

Agenda

13.00 Velkommen



Michael Kjøller-PetersenHead of Northern Europe, Computershare Investor Services

13.10 CSRD: Hvordan navigerer danske virksomheder i de nye, omfattende krav til bæredygtigheds-rapportering?



Christina KjærForskningschef, Axcelfuture

13.55 ESG i praksis: ESG strategi, eksekvering og rapportering



Kasper Dahl PedersenGroup Sustainability Lead, H+H International A/S



Ellen Schaarup EmborgHR Partner, H+H International A/S

14.30 Pause

14.50 Hvordan indgår grønne performance-mål i ledelsens aflønning og i den aflønningspolitik aktionærerne har vedtaget på generalforsamlingen?



Ken BechmannProfessor, Ph.d, Department of Finance, CBS

15.20 European AGM season 2024: Trends and highlights



Kirsten van Rooijen Head of Continental Europe, Computershare

15.50 Q&A and key take-aways



Michael Kjøller-PetersenHead of Northern Europe, Computershare Investor Services



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- Plan administration platform
- > Mobile app
- > Share dealing
- > Insider management
- > Financial reporting
- Communications

GENERAL MEETINGS

- Shareholder communication
- Proxy processing & reporting
- Virtual/hybrid meetings
- > Proxy solicitation
- Vote audit
- ESG investor engagement
- > Proxy advisor analysis

CORPORATE ACTIONS

- Corporate actions management & processing
- > Cross-border solutions
- > Shareholder engagement
- Activism strategies
- > M&A Tender Offer
- Schemes of Arrangement

BOARD & COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE

- Meeting support
- Governance framework consulting
- > Directors' training
- Disclosures and reporting
- CoSec soft skills training and development

SUBSIDIARY GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

- Global outsourced subsidiary compliance
- Entity management software
- > Registered Agent
- Corporate data management
- > Entity HealthCheck
- Technology optimisation: advice and implementation

ARA & DISCLOSURES

- Governance disclosures & reporting
- > ESG reporting
- ESG gap analysis
- ESG exec remuneration consulting



Meetings in Continental Europe 2024

| Regions | Meetings 1H2024 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Denmark | 132 |
| Sweden | 60 |
| Netherlands | 61 |
| Northern Europe | 253 |
| Germany | 194 |
| Switzerland/Austria | 57 |
| DACH | 251 |
| Italy | 208 |
| Spain/Portugal | 8 |
| Mediterranean | 216 |
| Total | 720 |



Hvordan navigerer danske virksomheder i arbejdet med Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)?

Computershare sommerseminar 29. maj 2024

Christina Kjær, Head of Research at Axcelfuture & Center for Strategisk CSRD



Linda Nielsen, professor KU & chair Center for Strategic CSRD, Jan C. Olsen, CEO at EY and Christina Kjær, Head of Research at Axcelfuture

CV

Christina Kjær

Axcelfuture – Erhvervslivets tænketank

Forskningschef

Center for Corporate Governance, Copenhagen Business School

• PhD in corporate scandals and responsible business

Novo Nordisk

- Investor Relations Officer, responsible for ESG investors
- Global Customer Insights Manager

AT Kearney

• Business Analyst

M.Sc. Finance and Strategic Mgmt. CBS, Hong Kong and Sao Paulo





Dagsorden

- 1. Center for Strategisk CSRD
- 2. Setting the scene: Imod øget transparens med EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)
- 3. Analyse: Hvor langt er danske virksomheder med deres ESG rapportering?
 - 3.1 Udvikling fra 2022 til 2023
 - 3.2 Sektoranalyse
 - 3.3 Analyse baseret på virksomhedstørrelse
- 4. Hvad er implikationerne?



1 Introduktion til Center for Strategisk CSRD

Hvem er vi, hvad laver vi, og hvilket formål har vi?

Center for Strategisk CSRD er etableret som et partnerskab mellem EY og Axcelfuture



Center for Strategisk CSRD består af et advisory board på 11 medlemmer og en analyse-enhed med forskere, eksperter og analysemedarbejdere



HVAD

Vejledning til virksomheder om, hvordan de kan skabe værdi med de nye EU-krav til bæredygtighedsrapportering (CSRD)

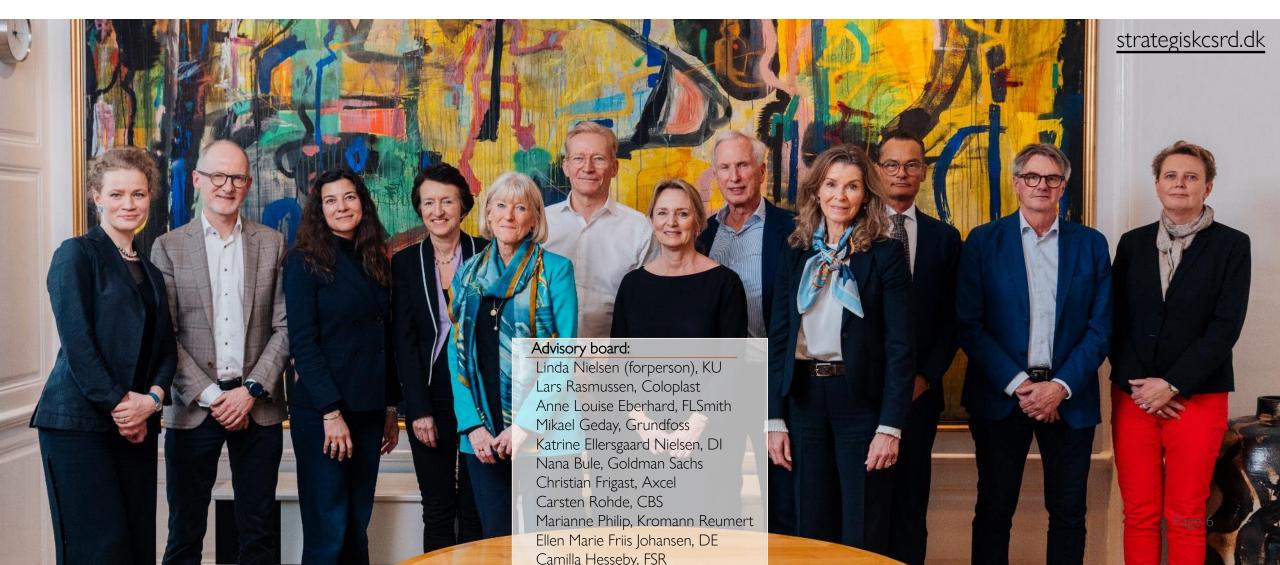


Gennem faktabaserede forskningsmetoder udgiver vi undersøgelser samt

operationelle anbefalinger



Center for Strategisk CSRD er organiseret med et advisory board på tværs af erhvervsliv, organisationer og den akademiske verden



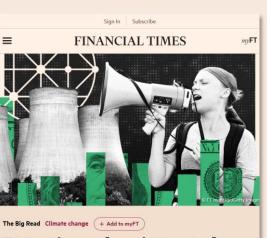
O2 Setting the scene

Imod mere transparens med EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)

Problemer med ESG ratings

- Ureviderede bæredygtighedsregnskaber
- Forskellige metoder
- Usammenlignelige målepunkter
- Aggregerede karakterer





ESG ratings: whose interests do they serve?

Regulators and politicians are focusing on the accuracy, transparency and potential for conflicts of interest with sustainability scores

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Bag lukkede døre hørte Christina investorernes hån: Nu skal hun rådgive virksomheder om klima



at opfylde EU's nye bæredygtighedskrav. Foto: Rebecca Helene Hoffmann

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Her er det hendes opgave sammen med EYdirektør Jan C. Olsen og centrets nye advisory board, der blandt andet tæller topchef Christian Frigast og juraprofessor Linda Nielsen, at kortlægge virksomhedernes nuværende ESGvurderinger og vejlede dem i, hvad de skal forbedre for at overholde den nye lov.



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LEDELSE

Studie: 113 skandalefirmaer havde flotte karakterer for samfundsansvar

Nyt dansk studie sætter spørgsmålstegn ved værdien af de esgmålinger, der ofte afgør investeringer. S'et i esg kan lige så godt stå for "skandale" som for "samfundsansvar", påviser forskningschef



Christina Kjærs ph.d.-forskning har afsløret varm luft i bæredygtighedsmålingerne. Nu vil hun som forskningschef i Axcelfuture hjælpe danske virksomheder med at navigere i tågerne. Foto: Rebecca



ESG-rapportering mere komplekst end finansiel rapportering



"We all have accepted that building up all the financial reporting took decades before we were somewhere close to a harmonized system. Here [with CSRD, red.] we are trying in a very short period of time to reach answers to very complex elements. It [ESG reporting, red] touches the soul of the companies as such... Because it is about the strategy of the companies."

Luc Vansteenkiste (EFRAG Sustainability Reporting Board member og Chair for European Issuers)



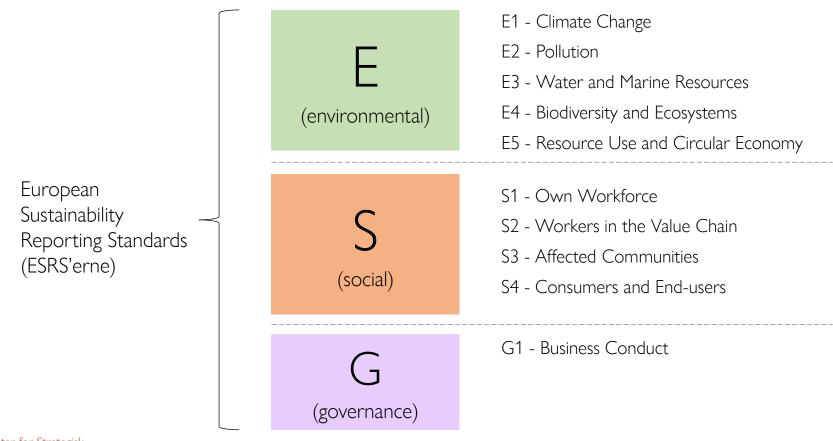
Kan CSRD være løsningen til de nuværende ESG problemer?

- ✓ Øger transparensen
- ✓ Muliggør sammenligning
- ✓ Kræver revision med begrænset sikkerhed
- ✓ Holder bestyrelser ansvarlige
- ✓ Katalysator for transformation af forretningsmodellen





CSRD indeholder rapporteringsstandarder på miljøforhold (E), sociale forhold (S) og ledelsesforhold (G)





Analyse: Hvor langt er danske virksomheder?

Hvor langt er de omfattede danske virksomheder med at rapportere på de fremtidige CSRD krav?

Undersøgelse: Hvor langt er danske virksomheder?

Et afgørende spørgsmål:

Hvor langt er de omfattede danske virksomheder med at rapportere på de fremtidige CSRD krav?

Fremgangsmåde:

Vi vurderer virksomhedernes nuværende rapportering og oversætter dem til CSRD kravene. ¹

Vi har i første omgang analyseret rapportering på E, S og G i 2022 og 2023 hos 30 store danske virksomheder (sample; n=19 store virksomheder med mere end 2500 ansatte, og n=11 virksomheder mellem 500-2500 ansatte), som er omfattet af CSRD fra regnskabsåret 2024.



Vores analyse er baseret på en screening af 30 store danske virksomheder på tværs af fire overordnede sektorer

Virksomhederne er valgt ud fra:

- ✓ Virksomheden er omfattet af CSRD fra regnskabsåret 2024 (mere end 500 ansatte + krav til omsætning og balance) ¹
- ✓ Virksomheden har offentliggjort 2023-regnskab per. 28. februar 2024



Health Care

N = 9



Consumer Goods & Services

N = 6



Industrials & Technology

N = 8



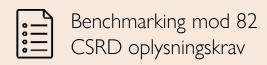
Financials

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Vi har screenet virksomhedernes 2022 og 2023 årsrapporter og bæredygtighedsrapporter (E, S og G) – mod de fremtidige CSRD-krav

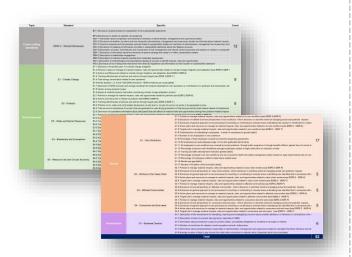


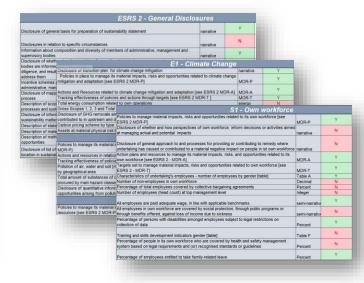




Binær ja/nej vurdering af rapportering på enkelte datapunkter¹







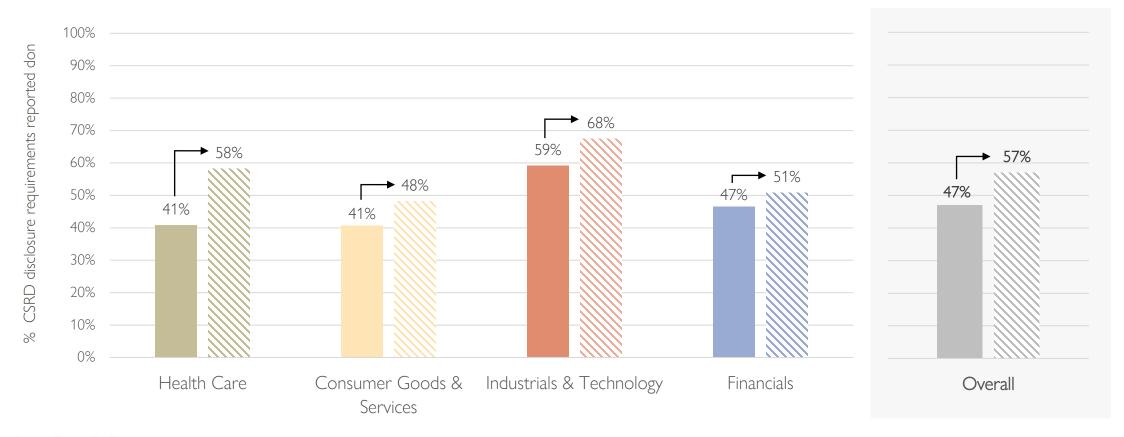


3 Overordnet udvikling fra 2022 til 2023

Hvordan har virksomhederne rapportering udviklet sig fra 2022 til 2023?

