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Company Information

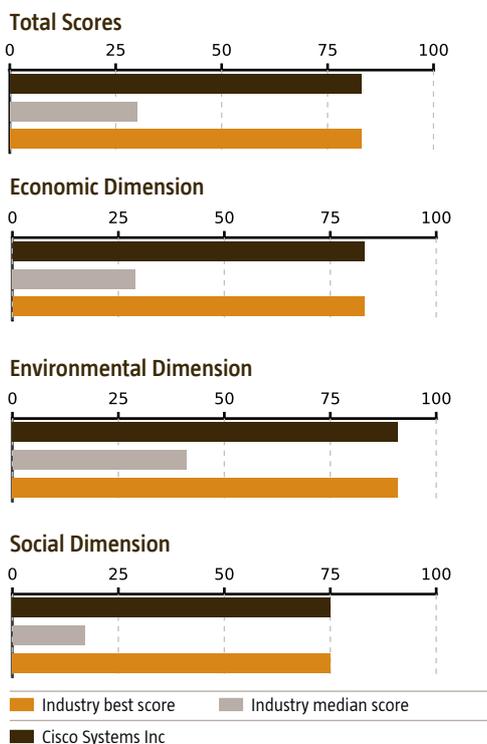
Country: United States

Index market cap*: 198,885

*USD millions

Source: S&P Global BMI, 31 July 2018

2018 Assessment Results



Industry Overview	Maximum Score	Median Score
Total	83	30
Economic Dimension	83	29
Environmental Dimension	91	41
Social Dimension	75	17

DJSI World	Maximum Score	Median Score
Total	83	75
Economic Dimension	83	76
Environmental Dimension	91	80
Social Dimension	75	66

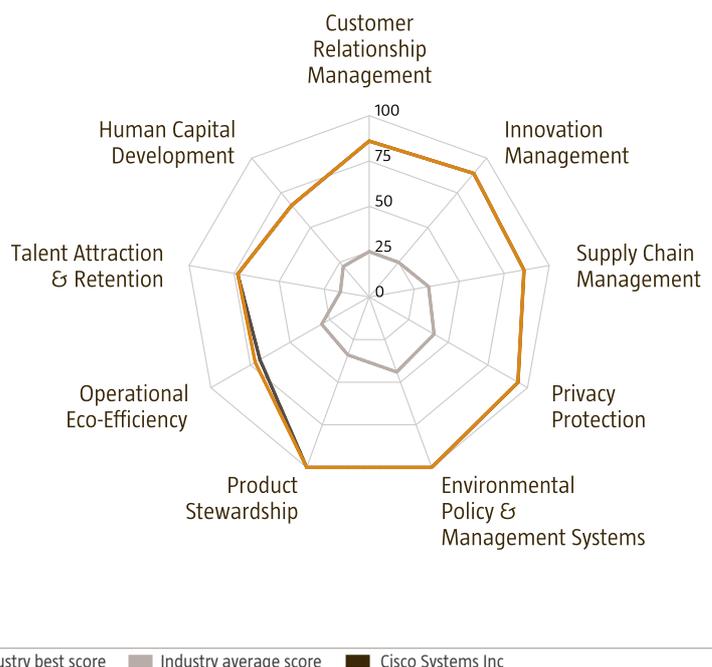
Cisco Systems Inc leads the Communications Equipment industry in RobecoSAM’s Corporate Sustainability Assessment based on its Total Sustainability Score in 2018. This report provides a broad overview of the performance of the Communications Equipment industry and the relative positioning of Cisco Systems Inc at the dimension and criteria level.

Industry Drivers

Responding to the demands of an increasingly interconnected world, the Communications Equipment industry delivers infrastructure solutions to meet growing data volume demands and improve network coverage and access while lowering the costs of network operation. With wireless/mobile data traffic growing twice as fast as fixed internet, deployment of 4G/5G networks will accelerate the digital transformation across many industries, leading to new applications using the Internet of Things, automation, big data and Artificial Intelligence. Products must be designed for low energy consumption and responsibly-sourced 3TG minerals, and systems are shifting from predominantly hardware-only to software-defined networking and cloud-enabled solutions. Increased connectivity brings many benefits, but with the transmission of sensitive data via networks, security concerns are paramount. Communications Equipment manufacturers are therefore tasked with preventing successful cyberattacks by adopting a consistent approach to security across their infrastructure offering.

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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