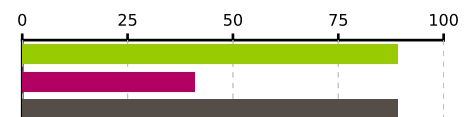
Economic Dimension



Environmental Dimension



Social Dimension

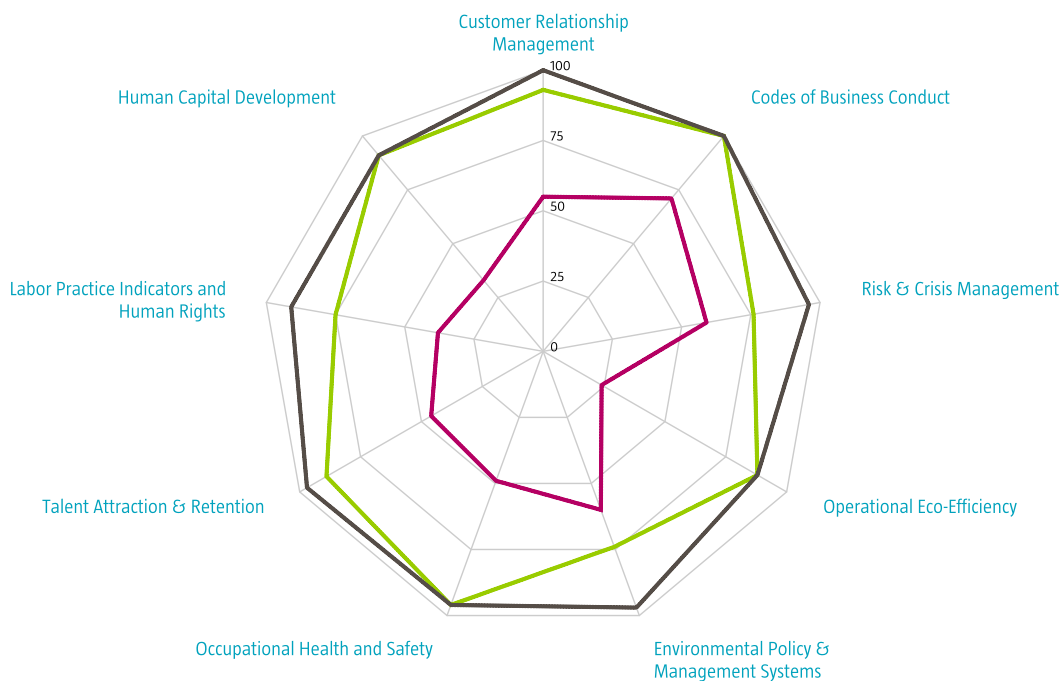


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Sustainability Performance

SGS SA retained its distinction as Commercial & Professional Services Industry Group Leader in 2016. The company demonstrated the value of a triple bottom line approach by assessing the financial value of its sustainability-related projects. The company's 'Green Book,' which was introduced in 2012, has pioneered the use of financial metrics to assess costs linked to social and environmental performance based on qualitative and quantitative indicators. This book is fundamental to its environmental policy and management systems, and the company continues to grow the sustainability services offered to clients. Sustainability is ingrained throughout the company culture, and 88% of the workforce believe that they are contributing to sustainability through their job. SGS is particularly focused on its health and safety performance. In 2015, health, safety and environmental self-assessments were piloted in 44 sites. The assessments made use of a specially designed online tool which provided a comprehensive overview of potential risks per site and the controls in place for managing them. The tool will be implemented across all sites in 2016.

Company Performance for Selected Criteria



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For information on assessment criteria, visit www.robecosam.com/csa

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