Den gennemsnitlige rapporteringsfrekvens¹ blandt virksomhederne var 47 % i 2022 og 57 % i 2023

2022

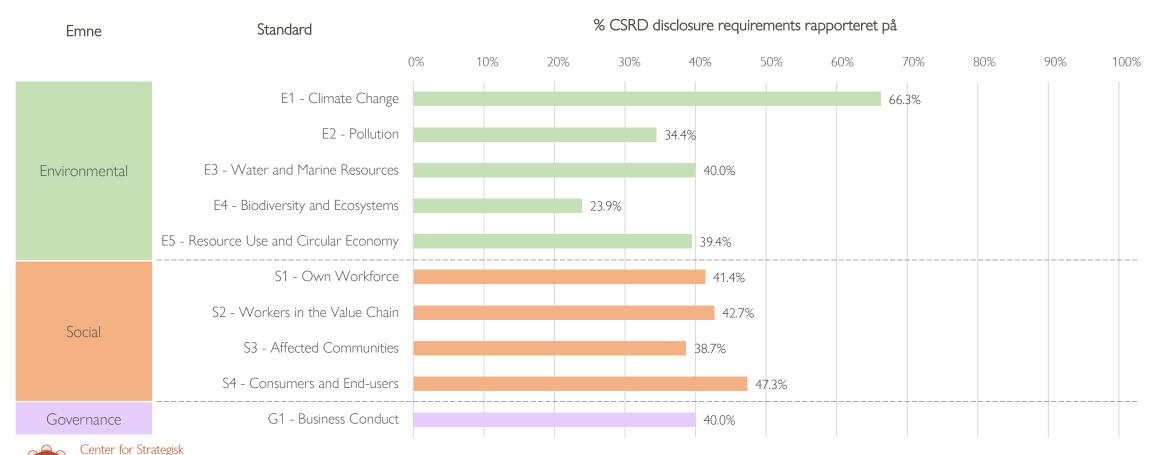




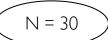
¹ Med rapporteringsfrekvens skal forstås hvor mange af de 82 oplysningskrav, der er i CSRD, som virksomhederne allerede i 2022 og 2023 har rapporteret på i deres bæredygtighedsregnskab. Der måles på kvantitet, og undersøgelsen siger ikke noget om kvalitet af rapporteringen. Desuden tages der ikke højde for væsentlighed (eksempelvis kan der være oplysningskrav som ikke er relevante/materielle for en virksomhed, hvorfor der således ikke skal rapporteres på denne).



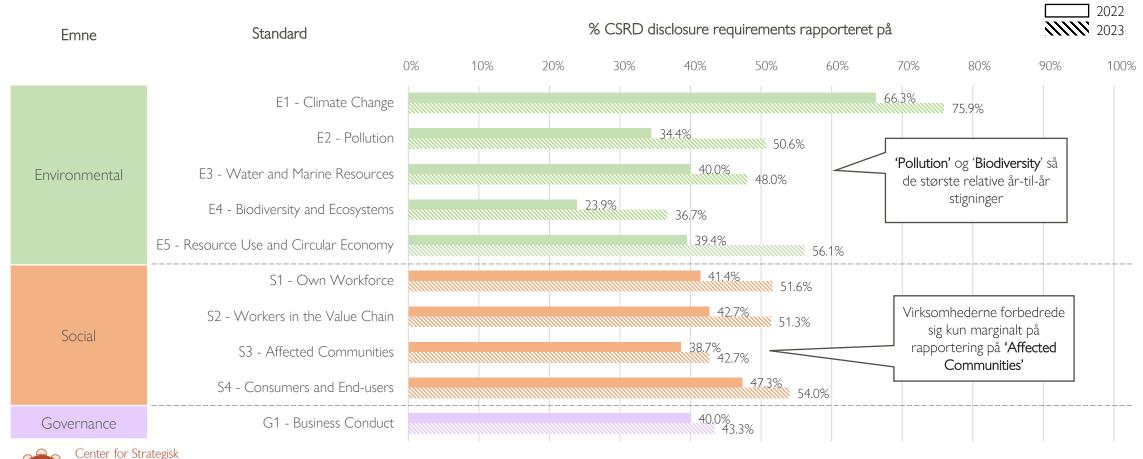
I 2022 rapporterede virksomhederne mest omfattende på 'Climate Change' og mindst på 'Biodiversity'







Fra 2022 til 2023 øgede virksomhederne mest deres rapportering om 'Pollution' og 'Biodiversity'

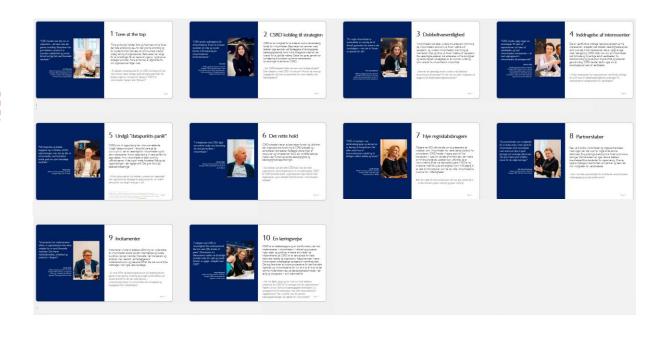




10 anbefalinger til bestyrelsens arbejde med CSRD

- 1. Tone at the top
- 2. CSRD kobling til strategien
- 3. Dobbeltvæsentlighed
- 4. Inddragelse af interessenter
- 5. Undgå "datapunkts-panik"
- 6. Det rette hold
- 7. Nye regnskabsbrugere
- 8. Partnerskaber
- 9. Incitamenter
- 10. En læringsrejse





Store virksomheder rammes af grøn regeltsunami – men nu er der hjælp på vej

Tænketank og konsulenthus samler tunge profiler i nyt rådgivningsorgan – klar med ti gode råd til at hjælpe danske virksomheder med de nye, omfattende krav om esg-rapportering

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STYRELSE UNDERSØGER LEDELSESFORHOLD I MEDIEFOND / 6

IP-bestyrelse underskrev centralt mødereferat, før mødet blev afholdt FRA LØNMODTAGER TIL SELVSTÆNDIG / 8-9

Da modemagasinet skulle lukke tog hun sagen i egen hånd



orperson for det nye, rådgivende cener er juraprofessor og tidligere rektor r Københavns Universitet Linda Nilsen. Hun har også været formand for l.a. Etisk Råd og Pensionsmarkedsrået og er nu formand for NCP Danmark n ansvarlig virksomhedsadfærd og nedlem af Erhvervsstyrelsens Forum Samfundsansvar og Bæredygtig-

De virksomheder, jeg er formand for,

opgave, så er det en svær rolle for

nens det foregår. Derfor ville jeg gerne

ære med i dette samarbejde, for det

arket, som vi senere også kan få gavn

i Komitten for god selskabsledelse,"

tyrelserne. Vi skal lære det her,

iver også mig selv en plads på første disse mange

nidkært om

samtlige af

datapunkter

)) Linda Nielsen,

juraprofessor og

formand for det ny

rådgivningsorgan om

23. MAJ 2024 dette regnskabsår. Og selv om store

ner Lars Rasmussen

Linda Nielsen var tidligt i nullerne n af de første stemmer i Danmark, der lvokerede for, at værdibaserede eller iske investeringer burde være et krav pensionskasser på linje med afkast-

"Dengang blev jeg nærmest hvlet l. Men i dag synes jeg, det heldigvis r ændret sig meget, og man fornemer, at mange topchefer og bestyrelsmedlemmer virkelig mener det ned, at man både skal tjene penge og mtidig tage medansvar for, at verden iver et bedre sted."

Hun har valgt at være frontfigur for et nye rådgivningsorgan, netop fordi gerne vil hjælpe virksomheder ed at navigere i det, hun selv med et mil kalder for "en regeltsunami" fra

For selv om de fleste virksomheder deres topledere i dag grundlæggener positive overfor bæredygtighedssordenen, så kan en alenlang EUte med regnskabskrav godt tage pip-

Datapunkts-panik"

Alt er nyt, og der er behov for vejledng. Min frygt er, at nogle virksomhe er godt kan blive bekymrede over alle

de regler og føler, at de får håret blæst TORSDAG kal implementere de nye krav allerede Ingen behøver bagud af dem. Så bliver bæredygtighed noget upopulært og det, man kalder en rksomheder godt kan magte en stor, at rapportere "tick-the-boks exercise", hvor nogle virksomheder blot vil overholde reglerne, så ingen kan komme efter dem med kritik bagefter," siger hun. Derfor er det en vigtig del af Center

for Strategisk CSRD's rådgivning, a virksomhederne netop ikke skal gå det, som centret har døbt "datapunkt spanik", men bruge de nye regler til ærdiskabelse og fremtidssikring.

"Der er masser af ting, der ikke vil være relevante for alle virksomhede Det handler om at zoome ind på det væsentlige. Ingen behøver at rappor tere nidkært om samtlige af disse mange datapunkter," siger Linda Nielsen. Lars Rasmussen er enig:

Med lynets hast

"Vi vil gerne hjælpe virksomhederne til at forstå, at så omfattende behøver det ikke at være. Især bestyrelser bør have øje for, hvorfor vi overhovedet har de her nye regler. Det er jo ikke for, at vi bare skal lave en hel masse arbeide og rapportere om en hel masse punkter men så i øvrigt blive ved med at arbeide på præcis samme måde som altid."

Det globale revisions- og konsulen thus EY i Danmark er stifter af Cente for Strategisk CSRD i samarbeide med Axcelfuture, og topchefen for EY. Ian C. Olsen, venter, at de nye kray til bære dygtighedsrapportering vil udvikle he le bæredygtighedsområdet med lynets hast indenfor blot få år

"Ser du tilbage på finansjelle regn skaber, så var de for 20 år siden faktisl ikke på ret mange sider. Der har vi se en mere rolig udvikling i takt med, a omverden og investorer har ønsket mere og mere viden. Den samme ud vikling kommer vi til at se på bæredyg tighedsrapportering, bare komprime ret inden for blot de næste tre år," vur derer han

I det hele taget har kravene om det, der i nullerne stadig blev kaldt for "grønne regnskaber", bevæget sig med enorn hast. Det var først i 2016, at de største

Ti bud om CSRD til bestyrelser

Sådan efterlever man de nye krav til bæredygtighedsrapporter – uden panik

Send det rigtige signal fra toppen. Bestyrelsen skal sørge for vigtigt for hele organisa strategisk prioritet - ikke nogle regler, der blot skal

Kig ind - og kig ud. kortlægge, hvordan dens økonomi – men også hvordan den selv påvirker miljø og klima. Hold fokus på det, der er væsentligt for jeres virksomhed.











Sæt det rette hold. Sæt det rigtige hold af for, at bæredvætighed e bredt forankret og går på tværs. Det er bedst, hvis ægte, forpligtet eier af

Ræk ud til andre heder der har bæredvgtighed, som kan ligne jeres egne

10. Se det som en keringsrejse Det tog årtier at skabe de ber. Nu skal det samm ske med bæredygtighed bare på få år. Alle skal

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børsnoterede selskaber fik pligt til også at lave udvidet rapportering om det man dengang kaldte "csr", altså corporate social responsibility.

To år senere udvidede Danmark kravet, så det også omfattede virksomheder ned til 250 ansatte i den såkaldte "regnskabsklasse store C". Der var ikke formelle formkrav til disse regnskaber, og virksomhederne kunne slippe af sted med en "følg eller forklar"-politik og nøjes med at skrive et kort afsnit om, at man ikke havde nogen politik.

