## From the Margins to the Mainstream: Navigating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Issues

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## **Responsible Investing**



- + Responsible Investing (RI) at PNC is an umbrella term for investment strategies that consider environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues.
- + We continue to implement RI in to our overall investment approach, including investment strategy, portfolio construction, manager due diligence, and security selection.

We view RI as a goals-based investment strategy that employs a lens or filter to help implement a portfolio that aligns with an investor's goals, intentions, values, or mission that:



### **Avoids Harm**

Excludes or restricts certain portfolio exposures that may conflict with a set of values, and/or one's organizational mission.



### Benefits Stakeholders

Proactively supports certain values or causes by assessing and engaging on ESG-related factors.



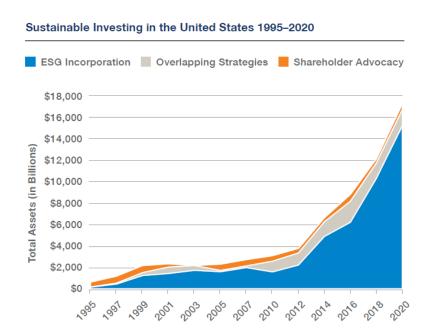
### Contributes to Solutions

Defines a specific, targeted impact and allocates capital toward that objective.



# Approximately 1 in 3 US dollars is invested in a responsible investing strategy





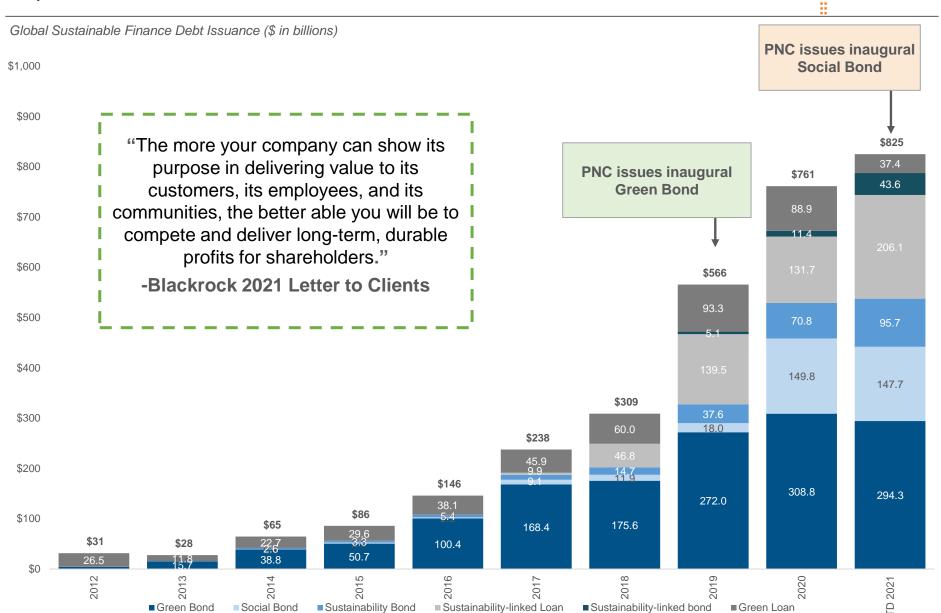


Total assets under management in the US using RI strategies grew 42% between 2018 and 2020 – from \$12.0 trillion to \$17.1 trillion.

### **Growth of the Sustainable Finance Market**

### Represents ~10% of bond and loan volume





## **Matching Goals with Strategies**





Removing companies or industries with objectionable activities

### **Negative Screens**

Tobacco Alcohol Gambling Weapons Adult Entertainment Fossil Fuels



Risk management and ESG opportunities

### **Engage Actively**

CO2 emissions
Executive compensation
Waste reduction
Product safety
Anti-discrimination
Diversity & Inclusion



Target specific impact objectives alongside financial return

#### **Solutions for**

Climate change
Education
Healthcare
Agriculture
Food & Nutrition
Financial Inclusion

