

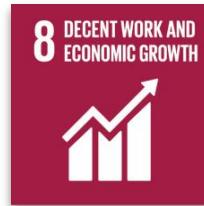
## Taking SI to the Next Level – UN Sustainable Development Goals

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## UN Sustainable Development Goals

Aimed at tackling the issues of poverty, inequality and climate change

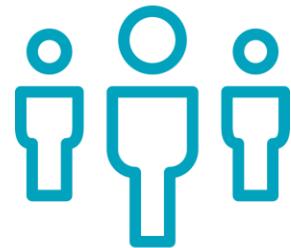


## Background on the UN Sustainable Development Goals

“Rate of progress in many areas is far slower than needed to meet the targets by 2030”



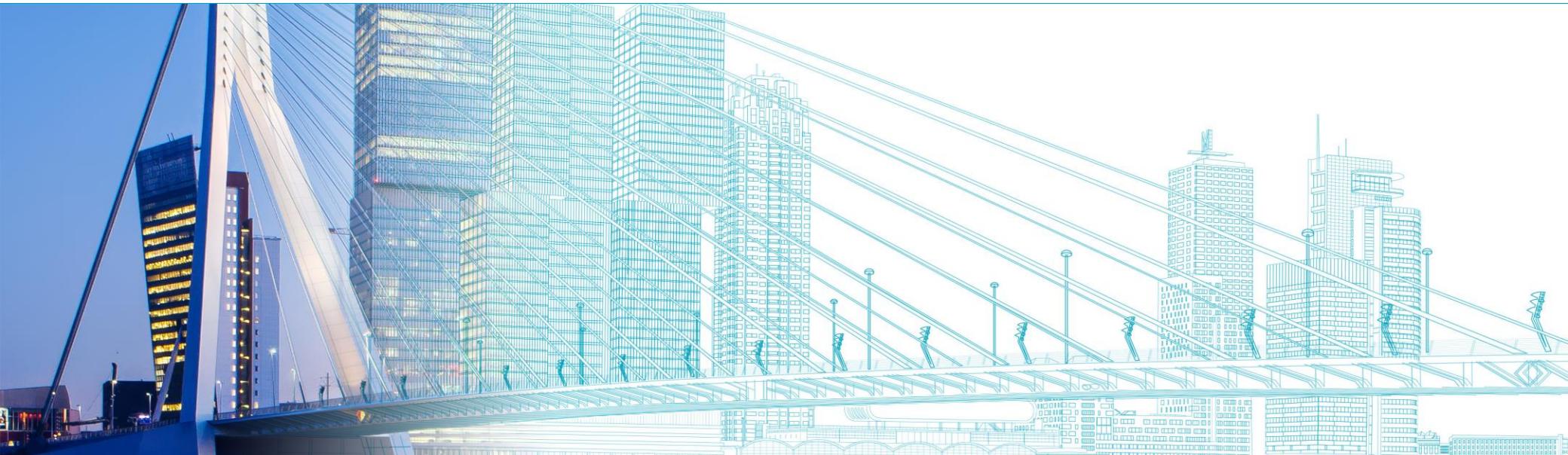
**5-7 TRILLION**  
p.a. from 2015 – 2030\*



**193 UN MEMBERS**  
adopted in 9/15



**169 SUB GOALS**  
out of the 17 main goals

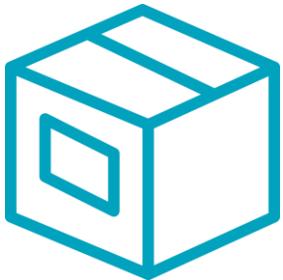


## How to measure the SDG contribution?

Assessment is not easy

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3 important questions to ask



### Product

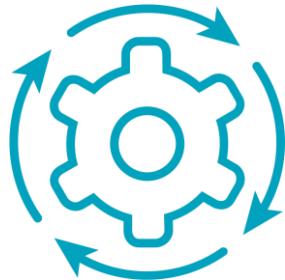
What do companies produce?

#### Positive contribution examples:

- > Medicine, water, healthcare

#### Negative contribution examples:

- > Shale gas, fast food, gambling



### Procedure

How do companies produce?

#### Assess a company's:

- > Governance factors
- > Pattern of questionable conduct?
- > Differentiate between firms with highest SDG impact



### Controversies

Are controversies known?

#### Examples of controversies

- > Spills
- > Bribery and fraud
- > Mis-selling

## SDG rating methodology

All companies are analyzed based on:

- > Contribution to the SDGs: positive/neutral/negative
- > Extent of the contribution: high/medium/low

Assessment	Impact	SDG Score
Positive	High	+3
	Medium	+2
	Low	+1
Neutral		0
	Low	-1
	Medium	-2
Negative	High	-3

Source: Robeco, RobecoSAM

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## 1.What do companies produce?