De dage er slut. Den form for bæredygtighedsrapporter, de største firmaer nu skal aflægge, skal være langt mere præcise og detaljerede og endda undertegnet af revisorer med en særlig godkendelse

Allerede i 2018 var der kritiske stemmer blandt erhverysfolk, der hæydede at de mere og mere vidtgående kray om bæredygtighedsrapportering – uanset om det bliver kaldt csr eller esg - mest gavner de konsulenthuse, der mod lukrativ betaling kan hiælpe virksomheder med at rapportere om noget, de fle ste finder svært.

"Ikke i vores baghave"

Nogle påstår endda, at de globale krav om mere og mere bæredygtighedsrapportering simpelthen er skabt af de store, globale konsulenthuse for at give dem større indtægter.

er udspecificeret i EU's såkaldte CSRD-direktiv

"Men det er forkert. Det her er sandelig ikke noget, der er vokset i vores baghave. Sandheden er, at verden befinder sig i en klimakrise, og derfor er man nødt til at gøre noget drastisk. Vi har skatteregulering, regnskabsregulering og regler om, hvor hurtigt man må køre på vejene. Nu kommer der så også regulering af, hvordan man skal rapportere om sin virksomheds bæredygtighed," siger Ian C. Olsen,

Slut med stilleleg

Med sine udkigsposter i både flere gigantselskabers formandsstole og i Komiteen for god selskabsledelse har Lars Rasmussen også onlevet, hvordan erhvervslivet for årtier siden nærmest ikke eksisterede i den offentlige dehat og værdsatte at "leve stille, men godt"

Nu er virksomhederne under luppen og på stegepanden med stribevis at omverdenskrav om at tage medansvar for miljø og klima opføre sig ansvarligt bedrive god ledelse, sikre diversitet både i direktionsgangen og blandt alle medarbejdere - og mange andre for-

"Det er ikke godt at leve stille mere Det er både lovgivere, kunder og medarbejdere, der kræver, at du skal vise hvad du er og hvad du står på mål for som virksomhed. Men dybest set er det jo kun godt. Meningen er, at vi skal lære noget mere om os selv ved at rappor tere om hidtil ukendt territorium - og dermed blive mere grønne og bære dygtige," siger Lars Ramussen



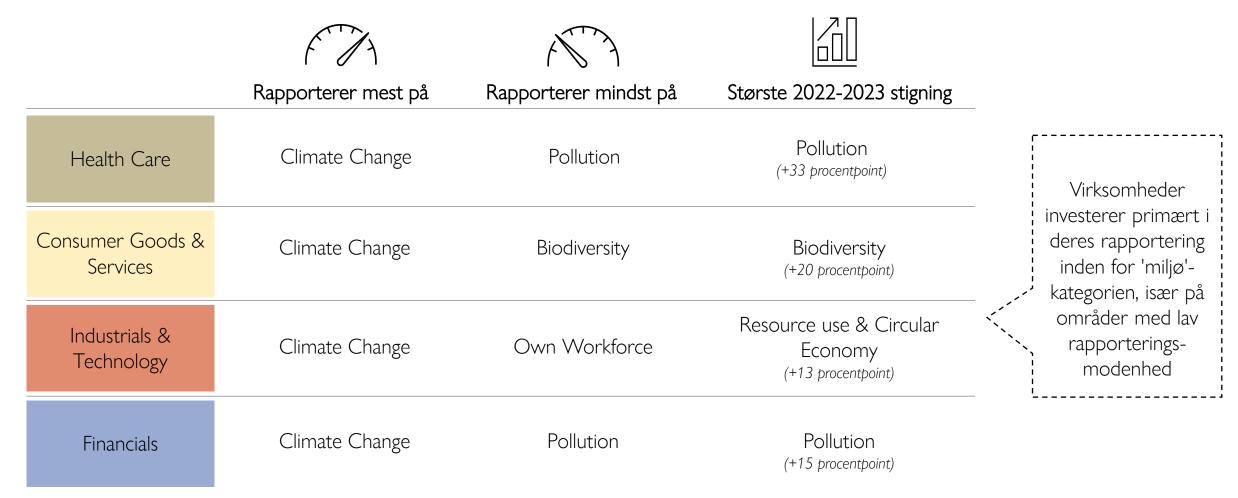
Ti bud: Sådan undgår man at drukne i grøn regel-tsunami

Tænketanken Axcelfuture og revisions- og konsulenthuset EY samler tunge profiler i nyt rådgivningsorgan. De kommer med ti råd til danske virksomheder, der bliver ramt af de nye omfattende kray om esg-rapportering. Side 4-5

3.2 Sektoranalyse

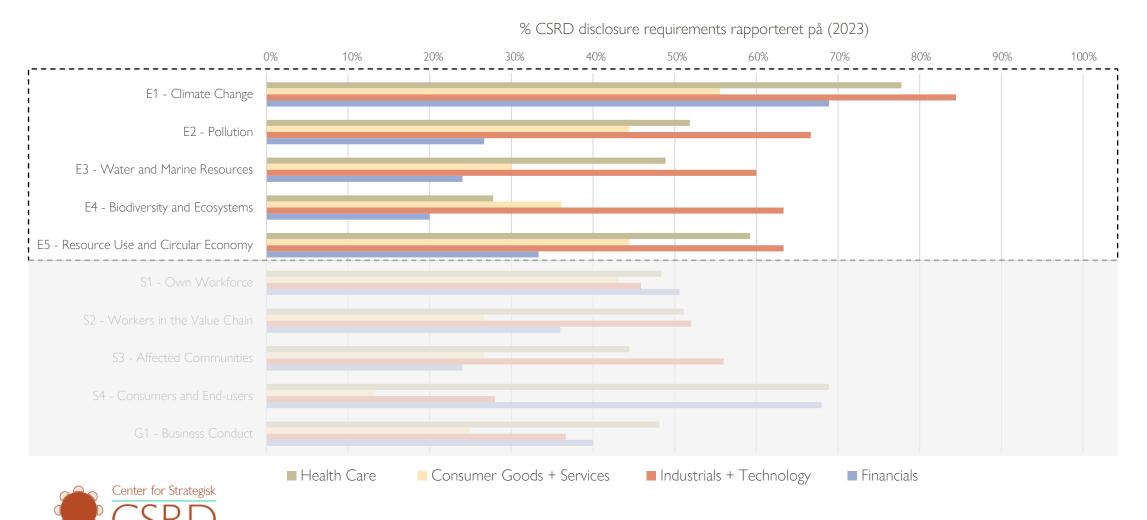
Hvilke sektor-specifikke forskelle observeres blandt danske virksomheders ESG rapportering?

Nøgleindsigter på sektorniveau

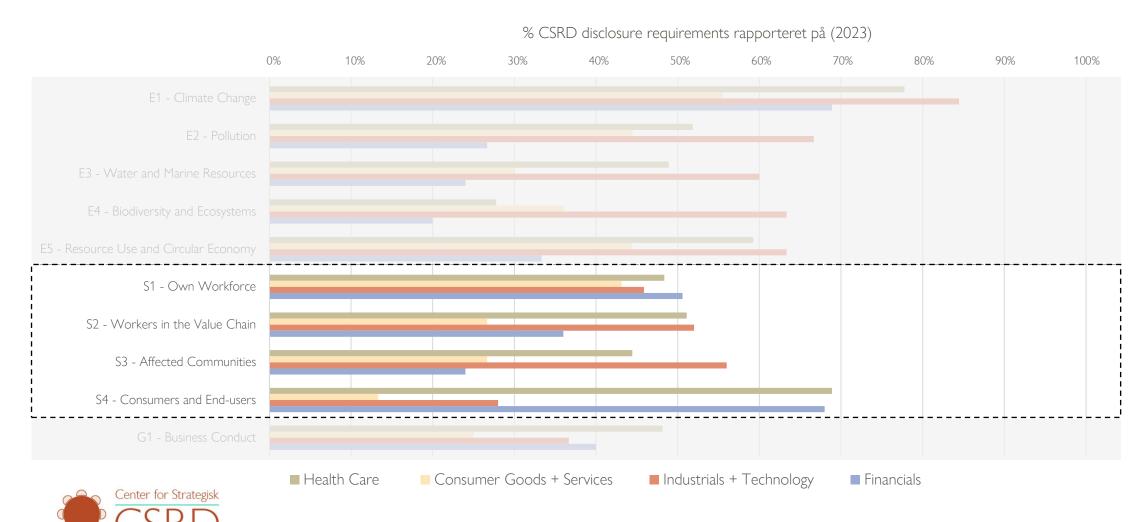




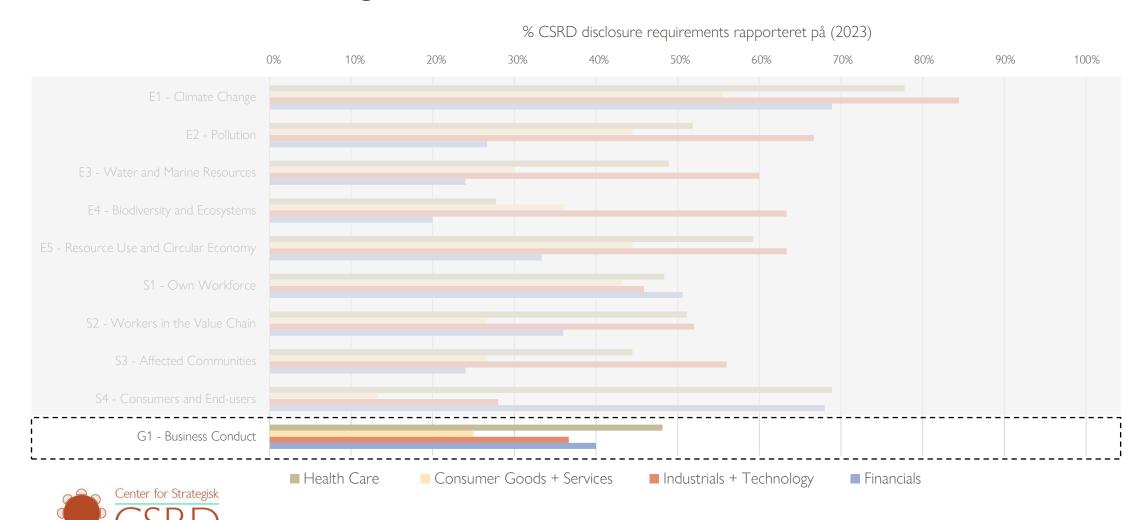
Environmental: Financials rapporterer generelt mindre på miljømæssige forhold, hvor Industrials & Technology scorer højest



Social: Health Care og Financials har et tydeligt focus på sociale forhold



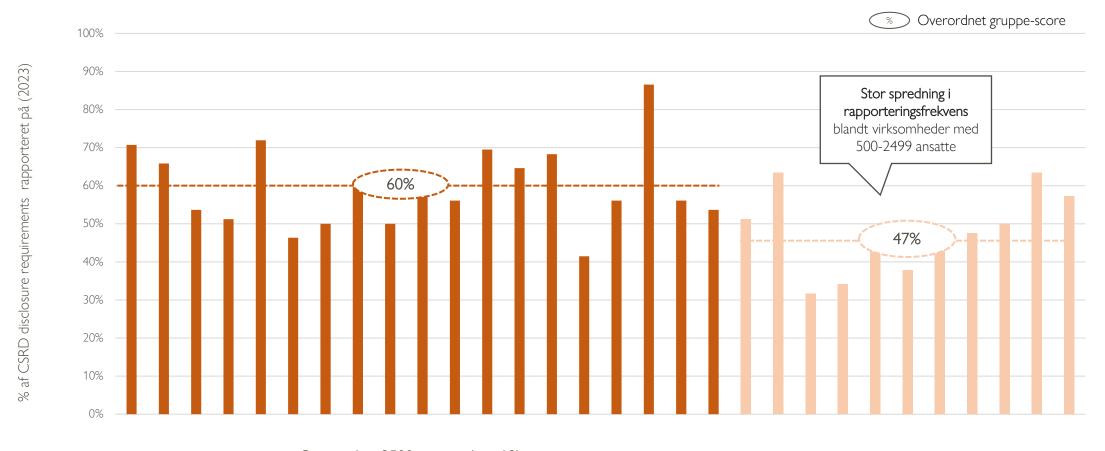
Governance: Consumer Goods & Services er specielt bagud l' 'Governance' kategorien



3 Analyse baseret på virksomhedsstørrelse

Hvordan varierer danske virksomheders ESG rapportering på baggrund af deres størrelse (antal ansatte)?

