# **Abbott Laboratories**





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Company Information	
Country	United States
Market cap (USD million)*	85,341
	*Source: S&P Global BMI, 31 July 2017

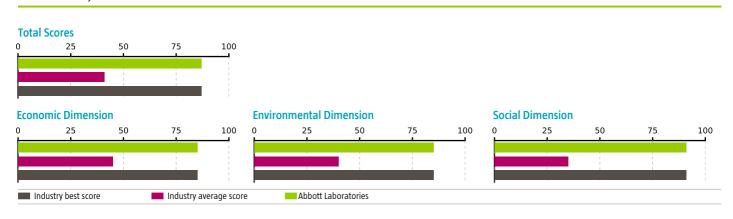
#### **Company Description**

Abbott Laboratories is a globally diversified healthcare company committed to helping people around the world live their healthiest possible lives. Headquartered in north suburban Chicago for over 125 years, Abbott Laboratories has brought the world new products and technologies in nutrition, diagnostics, medical devices, and branded generic pharmaceuticals. Today, 94,000 employees in more than 150 countries are working to help people live not just longer but better lives. The company generates 70 percent of revenue outside of the United States with 50 percent of revenue generated in faster-growing geographies where healthcare spending outpaces GDP growth. In January 2017, Abbott completed its acquisition of St. Jude Medical, Inc., strengthening its global medical device leadership. Abbott is well positioned to grow with the major trends underlying its business.

#### **Industry Drivers**

The health care equipment & supplies industry develops medical products such as orthopedic implants and cardiovascular devices, as well as medical supplies and instruments that are critical to improving the quality of life for patients with chronic diseases. Product quality, safety and collaboration with stakeholders are critical for ensuring successful product commercialization as well as for maintaining a company's license to operate. While government budget constraints and health care reforms have affected pricing, reimbursement and utilization, efforts to broaden health care coverage in the US and emerging markets coupled with rising income levels have created new growth opportunities for the industry. Sustainable companies in this sector focus on developing innovative and highly differentiated products as well as on demonstrating their products' clinical and economic benefits. Moreover, they adopt consistent, value- and stakeholder-oriented corporate strategies and governance systems based on effective human and intellectual capital management and transparent reporting frameworks.

### Sustainability Scores





#### Sustainability Performance

Abbott Laboratories continues to exhibit leadership across multiple sustainability criteria. At the core of Abbott's business is advancing innovation through pioneering diabetes management, revolutionizing heart health, and transforming diagnostics. Abbott places high importance on its role within the community, recognizing that innovative and responsible businesses play an important role in building healthy, thriving societies. The company is also focused on improving access to drugs. For example, Abbott is committed to providing a broad range of affordable products for patients across India, where 70 percent of their medicines sell for less than seven rupees. Alongside Abbott's commitment to social sustainability, they also made significant environmental progress in 2016, launching company-wide environmental guidelines, and implementing over 130 projects at locations around the world to improve waste, water and energy efficiency. The company achieved zero waste to landfill efforts in 12 countries, and a 28 percent reduction in CO2e emissions relative to its baseline.

## Company Performance for Selected Criteria



Industry best score Industry average score Abbott Laboratories

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