



What is ESG?





#### **Screening**

- Negative: exclusion of sectors, companies or practices
- Positive: where sectors, companies or projects are selected based on positive ESG performance
- Norms-based: excluding investments that do not meet minimum standards of business practices based on international norms and conventions



#### **ESG** Integration

The systematic and explicit inclusion of ESG factors into financial analysis



#### **Active ownership**

- Company engagement
- Proxy voting
- Shareholder action



#### **Impact Investment**

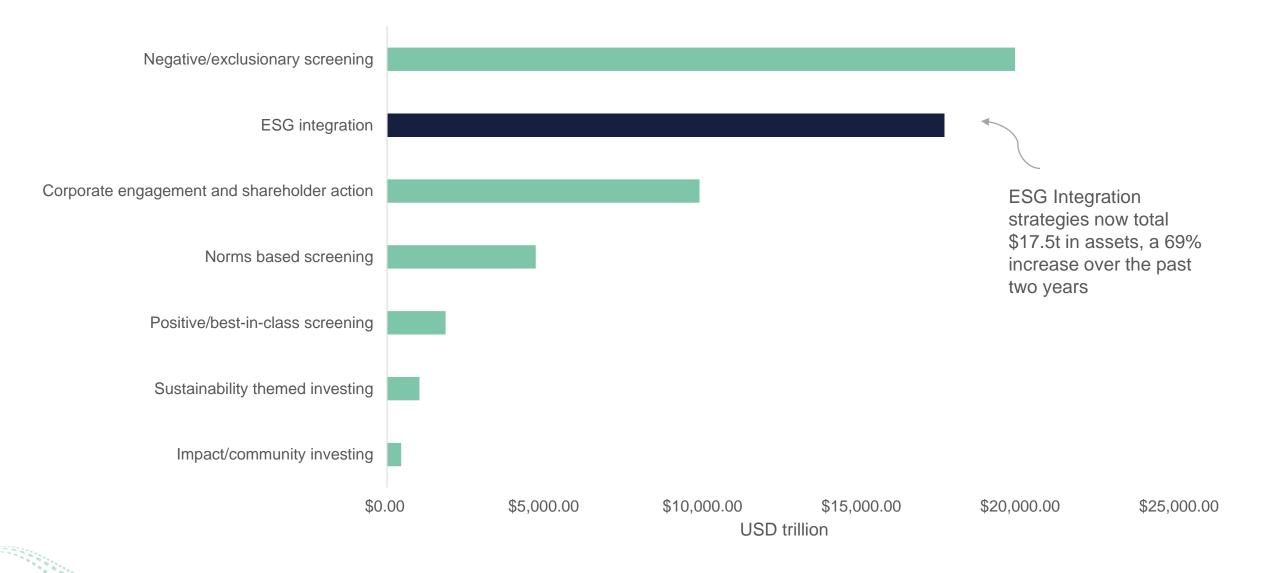
- Sustainability themed:

   Investment in themes or assets
   related to sustainability (eg.

   Green technology)
- Impact: investments aimed at solving social or environmental problems



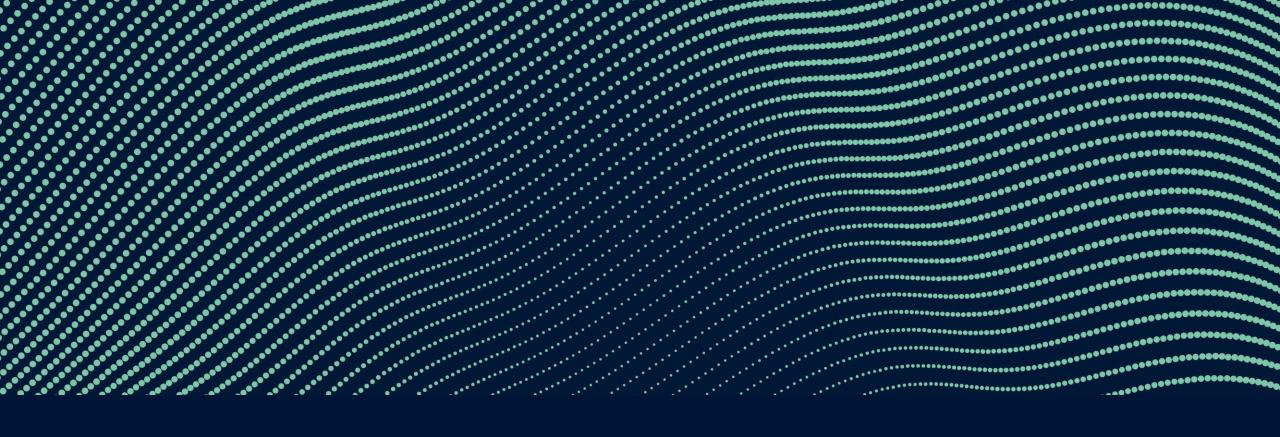








AREA OF INVESTMENT PRACTICE	APPROACHES TO INTEGRATION	CASE STUDIES
Quality Assessment	<ul> <li>Developing an ESG quality score</li> <li>Explicit section in company notes</li> <li>Standing agenda item in team meetings</li> <li>Sustainability factor in multi-factor assessments</li> <li>Earnings quality</li> </ul>	Our Global Listed Infrastructure team integrates ESG analysis through a quality assessment and ranking model.
Valuation	<ul> <li>CAPM adjustments (e.g. beta)</li> <li>Discount rate</li> <li>Expected growth rate</li> <li>Margins</li> <li>WACC</li> <li>Removal of assets from valuation</li> </ul>	Our Global Property Securities team rates all stocks in the universe on ESG factors, which are used to determine the beta in the pricing model.
Engagement	<ul><li>Increase confidence in company</li><li>Engage for value adding change</li><li>Proxy voting</li><li>Collaborative engagements</li></ul>	Our Australian Equities Growth team has an active dialogue with chairpersons and company management on material ESG issues, which flows into proxy voting and investment decisions.
Industry Collaboration/ policy advocacy/ societal engagement	<ul> <li>Policy and regulatory certainty</li> <li>Improved disclosure practices</li> <li>NGOs as information source</li> <li>New investment structures/approaches</li> </ul>	Our organisation actively participates in a number of industry initiatives including in Australia, the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia and the Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative.