En sammenligning af virksomheder fordelt på størrelse viser mærkbar forskel i hvor meget, de rapporterer



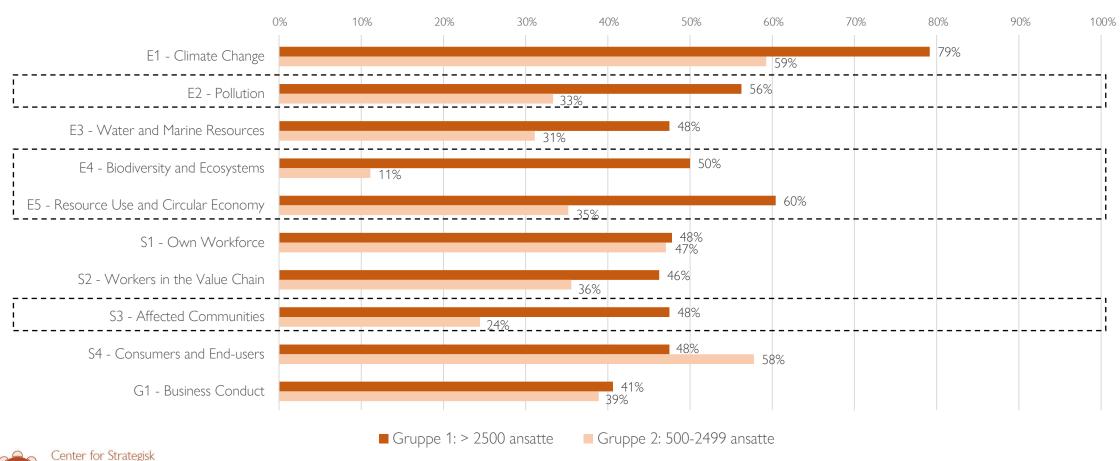


Gruppe 1: > 2500 ansatte (n = 19)

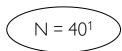
Gruppe I: 500-2499 ansatte (n = II)

De mindre virksomheder oplyser mindst om 'Pollution', 'Biodiversity', 'Resource Use and Circular Economy' og 'Affected Communities'









Hvad kan forklare forskelle i virksomhedernes indsats?



- Der kan være mange forskellige forklaringer på, hvorfor nogle virksomheder er længere end andre

 nogle af dem kunne være antal ansatte, return on assets (ROA) og EBITDA
- Af disse tre kan vi se, at EBITDA den største forklaringskraft, med en korrelationskoefficient på 0,615²
- Dette tyder på, at der kan være en sammenhæng mellem hvor meget virksomhederne rapporter på ESG-parametre og deres resultat af primær drift (målt på EBITDA)



¹ Analysen af forklaringskraften er lavet på baggrund af 2022 regnskaber for 40 danske virksomheder

² Analysen er beskrivende statik og omfatter ikke regressionsanalyser. Den tager derfor ikke højde for kontrolvariable, kontrolgrupper.

Hvad er implikationerne?

- ➤ Udledningssensitive sektorer og B2B rapporterer mest
- Derfor er læringskurven typisk stejlere i sensitive sektorer
- Dette bekræfter, at ESG bedst forankres i forretningsmodellen
- ➤ 'Biodiversitet' og 'Pollution' er stadig de mest udfordrende områder at rapportere på tværs af alle sektorer – dog er de også de områder, der er under størst udvikling

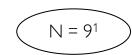


Spørgsmål?

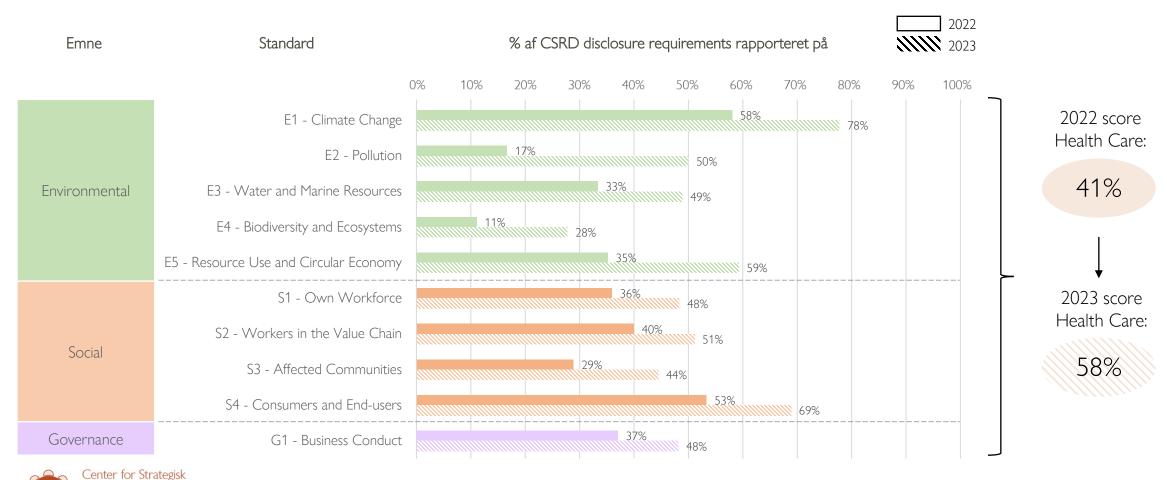


Få mere information og tilgå tidligere analyser på vores hjemmeside strategiskcsrd.dk



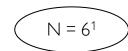


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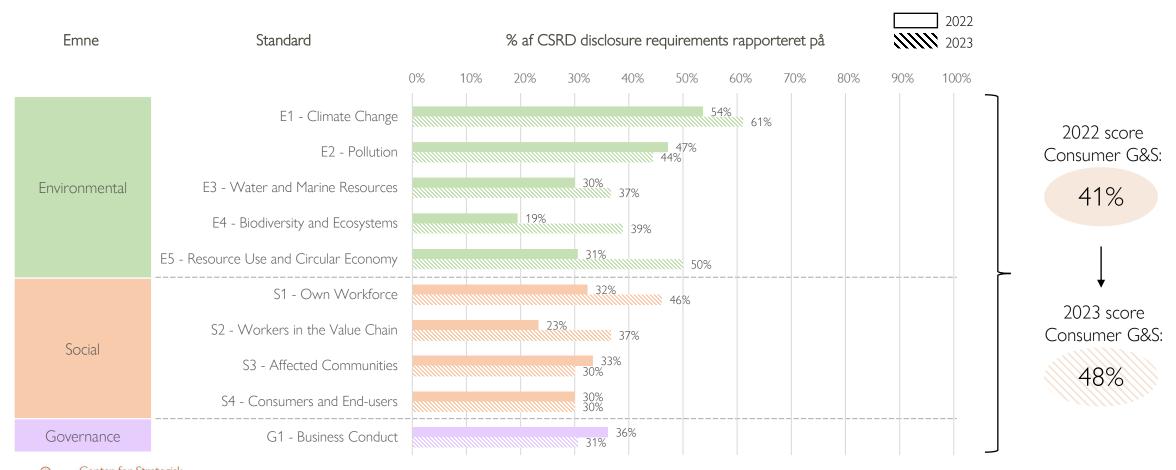




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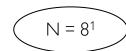


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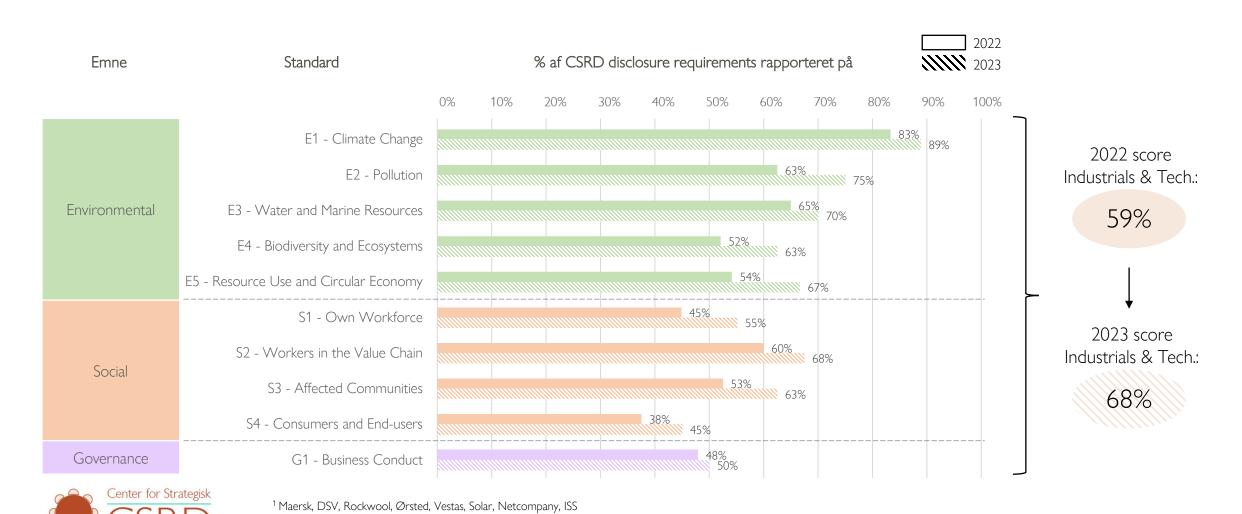


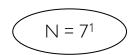


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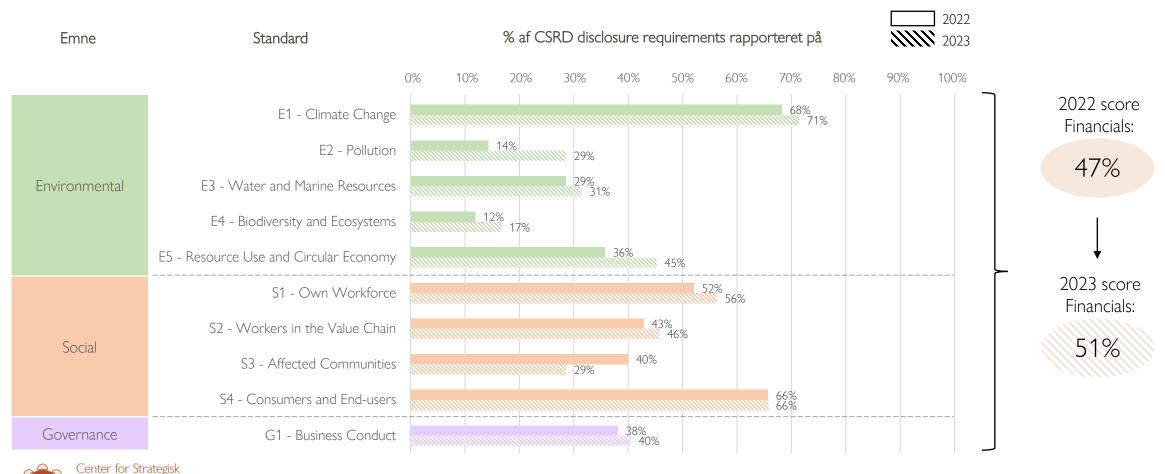


Sektoranalayse deep-dive: Industrials & Technology





Sektoranalayse deep-dive: Financials





¹ Danske Bank, Arbejdernes Landsbank, Sparekassen Sjælland, Vestjysk Bank, Spar Nord, Tryg, Top Danmark



H+H International A/S

Public 03.06.2024



Business model

We focus on providing **safe**, **sustainable** and **affordable** solutions and materials for wall building

Efficient manufacturing

Attractive geographical setup

Partners in wall building

One-stop shop for every wall-building project

Enabling better homes

Diverse and flexible solutions for various applications







Key raw materials

- · Sand, water and lime
- Cement and aluminium added for AAC

Manufacturing

- Strong plant network with national coverage
- Lean manufacturing process to improve efficiency and eliminate waste
- Targeted capital investments improve reliability and quality across the production platform
- Continuous improvements to deliver sustainable margins

Partnerships

- Full wall solution selling
- Support of customers in early planning stage
- Optimisation of building process
- Cooperation with planners, installers, architects, distributors and house builders

Delivery

- One-point of contact
- One-stop shop for wall building
- Reliable and timely delivery

Key features

- Multifunctional, easy-toinstall products with minimal maintenance and costeffective materials
- Fire-resistant, rot- and mouldproof product
- Long life-time expectancy for the benefit of the climate and environment

The business model is prepared in accordance with SBM-3 - Material impacts, risks and opportunities and their interaction with strategy and business model

Our geographical footprint

We have a diversified geographical footprint with our activities spread across three core regions, namely Central Western Europe (comprising Germany, the Nordics, the Benelux countries, the Czech Republic and Switzerland), the United Kingdom and Poland. We have a leading position in most of our markets with solid market shares and strong customer relationships.