Extensive set of rules and KPIs - RobecoSAM guidebook

Sector	Banks									
SDG										
Starting point	<b>Positive</b> Low +1									
%SME loans / total loans										
KPI 1	> 25% <b>Positive</b> Medium +2									
%EM loans / total loans										
KPI 2	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">&lt;&lt;25%</td><td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">&gt; 25%</td><td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">&gt; 50%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Positive</td><td>Positive</td><td>Positive</td></tr> <tr> <td>Medium +2</td><td>Medium +2</td><td>High +3</td></tr> </table>	<<25%	> 25%	> 50%	Positive	Positive	Positive	Medium +2	Medium +2	High +3
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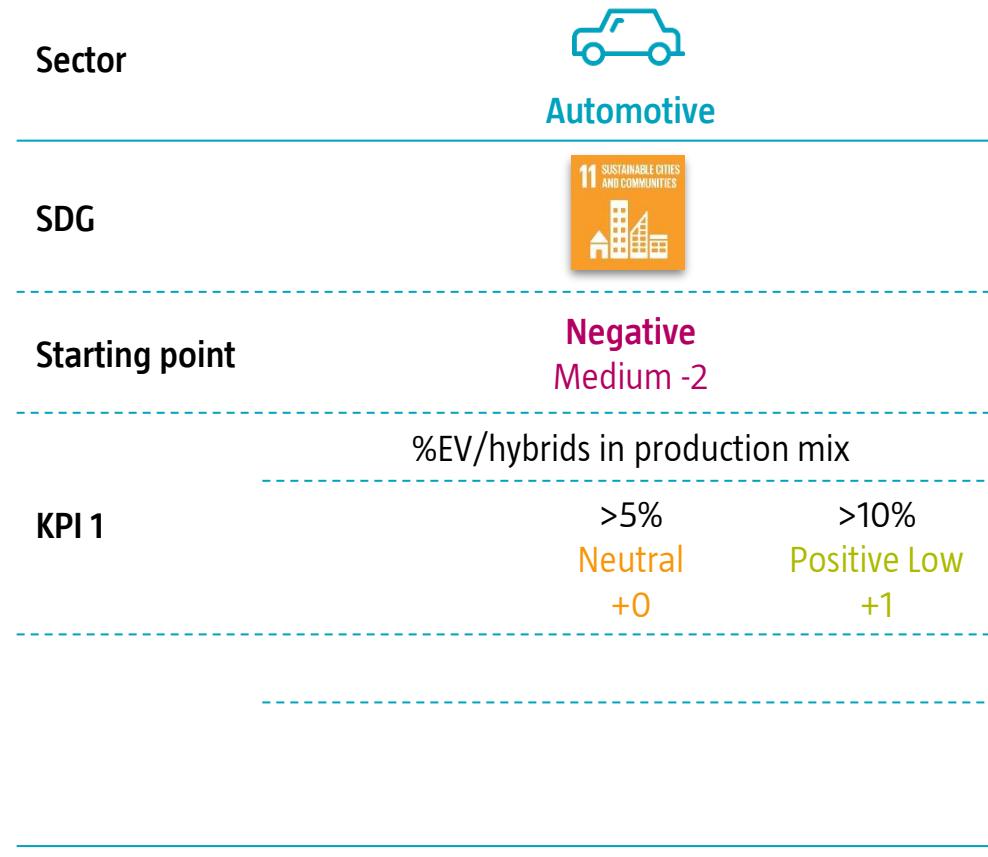
Sector	 <b>Energy (E&amp;P)</b>		
SDG	 		
Starting point	<b>Negative</b> Low -1		
<hr/> %Natural Gas in production mix <hr/>			
KPI 1	> 65%	45-65%	30-45%
	Positive Low +1	Neutral +0	Negative Low -1
<hr/> %Fracking in production mix <hr/>			
KPI 2	> 20%	> 50%	> 80%
	-1 notch	-2 notches	-3 notches

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## 2. How do companies produce?

SDG also govern how companies operate

### Scrutinise companies

Firm's governance framework

Conduct track record

Environmental policies

...