Drivers for the growth of ESG

### Consumer demand



9 in 10 Australians expect their superannuation or other investments to be invested responsibly and ethically.

Half of Australians (49%) expect their advisers to invest in funds which align with their values. 63% of Australian expect their advisers to incorporate their values or consider the societal or environmental implications of particular investments.

56% of Australians feel there is not enough independent information available regarding switching to a responsible or ethical super fund.

Millennials are the most likely generation to consider changing super providers if their current fund engaged in behavior not consistent with their values.

7 in 10 (69%) Australians would rather invest in a responsible super fund that considers the environmental, social and governance issues of the companies it invests in and maximises financial returns, rather than a super fund which considers only maximising financial returns (31%). This attitude has increased by 27% since 2013.

# Regulatory changes



## Europe

- Sustainable
   Finance Action
   Plan includes
   sustainability
   as a central
   pillar of EU
   regulatory
   agenda
- Sustainable
   Finance
   Disclosure
   Regulation
   introducing
   mandatory
   sustainability
   disclosure

### UK

- Has announced mandatory TCFD\* reporting from 2023-2025
- Is likely to adopt at least parts of the EU action plan post-Brexit

## Australia

Australian
 Sustainable
 Finance
 Initiative
 recommends
 mandatory
 TCFD
 reporting and
 mandatory
 sustainability
 disclosure

### New Zealand

- Has announced mandatory TCFD reporting from 2023
- Sustainable
   Finance
   Forum's
   Roadmap for
   Action
   recommends
   all products
   labelled as
   sustainable be
   certified

## Hong Kong

 Securities and Futures Commission currently consulting on climate-related risk disclosure



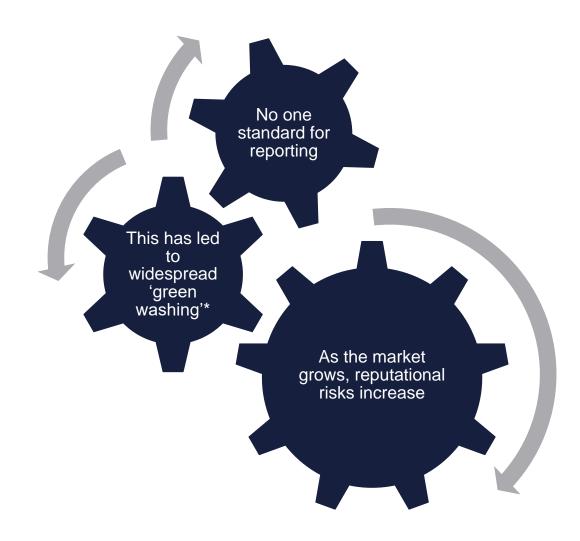
Measuring and reporting ESG issues

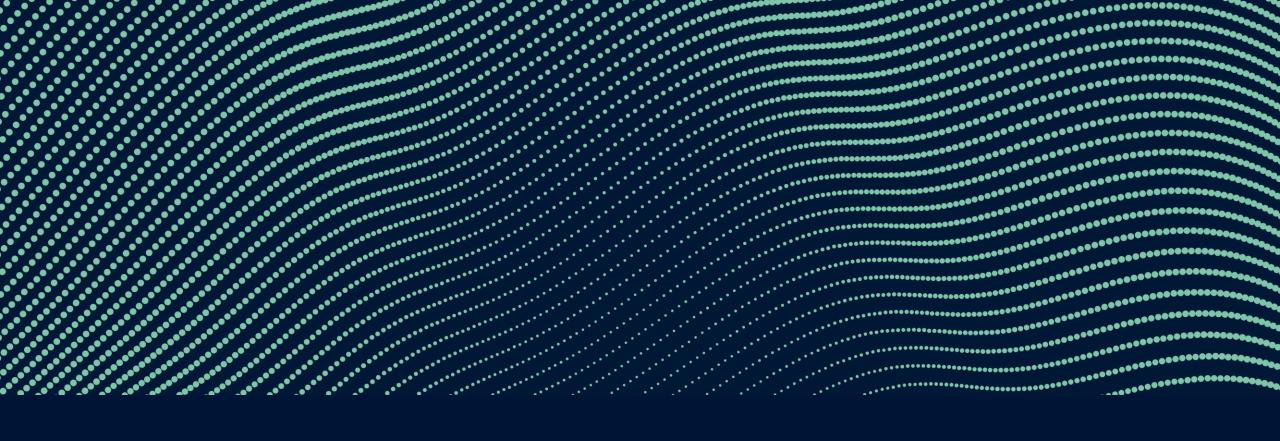
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# Challenges of measuring and reporting on ESG



- There are a number of challenges involved in measuring and reporting on ESG issues and integration.
- Regulators globally are trying to address these issues but there remains no one standard for reporting.



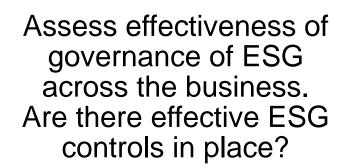


Internal audit's role



Test compliance with policy statements and disclosure on a regular basis. Is the team/product doing what it says it is doing?

Over time as regulation comes into force, test compliance with those regulations.



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