The United Kingdom

Share of Group revenue in

29%

Central Western Europe

Share of Group revenue in 2023

47%

Poland

Share of Group revenue in 2023

24%

Total plants

AAC

CSU

27

14

13

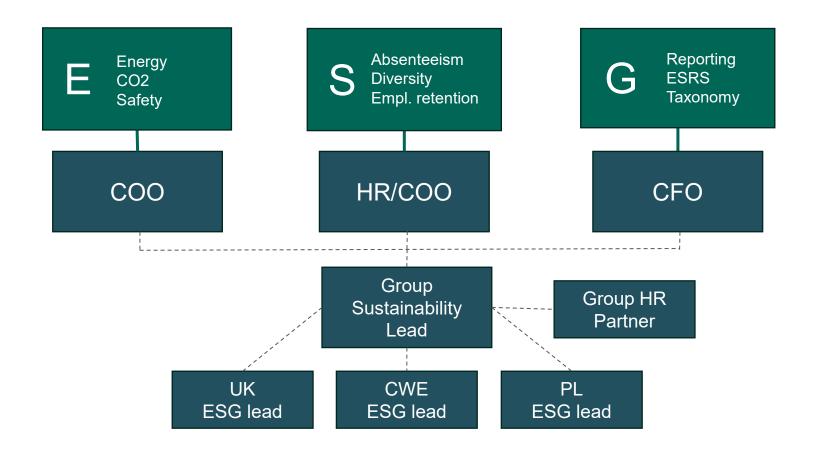
Headquarter

Aircrete plants (AAC)

Calcium Silicate plants (CSU)

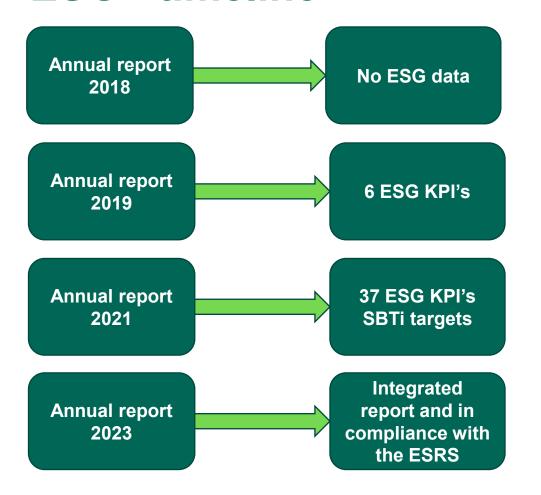


ESG organisation structure





ESG - timeline



Status today

- Clear defined sustainability strategy, embedded into the regions
- Yearly ESG targets which ties into bonus schemes and financial performance
- Monthly registration on key KPI's
- Monthly "result" calls between Group and regions
- Started as a top-down exercise, but regions are now starting to take more and more ownership (i.e. local CO2 roadmaps)

Applying the "financial mindset" into ESG



KPI framework

KPI framework is subject to the principles set out in the H+H Remuneration Policy approved by the general meeting.

Remuneration Policy requirements for KPIs in short-term incentive programs (STIP) and long-term incentive programs (LTIP):

of KPIs

3 - 4 KPIs

Types of KPIs

- Only performance-based
- Min. 2 financial KPIs
- Min. 1 non-financial KPI
- For LTIP optionally a peer benchmark related KPI

Objective KPIs and targets

- Clearly defined
- Measurable
- Based on facts and data with only limited room for discretion
- Facts and data shall be validated (e.g., via audit, expert statement, sworn statement by employees, publicly announced etc.)



Choosing KPI targets

 KPIs and targets are decided by the Board of Directors based on recommendations from the Remuneration Committee

 The KPIs and targets chosen are key enablers for successful strategy execution in the short term (STIP) and long-term (LTIP).



STIPs

| 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|
| KPIs | Weight | KPIs | Weight | KPIs | Weight | KPIs | Weight |
| Group EBIT % | 37.50% | Group EBIT % | 37.50% | Group EBIT % | 37.50% | Group EBIT % | 35.00% |
| Group nominal EBIT | 37.50% | Group nominal EBIT | 37.50% | Group nominal EBIT | 37.50% | Group nominal EBIT | 35.00% |
| LTIF* | 8.33% | LTIF* | 8.33% | LTIF* | 8.33% | LTIF* | 15.00% |
| Absenteeism | 8.33% | Absenteeism | 8.33% | Absenteeism | 8.33% | CO2 emissions kg/m3 | 45.000/ |
| Acquisitions | 8.33% | Acquisitions | 8.33% | Energy consumption | 8.33% | (scope 1+2 SBTi) | 15.00% |

LTIPs

| 2020 | | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | |
|------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| | KPIs | Weight | KPIs | Weight | KPIs | Weight | KPIs | Weight |
| | ROIC ratio | 33.3% | ROIC ratio | 33.3% | ROIC ratio | 33.3% | ROIC ratio | 28.33% |
| | EBIT ratio | 33.3% | EBIT ratio | 33.3% | EBIT ratio | 33.3% | EBIT ratio | 28.33% |
| | Peer benchmark | 33.3% | Peer benchmark | 33.3% | Peer benchmark | 33.3% | Peer benchmark | 28.33% |
| | | | | | | | CO2 emissions (scope 1+2 SBTi)** | 15.00% |

^{*} LTIF means Lost Time Incident Frequency (i.e., a Health & Safety KPI)

** Measurement of absolute volume of CO2 in line with the measurement under SBTi, whereas the CO2 measurement under STIP 2023 concerns CO2 emissions per kg/m3 production volume.





Reporting

Remuneration report published since 2020

Short-term

- Type of KPIs
- Weighting
- Achievement

Long-term

- Type of KPIs
- Weighting
- Achievement
- Targets for programmes which have vested



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Our annual reporting

The Annual Report of H+H International A/S comprises consolidated financial statements and parent company prepared in accordance with the IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU and further requirements in the Danish Financial Statements Act. The sustainability statement is prepared with reference to the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

(CSRD) and the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS). It has also been prepared in compliance with sections 99a, 99b and 107d of the Danish Financial Statements Act. Unless otherwise stated, all figures in parenthesis refer to the corresponding figures in the prior year.

Other 2023 reports

Remuneration report Corporate governance statement **Table**

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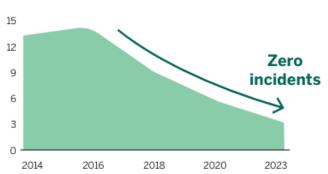
Next step towards zero incidents

Managing the health and safety risks from the heavy equipment and harmful substances used in the production process is essential for us as an employer. Maintaining a strong safety performance underpins our operations and enables us to provihealthy, safe, and secure working conditions for employees and contractors. To reach our goal of zero incidents, we have launched a new simplified strategy across the group called Zero Harm. The strategy is designed to create awareness of the importance of behavioural safety and was kicked off with visits three flagship sites in Hamm, Zelislawice, and Pollington.

The strategy is further supported by additional initiatives including:

- A tailored programme of workshops for all operational super visors and managers
- · Investment in plants where needed to keep them safe
- Implementation of preventative actions based on previous incidents
- · Executing site safety improvement plans each year

LTIF rate





Decarbonising our products1

Our business model and strategy are compatible with the transition to a sustainable economy by reducing our carbon emissions in line with our validated Science Based Targets and our target of net-zero emissions by 2050. Our a roadmap includes the following levers:

- 1. Increasing the share of renewable energy
- Optimising plants including investments in energy efficient equipment
- 3. Improved energy mix, including a transition away from coal

Condensed generic product roadmap for AAC: From 180 kg to

| | | Lov |
|-------|---------------|-----|
| Today | Recarbonation | cer |
| | | |

Financial targets

EBIT margin

12%

Return on invested capital Excl. goodwil

16%

Financial gearing

Net interest-bearing debt to EBITDA

1-2x

Sustainability targets

H+H commits to reducing absolute

scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by

46%

by 2030 compared to 2019

H+H commits to reducing scope 3 greenhouse gas

eenhouse emissions by

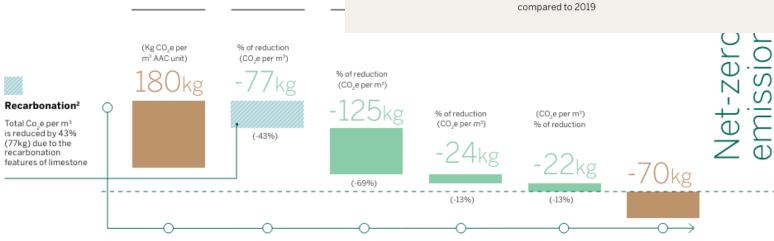
22%

per kg CO₂e/m³ by 2030

H+H commits to achieving

net-zero emissions in our operations and products by

2050



- * Numbers have been rounded and may not add up | EAACA Net-zero roadmap for autoclaved aerated concrete | 1 E1-1 Transition plan for climate change mitigation |
- 2 Derived from a representative AAC plant (normalised to an average dry density of 388 kg/m3, year under review 2020)

Double Materiality Assessment

During 2023, we undertook our first Double Materiality Assessment in prepration for compliance with the ESRS^{10,11}. We have engaged with various internal and external stakeholders, including employees, suppliers, customers, society, investors, analysts and banks to identify H+H's material sustainability matters. This engagement has been through

interviews and desktop research. Parallel to this, we have also assessed the financial risks and opportunities for sustainability-related matters as part of our ERM process. To ensure proper compliance, external consultants have performed a review of our Double Materiality Assessment process. The outcome gave no material remarks.



Reporting topics in scope

Topics marked '0' in the list to the right were deemed immaterial from the start and thereby not included in the engagement process.

Environmental

- E1 Climate
- Olimate change adaptation (CCA)
- Climate change mitigation (CCM)
- 3 Energy
- E2 Pollution
- Air
- Water
- 6 Soil
- Living organisms
- Substance of (high) concern

E3 Water & marine resources

- Water withdrawals
- Marine resources
- Water habitat degradation

E4 Biodiversity & ecosystems

- 8 Direct impact drivers on biodiversity loss
- Impact on the state of species
- Impacts on the extent and condition of ecosystems
- Impacts and dependencies on ecosystem services

E5 Resource use and circular economy

- Resource inflows and usage
- Resource outflows related to products and services
- Waste

Social

- S1 Own workforce
- Working conditions
- 48
- Equal treatment and opportunities
- Talent development
- Other work related rights

S2 Workers in the value chain

- Working conditions
- Equal treatment and opportunities
- Other work related rights

S3 Affected communities

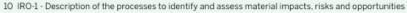
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Civil and political rights
- Particular rights of indigenous rights

S4 Consumer & end-user

- Information related impacts
- Personal safety of consumers
- Social inclusion of consumers

Governance

- G1 Business conduct
- Orporate culture
- 2 Whistleblower protection
- Animal welfare
- Political & lobbying activities
- Payment practices with suppliers (late payment)
- Corruption and bribery



11 IRO-2 - Disclosure Requirements in ESRS covered by the undertaking's sustainability statement

Computershare – Sommerseminar

How are ESG-related KPIs used in executive compensation?

May 29, 2024

Ken L. Bechmann kb.fi@cbs.dk





The Companies Act (Selskabsloven) § 139

Important paragraph:

 Vederlagspolitikken, jf. § 139, skal være klar og forståelig og bidrage til aktieselskabets forretningsstrategi samt langsigtede interesser og bæredygtighed...

 The Danish Business Authority: Vejledning om selskabslovens krav til børsnoterede selskabers vederlagspolitik og vederlagsrapport (November 2021) contains 60 pages of very good guidance...

Sustainability (bæredygtighed) – Guidelines p. 5:

Selskabets bæredygtighed udgør et centralt forhold i varetagelsen af de langsigtede interesser. Begrebet selskabets bæredygtighed kan umiddelbart forstås som den eksterne bæredygtighed (selskabernes rolle som positive bidragsydere til samfundet som helhed) og/eller selskabernes interne bæredygtighed (herunder økonomisk, finansiel, innovation, R&D). Eftersom den nærmere fortolkning af "selskabets bæredygtighed" ikke fremgår klart i hverken lov eller direktiv, er det Erhvervsstyrelsens opfattelse, at det enkelte selskab har en del frihed til selv at vælge, hvilken form for bæredygtighed vederlagspolitikken skal bidrage til. Efter Erhvervsstyrelsens opfattelse vil det være naturligt, at virksomhederne i denne sammenhæng primært tænker på selskabets interne, langsigtede bæredygtighed. Selskabet bør dog ligeledes vurdere, om hensyn til den eksterne bæredygtighed, herunder eksempelvis CSR, ESG m.v., ligeledes bør tages i betragtning og i givet fald omtales, hvis det vurderes relevant for det pågældende selskab.





Variable pay – Guidelines p. 14:

Indgår selskabet aftaler om variabel aflønning, skal vederlagspolitikken, jf. selskabslovens § 139 a, stk. 2, indeholde klare, brede og varierede kriterier for tildelingen.

Ifølge selskabslovens § 139 a, stk. 2, skal vederlagspolitikken i så fald angive følgende:

- (1) Oplysninger om de finansielle og ikke-finansielle resultatkriterier (KPIer), herunder hvor det er relevant, kriterier vedrørende selskabernes sociale ansvar,
- 2) En forklaring på, hvordan resultatkriterierne (KPIer) bidrager til selskabets forretningsstrategi, langsigtede interesser og bæredygtighed,
- 3) Metoder, der skal anvendes til at fastlægge, om resultatkriterierne (KPIer) er opfyldt,
- 4) Oplysninger om eventuelle udskydelsesperioder, og
- 5) Oplysninger om selskabets mulighed for at tilbagekræve variabel aflønning.





Remuneration policy for Large Cap companies

Data:

- Latest available remuneration policy for listed Large Cap
- Have excluded financial companies

| • | Number of companies: | 31 |
|---|----------------------|----|
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- Average (median) number of pages:
 9.4 (9.0)
- Average (median) age, years:2.3 (2.2)



ESG KPIs: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

INCITAMENT PROGRAMMER

og oplysningsforpligtelsen



ne har vundet indpas i det finansielle miljø i løbet af de seneste år i en sådan grad, at de nærmest er blevet et mantra. Virksomheder melder ud, at de bekender sig til shareholder value tankegangen. Institutionelle investorer roser offentligt selskaber, der i denne henseende udøver fornuftig corporate governance⁴), og konsulentfirmaer står på nakken af hinanden for at rådgive om disse emner. Denne trend er fundamentalt set sund og nyttig. Hvis man vil være kritisk, kunne man udspørge selskaberne om, hvad de foretog sig, før de begyndte at fokusere på shareholder



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The Good:

Policy in accordance with (my reading of) the guidelines.