## **Investment Decisions & Intangible Assets**

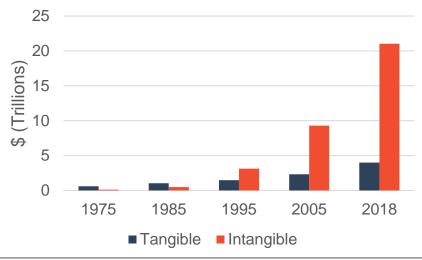


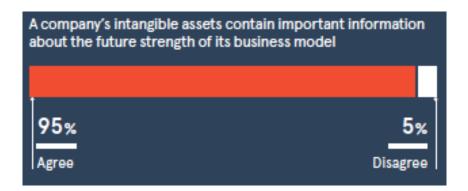




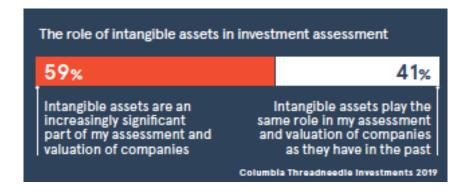
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## Tangible v. Intangible Assets Comparison 5 Biggest Companies in S&P 500®



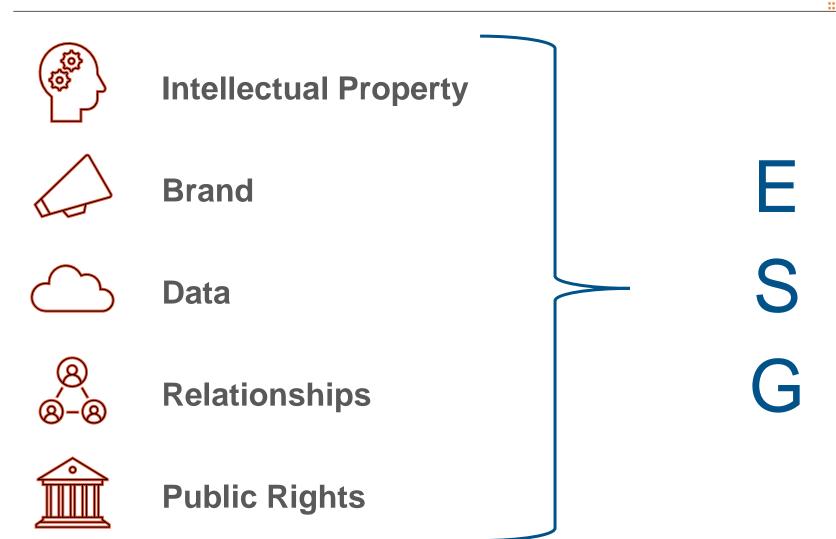






## Where Intangibles & ESG Overlap





## Sample ESG Issues by Industry

## Through a Materiality Lens



The Sustainable Accounting Standards Board (SASB) focuses on how ESG issues can affect enterprise value creation and covers 77 industries.

	Issue	Industry						
Category		Health Care Delivery	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Electric Utilities & Power Generators	Advertising & Marketing	Auto Parts	Metals & Mining	
Environment	Greenhouse Gas Emissions							
	Air Quality							
	Energy Management							
	Water & Wastewater Management							
	Waste & Hazardous Materials Management							
	Ecological Impacts							
	Materials & Sourcing Efficiency							
	Physical Impacts of Climate Change							
	Human Rights & Community Relations							
	Customer Privacy							
	Data Security							
	Access & Affordability							
Social	Product Quality & Safety							
	Selling Practices & Product Labeling							
	Labor Practices							
	Employee Health & Safety							
	Employee Engagement*							
Governance	Business Ethics							
	Competitive Behavior							
	Management of Legal & Regulatory Environment							
	Critical Incident Risk Management							
	Systemic Risk Management							

<sup>\*</sup>Includes Diversity & Inclusion

Source: Sustainable Accounting Standards Board (SASB)

