

Royal Mail PLC

TRA Transportation and Transportation Infrastructure

Member of DJSI World, DJSI Europe

Company Information

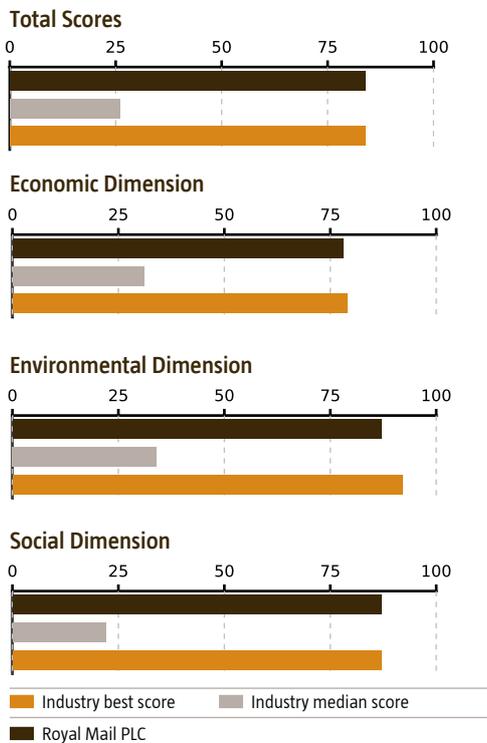
Country: United Kingdom

Index market cap*: 5,597

*USD millions

Source: S&P Global BMI, 31 July 2018

2018 Assessment Results



Industry Overview	Maximum Score	Median Score
Total	84	26
Economic Dimension	79	31
Environmental Dimension	92	34
Social Dimension	87	22

DJSI World	Maximum Score	Median Score
Total	84	74
Economic Dimension	79	73
Environmental Dimension	92	87
Social Dimension	87	70

Royal Mail PLC leads the Transportation and Transportation Infrastructure 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 Transportation and Transportation Infrastructure industry and the relative positioning of Royal Mail PLC at the dimension and criteria level.

Industry Drivers

The transportation industry consists of a number of sub-industries, each with distinctive dynamics, competitive landscapes and sustainability issues. The most important material factor across the industry is the safe and efficient movement of goods and passengers. Additional key factors include fuel efficiency, operational eco-efficiency and occupational health and safety. Effectively managing transportation contributes to cost advantages, which influence companies' ability to offer competitive pricing and gain market share. Lower-carbon and more efficient transportation options provide an opportunity to acquire new customers and retain existing ones as more companies commit to reducing their carbon footprint along the entire value chain. Meanwhile, offering a high-quality, reliable service requires companies to develop an engaged and motivated workforce through effective human capital development programs. Companies must also work on their external image to enhance their ability to attract talented and skilled individuals.

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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