The Bad:

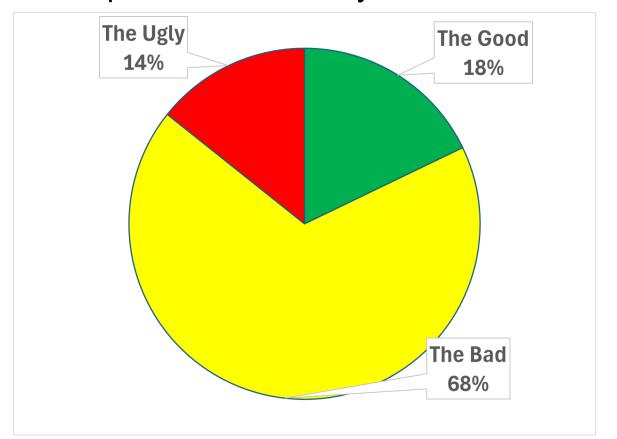
Some information on ESG KPIs in policy but (in my view) not "compliant".

The Ugly:

Very limited (or no) useful information in policy on the actual use of ESG KPIs.

ESG KPIs: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Fraction of companies without any ESG related KPIs: 10%



Main reasons/problems for ESG related KPIs in Remuneration Policy:

- 1. No information on *types* of KPIs only very generic references to ESG or 'sustainability'.
- 2. No information on how KPIs are used in STIP and LTIP and how they contribute to "aktieselskabets forretningsstrategi samt langsigtede interesser og bæredygtighed".
- 3. No information on how these KPIs should be assessed and evaluated.



The use of ESG related KPIs in STIP/LTIP

• Fraction without (information on) ESG KPI: 23%

For the remaining 24 companies:

Fraction with ESG KPIs only in STIP: 46%

• Fraction with ESG KPIs only in LTIP: 4%

• Fraction with ESG KPIs in STIP & LTIP: 50%



ESG metrics and targets in executive remuneration - A focus on ESG in the Nordics

| Percentage of companies disclosing ESG metrics in executive remuneration in each of the Nordic countries | ESG metric in annual bonus | ESG metric in LTI | ESG weightings disclosed | ESG weighting of annual bonus | ESG weighting of LTI |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nordics | 45% | 19% | Only around 16% of the companies disclose the weightings | 10% | 10-20% |
| Denmark | 50% | 29% | Limited, over 50% do not disclose the weightings | 10-20% | 10-20% |
| Finland | 42% | 16% | Limited, over 50% do not disclose the weightings | 10% | 10-20% |
| Norway | 45% | 15% | Limited, over 50% do not disclose the weightings | 12.5% | 10% |
| Sweden | 30% | 10% | Limited, over 50% do not disclose the weightings | 9-10% | No disclosures |

Source: Deloitte analysis of 86 companies from Denmark (24 companies), Fir land (19 companies), Norway (20 companies), Sweden (20 companies), and Iceland (3 companies) based on ISS recommendations available - September 2022

So relatively small weights (even for companies that report weights)

| For the 1/4 with stated ESG weightings for both STIP and LTIP | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------------|------------|--|--|
| | | ESG related | | | |
| Components: | DKKm | in DKKm | in Percent | | |
| Fixed compensation | 8.00 | | | | |
| Cash bonus (STIP) | 4.00 | 0.40 | 2.5% | | |
| Equity pay (LTIP) | 4.00 | 0.40 | 2.5% | | |
| In total | 16.00 | 0.80 | 5.0% | | |



Non-market based KPIs in (equity based) LTIPs

MODERNE AKTIEPROGRAMMER

Moderne aktieprogrammer: De skulle være så simple, og så er de faktisk ret komplekse

I forbindelse med årstapporterne for 2020 skal de børsnotrerde selskaber som noget my også aflægge en vederlagstapport indeboldende en rakke detaljer om affenningen til hver medler an bestyretsen og direktionen. Dette betyder blandt andet, at selskabernes forskellige aktiebaserede incitamentsprogrammer skal vardinarsettes. Denne artikel viser, at der blandt selskabernes forskellige aktiebaserede incitamentsprogrammer en stalgning la vardelsen af programmer med betingede aktier og lignende. Disse opfattes af mange som mere simple end aktieoptionsprogrammer, men som det også vises i denne artikel, er deskempelvis verdinarsettelsen af disse ret komplicerden. Disse resultate har betydning både i rinhold til, hvorbedes des deskempelvis verdinarsettelsen af disse ret komplicerden. Disse resultate har betydning både i rinhold til, hvorbedes disse programmer skal designer, og hvordees de skabe incitamenter skal vurderes.

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Note: I Sorbindelse med denne artikel takkes Peter Løchte Jørgensen, Lene Holst Nielser og Rolf Poulsen for en række konstruktive kommentarer. Artiklen er delvist baseret på Andersson og Jammer (2020).

Des skalde andet aktionservettighedoftrektiv (EU, 2017/828 af 17. mg/ 2071) meldott blaumt andet en meks et stmaninger undet formål at oge gennemsigtagheden i forhold til oplysminger om folebesanflomming. Direktivet er innplementæret i danst et selskabalovens §§ 139. 139 aog 139 b. Helt overordne betyder stekningsregne at den betydere stekningsregne, at de berunsteretes elskabalovens §§ 139. 139 aog 139 b. Helt overordne betyder stekningsregne, at de berunsteretes elskabalovens §§ 139. 139 aog 139 b. Helt overordne betyder en vederlaspoolitisken magivet de overordnede entamet for allomingen at Gelessen – blade i forhold til, livilke afformingskomponenter der kun autwende, og mannet for, lover store medde de melket komponenter kun tilger ef den samlede løngakke. I forlangselse helte det skal selskabene om vederlassgramoster, det

en række detaljer beskriver, hvilken aflønning der er tildelt de

Det er ikke formålet med denne artikel at gå i detaljer med kravene til vederlagspolitik og vederlagsrapport. Disse krav er behandlet i fx Comnie (2017) og Erhvervsstyrelsen (2020). Formålet er i stedet at diskutere de udfordringer, der findes i forhold til at værdisansætte mange af de typiske aktieprogrammer. Teksthoks I indeholder de udvalgste dele af selskabsloven,

TEKSTBOKS 1: Udvalgte dele af selskabslovens § 139

§ 139 a. Vederlagspolitikken, jf. § 139, skal være klar og forståelig og bidrage til aktieselskabels forretningsstrategi samt langsigtede interesser og bæredygtighed og indeholde religande: 1) En forstaring på, hvordan vederlagspolitikken bidrager til aktieselskabels forretningsstrategi, langsigtede interesser og bæredygtighed.

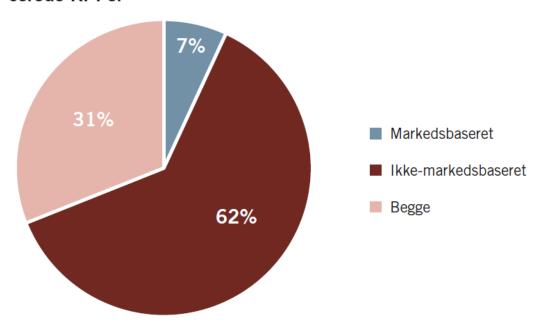
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2) En beskrivetse at de forskellige komponenter af fæt og variabet affarning, herunder atle bonusser og andre goder, som kan tildeles ledelassmedlemmer, med indikation at komponenternes relative andel.

Stx. 2. Inagår aktioselskabet aftalter om variabet alterning, skal vederlagsgopolitikken indebotisk lære, brede og verierede kriterier for tildeling af den variabet len. Vederlagspolitikken skal angive 10 oplynninger om de flamssisle og ikke finansielle resultativiterier, herunder hvor det er relevent, kriterier vederende virksomhecken sociaen anvær, que fordkning på, hvoratte ob tidraget it aktiviteriskabets forrethingsstrategi samt langsigkade interesser og bærekrygtighets samt den metoder, de skal anvendes til at faktigage, om resultativiterinierne er

Note: Boksen indeholder de dele af 55 139 a og 139 b, der er relateret til kravene om værdiansættelse af aktieprogrammer.

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FIGUR 2: Fordeling af markedsbaserede og ikke-markedsbaserede KPI'er



Note: Figuren viser fordelingen af markedsbaserede og ikke-markedsbaserede KPI'er, der anvendes for alle de KPI-afhængige aktiebaserede programmer.

The use of non-market based KPIs in LTIPs

(including ESG related)

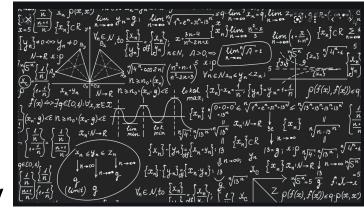
Many has KPIs (including grant/vesting/exercise conditions)
 on top of other KPIs (the stock price)

One share-based program has eight KPIs attached to it (three

financial and five non-financial)

Possible consequences:

- Difficult to assess incentive effects
- Make valuations (even) more difficult
- Add complexity reduce transparency



Some suggestions (and tools)

- Avoid too many, too "loose" and "double" KPIs
- Think in sensitivities and probabilities
- Understand value and incentives
- Strive to make variable ambitious (and this way variable)
- Analyze total compensation in different scenarios



Some references...

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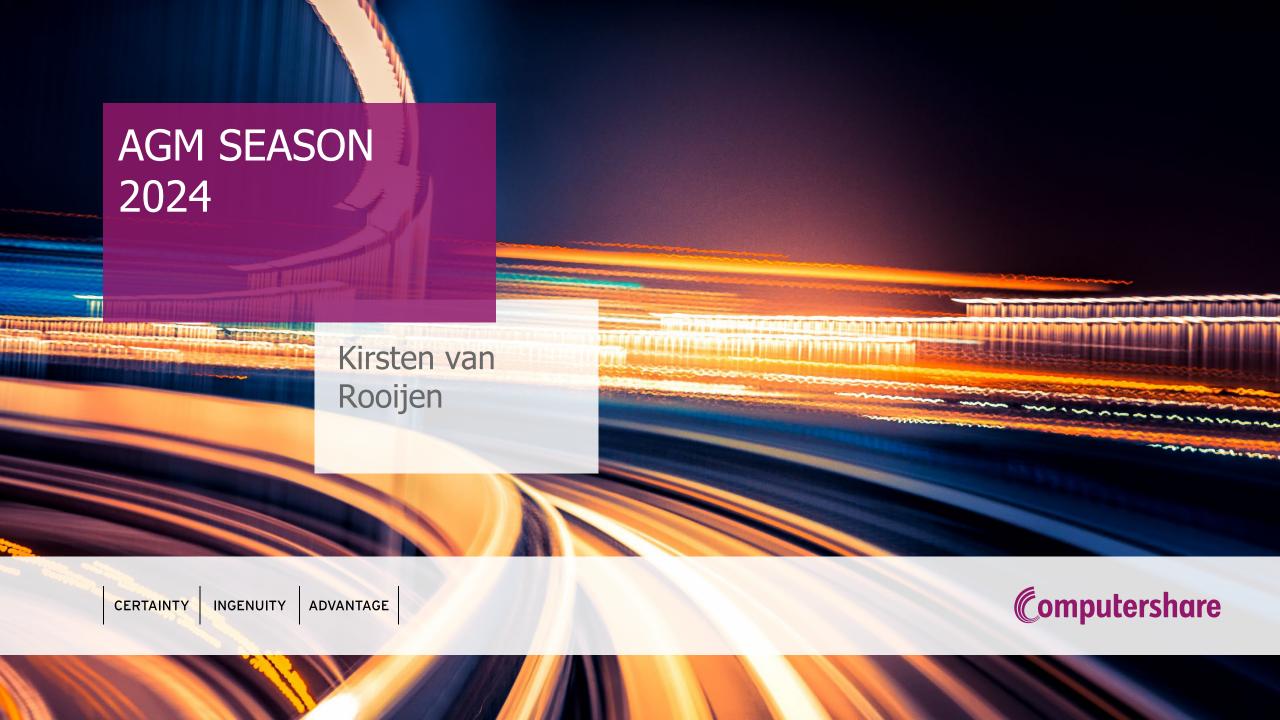
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What has happened during the 2024 AGM Season so far

Although the 2024 AGM
Season has seen a
relatively similar amount
of Say on Climate
proposals, the results
have gone against
previous underlying
trends.

The number of proposals have remained relatively stable compared to 2023



- So far 22 European companies have announced putting forward a Say on Climate vote at their AGM from the 1st July 2023 to the 30th June 2024.
- Of these 22 companies, 13 of these proposals have been voted on as of 17 May 2024.

First European Automotive Company puts forward a Say on Climate Vote



- Gestamp Automocion SA became the first automotive company in Europe to put forward a Say on Climate vote.
- However, many of these proposals remain concentrated within the Utilities, Real Estate, Materials and Oil & Gas sectors.