## A Data-Forward Approach

Assessing ESG Characteristics of Companies & Portfolios



## Where Have Investors Looked for ESG Data?





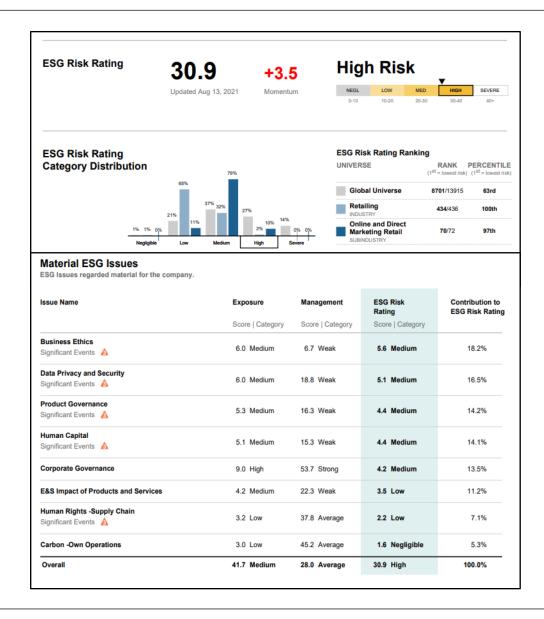
Corporate [Social] Responsibility Reports



## **Third Party ESG Assessments**

## Company-Level Reporting





Source: Sustainalytics, as of 9/28/21

## **ESG Risk Snapshot**

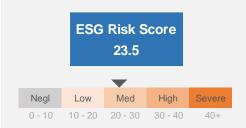
### Sample Client Portfolio



#### **ESG Risk Overview**

Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors are a set of quantitative and qualitative standards used to evaluate material risks at the portfolio-, manager-, and/or security-level.

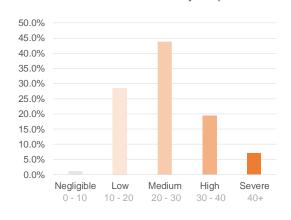
Generally calculated on a sub-industry basis, material **ESG risks** are the assessment of ESG issues that could potentially affect the economic value of a company or portfolio.



ESG risk ratings measure companies' exposure to and management of material ESG risks. On a scale of 0-100, the **ESG Risk Score** above is representative of unmanaged ESG risk in your portfolio.

#### Severity

**ESG Risk Categories** classify the degree and magnitude to which the portfolio is exposed to ESG risks. The chart below illustrates the different levels of ESG risks in your portfolio.



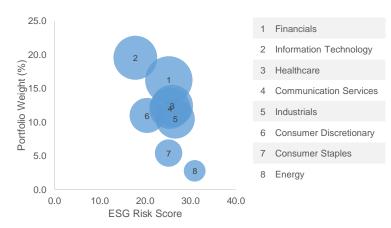
### Material ESG Issues (MEIs)

Below are the top ESG issues that contribute to your portfolio's total ESG Risk Score.

Issue	% Port. Risk
Corporate Governance	18.3
Business Ethics	15.5
Product Governance	14.5
Human Capital	14.0
Data Privacy and Security	11.7

### **ESG Risk by Sector**

This chart highlights which sectors, on a weighted basis, contribute the most to your ESG Risk Score.



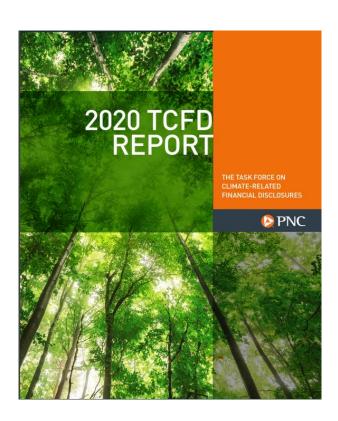
#### **Individual Contributors to ESG Risk**

On a weighted basis, these companies contribute most to your portfolio's total ESG Risk Score.

Company	Risk Score	Port. Wt.	Contrib. to Risk
Alphabet Inc. Class C (GOOG)	29.6	3.2	1.0
Microsoft Corporation (MSFT)	15.5	4.8	0.7
Facebook, Inc. Class A (FB)	32.6	2.2	0.7
Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN)	30.9	1.8	0.6
General Electric Company (GE)	46.3	0.9	0.4

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Available at <a href="https://www.pnc.com/csr">www.pnc.com/csr</a>

### **STRATEGY**

PNC's sustainability and climate change strategy is based on how we can support the transition to a low-carbon economy and is executed through a four-pronged approach:

- Maintaining risk management controls that incorporate climate change considerations
- Managing our internal operations in a sustainable manner
- Helping our clients finance their sustainable operations
- Managing capital for our clients in responsible ways

We may adapt this approach based on best practices and as we learn what works best for PNC and our stakeholders.

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