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Company Information

Country	Switzerland
Market cap (USD million)*	12,133

*Source: S&P Global BMI, 31 July 2017

Company Description

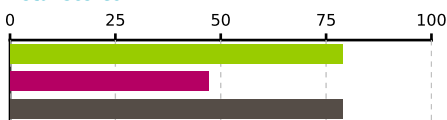
Founded in 1871, SGS SA is currently one of the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification companies. With more than 90,000 employees and a network of over 2,000 offices and laboratories, the company help clients reduce risk, streamline processes, and benchmark their operations across 11 industries and through nine business lines, including agricultural, industrial manufacturing, chemical, consumer goods and retail, construction, transportation and beyond. In 2016, the company reported CHF 6 billion in total revenues and CHF 586 million net profit and continued expanding their portfolio with 19 new acquisitions. Focusing on innovative ways to deliver business benefits and extend their services' range and geographic availability, SGS is well-positioned to capitalize on opportunities in new markets.

Industry Drivers

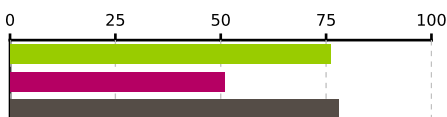
Professional services companies provide other companies with a range of business support services in the areas of staffing, consumer credit ratings, research & analytics, as well as the testing, inspection and certification of manufacturing or other business processes. As providers of specialized services, these are knowledge-intensive companies whose success depends on the quality of their workforce. Therefore, human capital development and talent attraction and retention are particularly important to professional services companies. A reputation for integrity is also critical to retaining customers and winning new business. Consequently, 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, making data security and cybersecurity top priorities in order to avoid negative reputational impacts.

Sustainability Scores

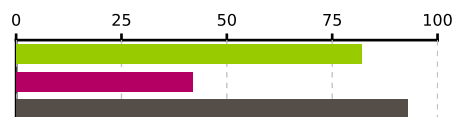
Total Scores



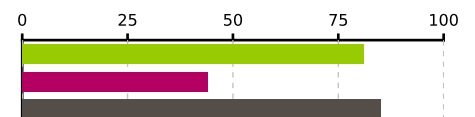
Economic Dimension



Environmental Dimension



Social Dimension

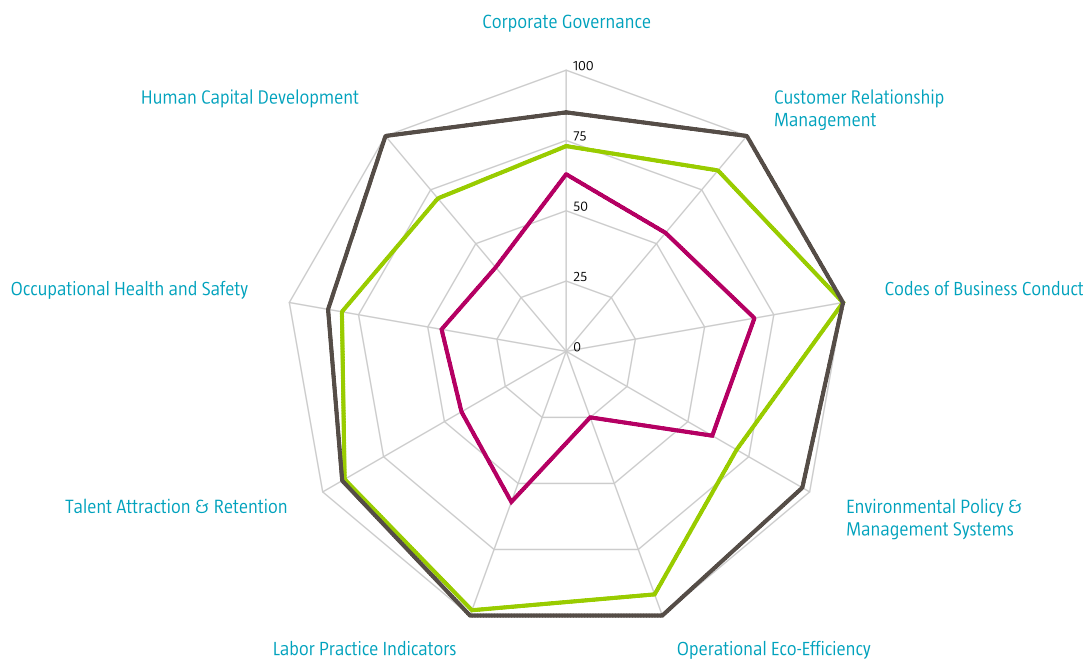


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Sustainability Performance

For a fourth consecutive year, SGS SA has proven itself as the sustainability leader in the Commercial & Professional Services Industry. One of the main highlights in their 2016 performance is the creation of their first Business Materiality Matrix in an effort to align their business objectives and focus their Sustainability Ambitions 2020 on the most important issues. This enabled them to merge the materiality outputs with their business risk assessment processes and improve their Risk and Management performance. Furthermore, SGS, as a service-based company, considers its employees to be its most important asset, and as such, they focus on fair labor practices and respecting health and safety measures. For one more year, SGS has maintained their status as a carbon neutral company while managing to decrease their absolute CO2 emissions by 8.1% since 2015.

Company Performance for Selected Criteria



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

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