So far support for Say on Climate proposals has risen relative to 2022 and 2023.



- Throughout the 2023 AGM season, 24 proposals had an average level of support of 91.0%, which was equivalent to the average level of support of 91.0% during the 2022.
- So far in 2024, of the 13 proposals that have been voted on, there has been average support levels of 94.2%

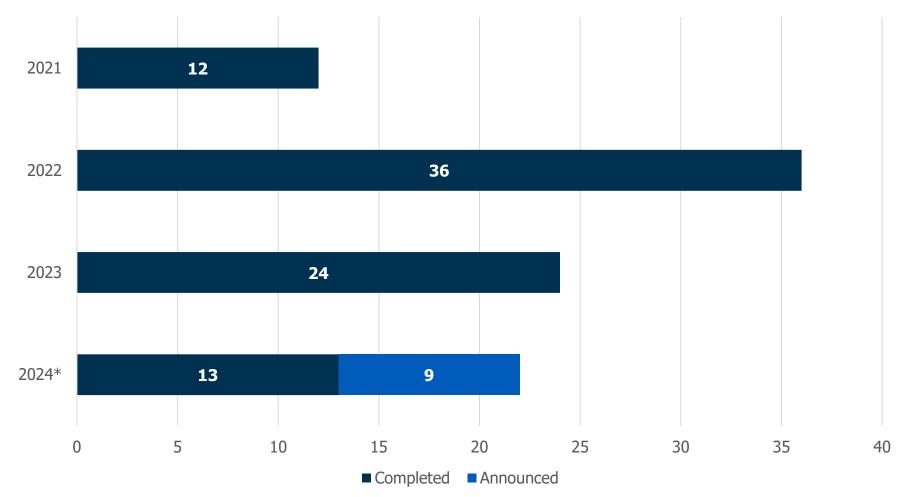
ISS yet to recommend shareholders vote against a Say on Climate vote in 2024



- Out of the 21 proposals analysed, ISS has supported all but one – recommending shareholders to abstain from such a proposal for the first time since its inception.
- ISS had previously recommended shareholders oppose an increasing amount of Say on Climate proposals YoY prior to this AGM Season.

TRENDS FROM THE 2024 AGM SEASON

Number of Proposals



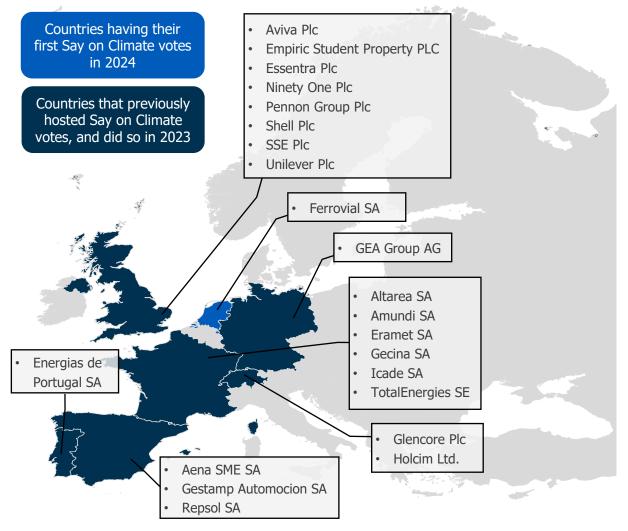
Decreased number of SoC proposals

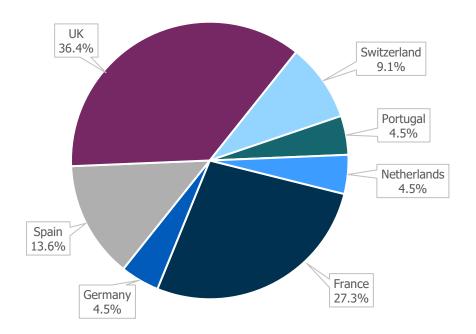
- In the 2022 AGM Season, the number of board-proposed Say on Climate resolutions increased significantly relative to the 2021 proxy season. There were 36 companies which held votes on Climate-related proposals during the 2022 AGM Season, which was three times as many compared to 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021.
- In the 2023 AGM Season, we saw a decrease in the amount of Say on Climate proposals announced, with only 24 companies announcing such a proposal, a 33% decline relative to 2022.
- This trend continued, albeit at a slower pace, with only 22 companies so far putting forward a Say on Climate resolution during the 2024 AGM Season.

The data shown in the table above refers to data for each AGM Season (e.g. the 2024 AGM Season runs from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024).

^{*}Announced/Completed from 1 July 2023 to 17 May 2024

Geographic Distribution in 2024



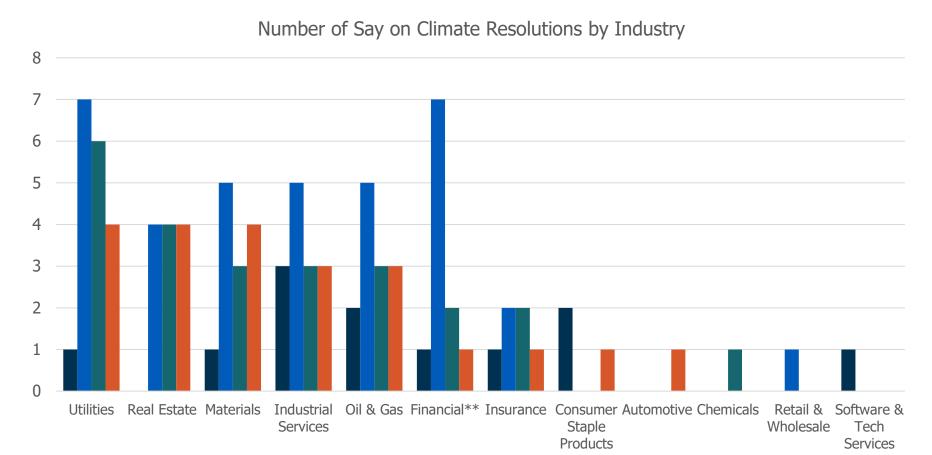


UK, France, Spain and Switzerland tend to have companies who put SoC proposals forward each year

- During the year under review, so far 22 companies across Europe have put forward board-sponsored advisory resolutions on their climate disclosures and action plans at their AGMs.
- Ferrovial become the first Netherlands headquartered company to put forward a Say on Climate vote.
- The majority of Say on Climate votes are still being proposed by UK and French companies.
- However, the 2024 AGM season saw fewer Say on Climate votes announced by French companies (6 companies) relative to the 2023 AGM season (9 companies).

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Sector Distribution



Reduction in proposals across sectors

- Utilities remained the industry with the highest number of Say on Climate votes put forward for the third proxy voting season running.
- The Real Estate, Industrial Services, and Oil & Gas industries all saw a stable number of Say on Climate proposals put forward in the 2024 AGM Season relative to the 2023 AGM Season.
- 2024 saw the first proposal put forward by an Automotive company.
- As can be seen from the graphic, this trend has become prominent among more carbon-intensive companies, and sectors, such as Software & Tech Services, are yet to see a proposal be put forward since 2021.

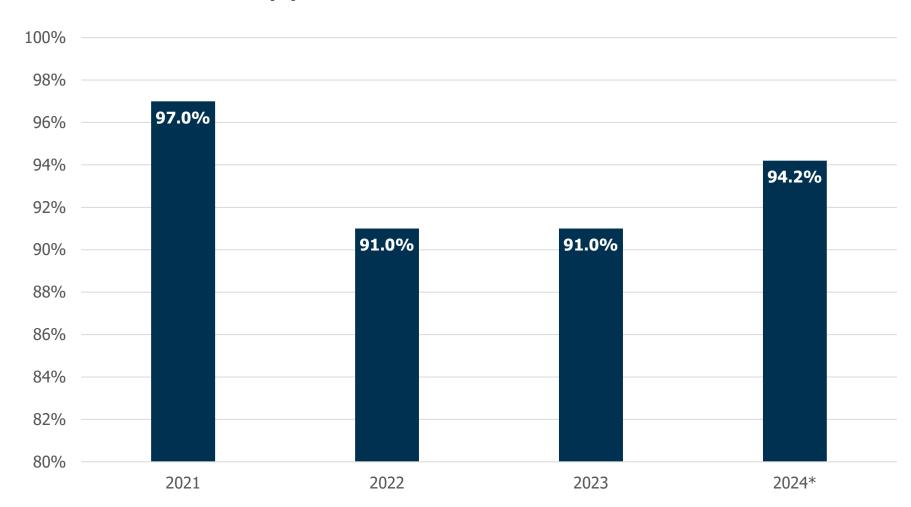
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■ 2021 **■** 2022 **■** 2023 **■** 2024*

^{*}Announced from 1 July 2023 to 17 May 2024

^{**}The Financial Category includes Banking and Asset Management companies

Shareholder Support



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Increase in level of support for this type of proposal from 2023 to 2024

- This graph shows the levels of Support for Say on Climate Board Proposals at AGMs.
- Average level of support during the 2021 AGM season for this type of proposal in Europe was 97.0% and in all cases above 88.7%.
- During the 2022 AGM season there was increased scrutiny amongst shareholders and proxy advisors which led to the average level of support falling to 91.0%, with the lowest level of support being 76.3%.
- Throughout the 2023 AGM season, 24 proposals had an average level of support of 91.0%. The lowest level of support during the 2023 AGM season was 53.1%, which is the lowest level of support since the inception of board-proposed Say on Climate votes.
- So far in 2024, of the 13 proposals that have been voted on, there has been an average level of support of 94.2%.

HOW DO ACTIVIST SEE THE WORLD

Regular

Engagements

Investors regularly

engagements with

investee companies

ask questions during

Corporate Governance and Vulnerability: A Generic Escalation Approach used by **Institutional Investors**

Concern

reality

Vote against Management Elevate

If an investee company does not meet an investor's expectations, the investor will push to make this a

If this concern has not been addressed by the investee company, investors may vote against management's recommendation at the company's AGM

Shareholder Activism

Investors may consider cosubmitting shareholder resolutions at companies if their concern is yet to be mitigated through alternative methods in order to put public pressure on the company. If they succeed, the company will be liable to comply with the request.

Divestment

If the company fails to adhere and is seen as nonresponsive to an investor's engagement tactics and therefore too much of a material risk to the investor's portfolio, the investor will consider reducing its exposure to the company or completely divest.

How investors use engagement to incorporate strong Corporate Governance practices at their investee companies

Collaborative

Engagement

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investors

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met.

Through investor

collaborate so

engagement on

concern carries

more power and

will co-ordinate

companies to

ensure that their

expectations are

Corporate Governance and Vulnerability: Topics of Scrutiny



The topics on the left-hand side represent the 'standard' Corporate Governance topic of scrutiny

- Institutional Investors assess these topics as they consider it important for the board and management of their investee companies to be accountable for business performance and aligned with their interests.
- This is why investors have opinions about how the board should be constructed, how CEOs should be paid, what rights shareholders should have when it comes to various decisions etc.
- Therefore, activism is born out of investors holding the board and management accountable for certain decisions or questioning whether they are aligned with the best interests of shareholders.

As time has gone on, the issues that companies are considered accountable for has evolved based on continuously shifting market, customer, and investor expectations and requirements

The Spectrum of Environmental and Social Activists

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NGOs who organize ESG **Protests**







Climate







ShareAction»



NGOs who organize ESG Protests

| NGO | Target Topic | Target Achievement | Process |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| extinction rebellion | Environmental issues | For governments to declare a climate and ecological emergency, halt biodiversity loss and GHG emissions to net zero by 2025 and create a citizens assembly on climate and ecological justice. | Members sign up to ER and:1. Join autonomous groups2. Get trained3. Use civil resistance to cause economic disruption |
| GREENPEACE | Environmental issues and Animal Rights | Greenpeace states its goal is to "ensure the ability of the Earth to nurture life in all its diversity". | Investigate companies Lobby for political support Create global network Non-violent civil resistance |
| JUST STOP OIL® | Oil & Gas Exploration, Development and Production in the UK | For UK government to make statement that it will immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK. | Non-violent civil resistance – disrupting traffic, major sporting events, and landmarks Create media attention – performing dramatic stunts and within courts for legal cases against its supporters. |
| AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL | Human Rights | By 2030: 1. Human rights will be better understood 2. 2. Marginalised communities will have more power 3. 3. Amnesty International would win key human rights victories | Knowledge and content management – human rights education. Activist-led campaigning Activist communication and collaboration |

ESG Protests at 2024 AGMs - continues







NGOs that target Companies with Shareholder Proposals: The Shareholder Activism process of NGOs like ShareAction

Create reports and find targets

Publish research that focuses on a particular issue to identify who the laggards are within the industry.

Deploy 'AGM' Army'

Deploy staff and supporters to attend a company's AGM and highlight specific issues via asking questions directly to the board.

Engage with shareholders of target

Send the company a letter co-signed with some of the company's shareholders requesting a certain action

4 Co-file resolution

ShareAction co-file a shareholder resolution if the target company has failed to provide any meaningful action as per the request.

