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Company Information

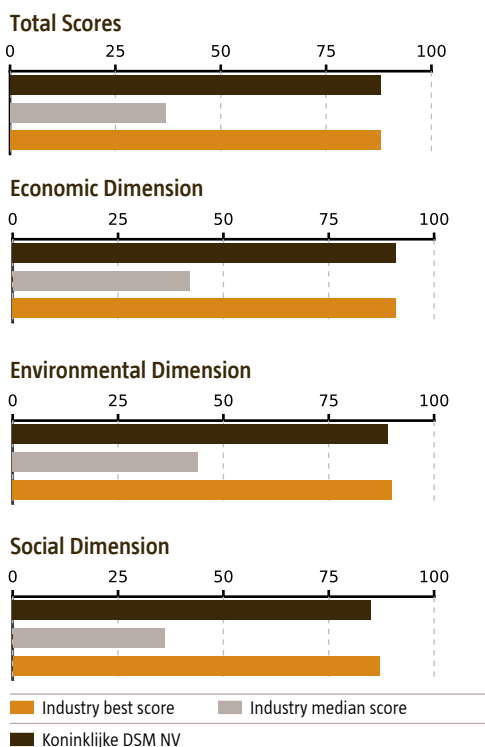
Country: Netherlands

Index market cap*: 19,347

*USD millions

Source: S&P Global BMI, 31 July 2018

2018 Assessment Results



Industry Overview	Maximum Score	Median Score
Total	88	37
Economic Dimension	91	42
Environmental Dimension	90	44
Social Dimension	87	36

DJSI World	Maximum Score	Median Score
Total	88	82
Economic Dimension	91	81
Environmental Dimension	90	83
Social Dimension	87	80

Koninklijke DSM NV leads the Chemicals industry in RobecoSAM’s Corporate Sustainability Assessment based on its Total Sustainability Score in 2018. This report provides a broad overview of the performance of the Chemicals industry and the relative positioning of Koninklijke DSM NV at the dimension and criteria level.

Industry Drivers

The chemical industry includes companies that manufacture commodity chemicals, industrial gases, agricultural chemicals, and specialty chemicals. Because chemicals serve as inputs for all kinds of end uses, ranging from petroleum refining, food, automobile, textile to electronics, this industry is crucial for all sectors. Today, chemical companies contribute to sustainable development by supplying products with higher levels of performance, efficiency, and safety with lower environmental impact and risk. This requires that companies concentrate on multiple important issues such as innovation, product stewardship, operational eco-efficiency, health and safety, human capital development, and customer relationship management. Chemical companies must conduct product risk assessments to understand their hazardous properties and potential exposure to human and environmental impacts to mitigate and manage product risk. Companies can apply technological innovations not just to product development, but also to operations in their pursuit of enhanced productivity and safety.

Company Performance

RobecoSAM has selected the most relevant criteria in each sustainability dimension based on their weight in the assessment and their current or expected significance for the industry. The spider chart below visualizes the performance of the industry leader against the best score achieved in each criterion and the median industry score.



Corporate Sustainability Assessment

The RobecoSAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) is a comprehensive annual evaluation of companies' sustainability practices and performance. Every March, RobecoSAM extends invitations to over 3,500 of the largest, listed companies globally to participate in the assessment by completing an in-depth questionnaire. Assessment results are published in September, following the analysis of companies' submissions complemented by additional research performed by RobecoSAM.

RobecoSAM's CSA is one of the longest standing ESG rating methodologies worldwide, dating back to 1999. The CSA assesses companies on the basis of 80 – 120 industry-specific questions across 60 industries focusing on financially material economic, environmental, and social factors that are relevant to companies' success, but that are under-researched in conventional financial analysis. Every year, the CSA undergoes rigorous methodological review in order to ensure that the most current material sustainability topics, as well as emerging, long-term sustainability themes often of interest to investors are reflected, and companies are challenged on topics that lack disclosure today.

The results of the CSA are used for the annual rebalancing of the iconic Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) and are made available to investors, researchers, and non-governmental organizations through the Bloomberg Professional platform. The results of the CSA are also used for the creation of the RobecoSAM Sustainability Yearbook, one of the most comprehensive annual publications on corporate sustainability.

Additional Resources

For more information on the CSA and a complete list of all Dow Jones Sustainability Indices constituents visit www.robecosam.com/CSA

Assessed companies can access their own results and benchmark themselves against their peers directly through the online assessment portal.

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