THE WHOLE
PROCESS IS
SUPPORTED BY A
STRONG MEDIA
INFLUENCE AND
PRESENCE

Active Investors have been turning up the heat on companies in 2024







LGIM report reflects on 'dialled up' engagement in 2023

In the April 25 report, LGIM revealed that it cast 149,000 votes at 15,580 meetings last year, with the goal of driving "long-term, systemic change" on ESG-related risk factors. In 2024, LGIM has named climate, nature, people, health, governance and digitization as its key focus areas.



BlackRock's Larry Fink to face vote on splitting chair and CEO role

Larry Fink faces proxy challenge to his dual role as chair and chief executive of BlackRock from UK activist investor, Bluebell Capital, that wants more board oversight of the \$10tn money manager's approach to sustainable investing.

Activist investors fret over Exxon Mobil's lawsuit bypassing US regulator

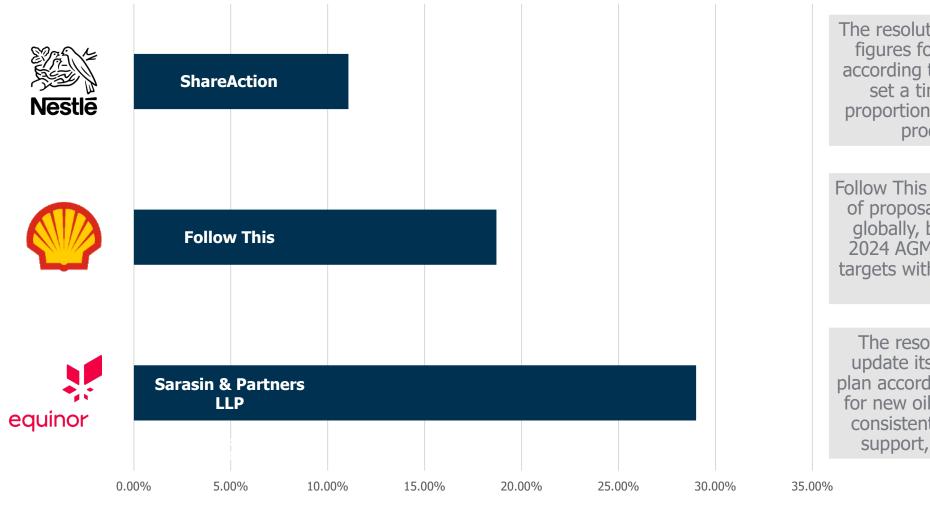
Investors that use shareholder resolutions to pressure companies on environmental and social issues said they are worried that an Exxon Mobil, opens new tab lawsuit bypassing the U.S. securities regulator could undermine their influence.

Bloomberg

Investors With \$24 Trillion Push Companies to Curb Nature Impact

Axa Investment Managers, Robeco, the Church Commissioners for England, Storebrand Asset Management and 186 other participants in the Nature Action 100 initiative have written to companies demanding "urgent and necessary actions" to protect and restore ecosystems.

Environmental and Social-related Shareholder Proposals in 2024



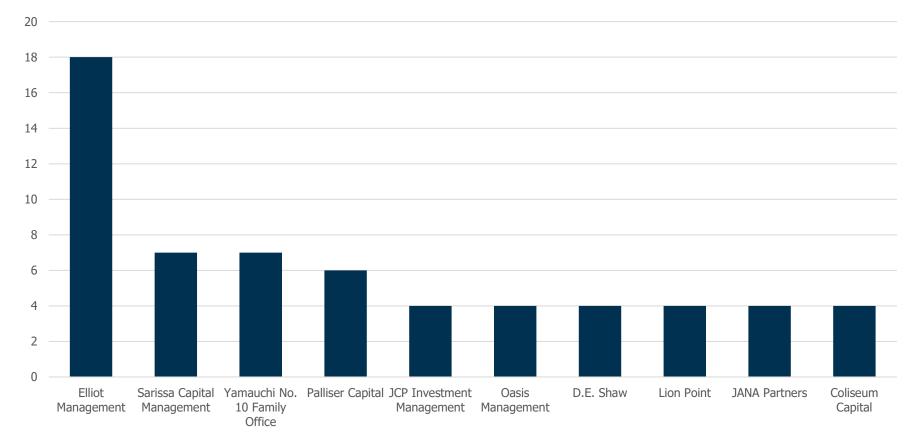
The resolution asked Nestlé to report on sales figures for its food and beverage products according to their "healthfulness" and also to set a timebound target to increase the proportion of its sales derived from healthier products (won 11.7% support)

Follow This historically put forward these types of proposals at several Oil & Gas companies globally, but only targeted Shell during the 2024 AGM Season to align its medium-term targets with the Paris Agreement (won 18.7% support)

The resolution requested the company to update its strategy and capital expenditure plan accordingly, and to specify how any plans for new oil and gas reserve development are consistent with the Paris Agreement (6.5% support, which is 30% of the Free Float)

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Elliot Management won the most Board seats in 2023 (18) at Catalent, Constellation Brands, Goodyear and NRG, among others.



Source: Barclays "2023 Review of Shareholder Activism" using data from "Bloomberg, FactSet, Diligent Market Intelligence, 13D Monitor, press reports and publicly available data and sources. Market data as of 12/31/2023."

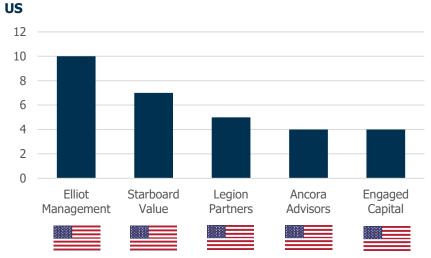
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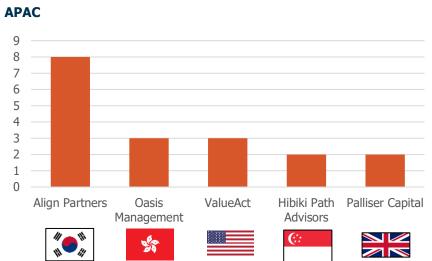
- Oasis Management had 4 director nominees elected to the board of Fujitec, and in response Uchiyama International put forward 8 candidates to be nominated for election as outside directors.
- Browning West are targeting 8 board seats at Gildan Activewear, citing "substantial concern over the board's actions and called for the immediate reversal of the board's significant missteps.
- Trian Partners is back for round two at Disney, officially nominating two directors on December 14, including Nelson Peltz, for election at the 2024 AGM

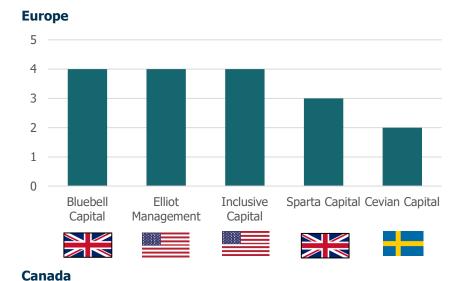
Key activists across different markets

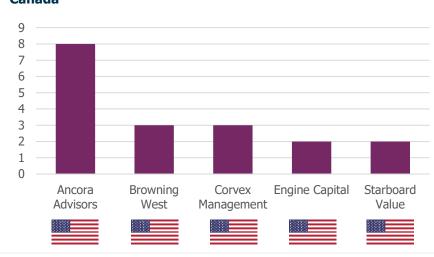
US Activists continue to catalyze activist around the globe, accounting for the majority of 2023 campaigns in Europe and Canada.

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ISS and Glass Lewis Influence International Investors

Issuers have to be aware which Proxy Advisors have the greatest influence over their shareholder base but don't forget that shareholders have their own voting policy



Clients: 3,400 investors including Beneficial

Owners and asset managers worldwide.

Founding: 1985

Part Of: Deutsche Börse acquired ISS from

Genstar Capital on 26 February 2021 for EUR 1.54 billion (80% stake). Genstar Capital acquired ISS from Vestar Capital Partners on 7 September 2017 for USD

720 million.

Reach: approx. 40,000 General

Meetings



Clients: More than 1,300, including most of

the world's largest pension funds, investment funds and asset managers

Founding: 2003

Part Of: Peloton Capital Management acquired

Glass Lewis from Ontario Teachers
Pension Plan on 16 March 2021. In 2007,
Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan acquired
Glass Lewis from Xinhua Finance for \$46

million, and Alberta Investment

Management Corp (20% on 28 August

2013).

Reach: approx. 20,000 General

Meetings

Proxy Advisors' Approach at Contested Meetings is to Focus on Both the Proposed Strategies and Directors

Parties in contested meetings have to familiarise themselves with the different approach taken compared to regular general meetings.

For contested meetings, ISS and Glass Lewis will involve their in-house Special Situations teams alongside the regular governance teams. The members on the Special Situations teams tend to have a background which allows them to conduct a deeper financial analysis on a given matter.

Focus On **Strategy** In contested situations, the Special Situations teams will take a look at the **proposed strategy of both the company** and the dissident.

In many cases, the dissident publishes materials outlining the **rationale behind their campaign**, while the company aims to provide a **counternarrative**.

The Special Situations teams will only consider **publicly** available information.

Factors Proxy Advisors Will Consider¹

Share Price Performance

Operational Performance

Handling of Special Events

Focus On **Directors** In contested situations, the Special Situations teams may accept an **engagement with the proposed director nominees** of the company and the dissident.

In many cases, the Special Situations teams will take a look at the **director nominees' qualifications and skills**, and how that would be an addition to the Board.

Factors Proxy Advisors Will Consider¹

Qualifications

Independence

Governance

1 Non-exhaustive list of consideration

How activists target companies – a stereotypical engagement escalation process that companies need to prepare for. Shareholder Activists:

- 1) Accumulate stock of voting class equity
 - 2 Communicate concerns to other shareholders privately
 - Use influence in the media to make those concerns public
 - 4 Put forward a shareholder proposal(s) at the company's AGM
 - 5 Lobby third parties such as proxy advisors to support the motion
- 6 Litigation often used as a last resort to protect investments

To have an effective defence, companies need to understand the context, risks and control the narrative throughout the process

Taking these steps will ensure that your company is well prepared for any type of activist pressure



Identify Weaknesses

Companies need to be aware of the weaknesses that the activist may use when targeting the company



Conduct Scenario Analysis

Model how your shareholders will react to the demands of the activist



Diagnose your Shareholders

Understand how your shareholders approach these situations and who has voting authority



Examine External Influences

Identify the other stakeholders that the activist may try to leverage and develop reaction plans



Create a Defence Strategy

The message from the board needs to be clear and consistent, and most importantly derail the activist's demands



Engage with Shareholders

Consistently prioritize direct shareholder engagement with investors throughout the year



Align with Proxy Advisors

Proxy advisors are the most important stakeholders who don't own shares – it is important to engage with the decision-makers



Assemble an Effective Team

Make sure you have the right team for a coordinated defence

DATA ANALYTICS IS GETTING MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT

How to use analytics to drive decision making

Shareholder ID

- SRD II allows for Shareholder Identification
- In Europe between 80-90% response rate
- In Denmark still unclarity on the definition of the shareholder (State Street not willing to disclose)
- Important to understand who you shareholders are for Roadshows and engagement, but also important to understand where to attract new capital.
- Through Computershare and with the help of PXMTY we are getting faster access and understanding.



How to use analytics to drive decision making

Vote Analytics – How to understand behaviour

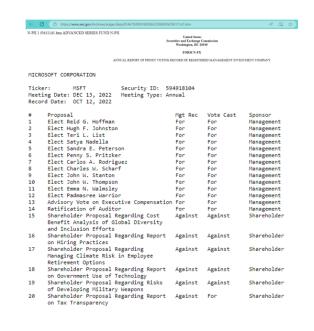
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| Investor 1 | 1,570,000,000 | - | - | 1,570,000,000 | - | - | 1,570,000,000 | - | - |
| Investor 2 | 1,478,367,530 | 114,140 | - | 1,478,397,790 | 83,882 | - | 1,478,397,791 | 83,882 | - |
| Investor 3 | 897,335,537 | - | - | 896,721,370 | 614,167 | - | 897,335,537 | - | - |
| Investor 4 | 402,092,737 | 1,379,817 | - | 403,472,554 | - | - | 403,472,554 | - | - |
| Investor 5 | 372,386,149 | 412,299 | 1 | 372,798,449 | - | - | 372,798,449 | - | - |
| Investor 6 | 44,234,527 | - | 3,289,852 | 40,743,936 | 3,490,593 | 3,289,852 | 44,234,530 | - | 3,289,852 |
| Investor 7 | 223,371,495 | - | - | 223,371,495 | - | - | 223,371,495 | - | - |
| Investor 8 | 181,794,906 | - | - | 181,794,906 | - | - | 181,794,906 | - | - |
| Investor 9 | 173,584,207 | - | - | 173,584,207 | - | - | 173,584,207 | - | - |
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| 1.02 | Elect Director Hugh F. Johnston | | For | For |
| 1.03 | Elect Director Teri L. List | | For | For |
| 1.04 | Elect Director Catherine MacGregor | | For | For |
| 1.05 | Elect Director Mark A. L. Mason | Microsoft sto | ck price under | Satya N |
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