Qualitative assessment



### Differentiate

between firms with the highest SDG impact



### Downgrade

firms with serious or structural breaches

## 2. How do companies produce?

SDG also govern how companies operate

No child labor, safe working environment and labor rights



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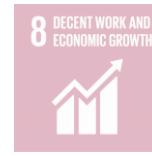
### Reduced pollution and resource efficiency



## 2. How do companies produce?

SDG also govern how companies operate

No bribery, protection of fundamental freedom, strong institutions



## 3. Are controversies known?

Having the right products and procedures is not always sufficient



**Spills**



**Bribery**



**Emmision Fraud**

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#### Controversies

One off?  
Properly dealt with  
by management?  
...  
...

Qualitative assessment

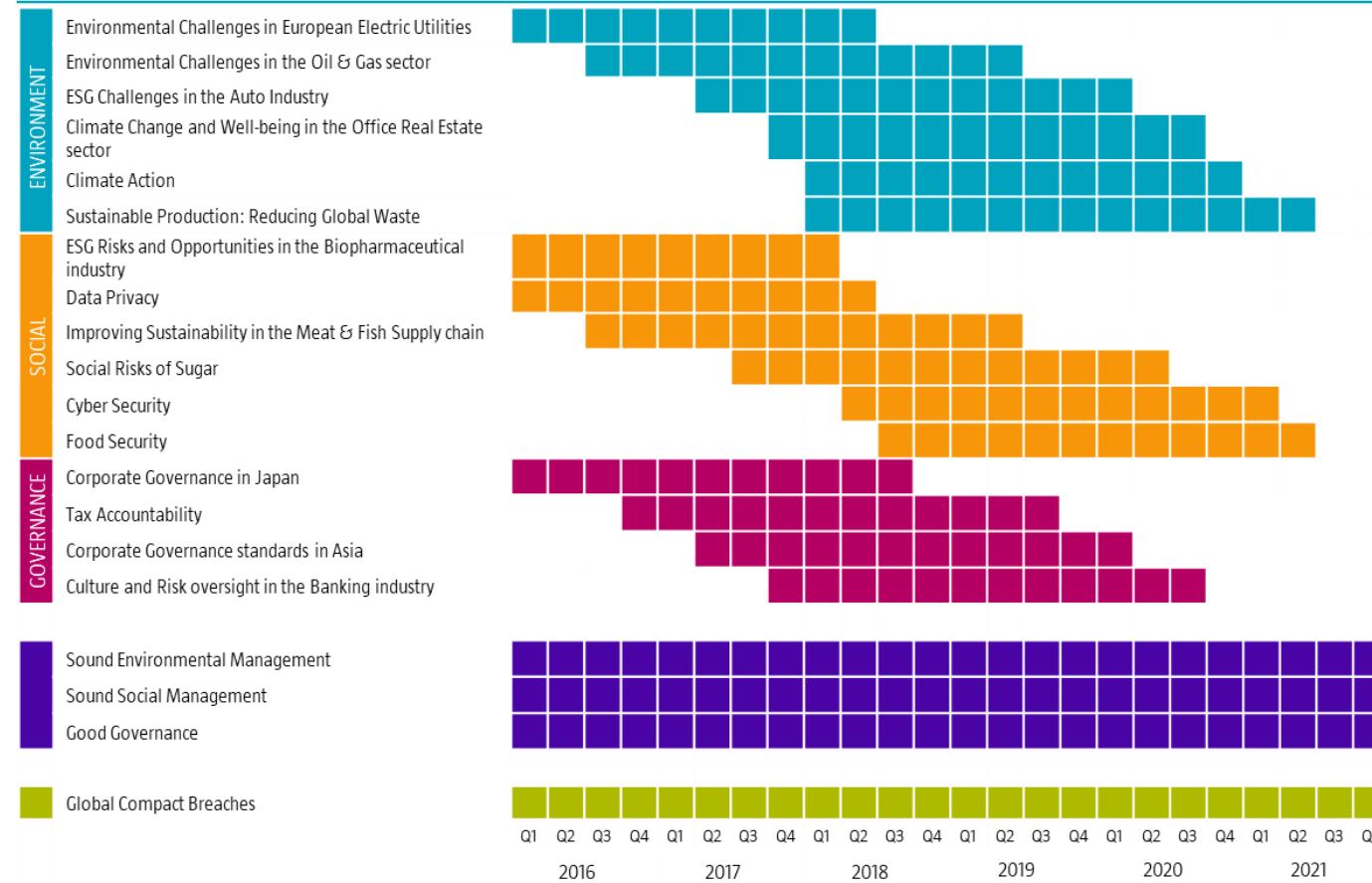


Dow ngrade  
if assessment isn't satisfactory

## 3. Engagement with investee companies

**Constructive dialogue with investee companies to discuss ESG related risks and opportunities**

### Engagement Themes



Source: Robeco. End of December 2017.

**206**

Engagement cases

**177**

Companies engaged

**87%**

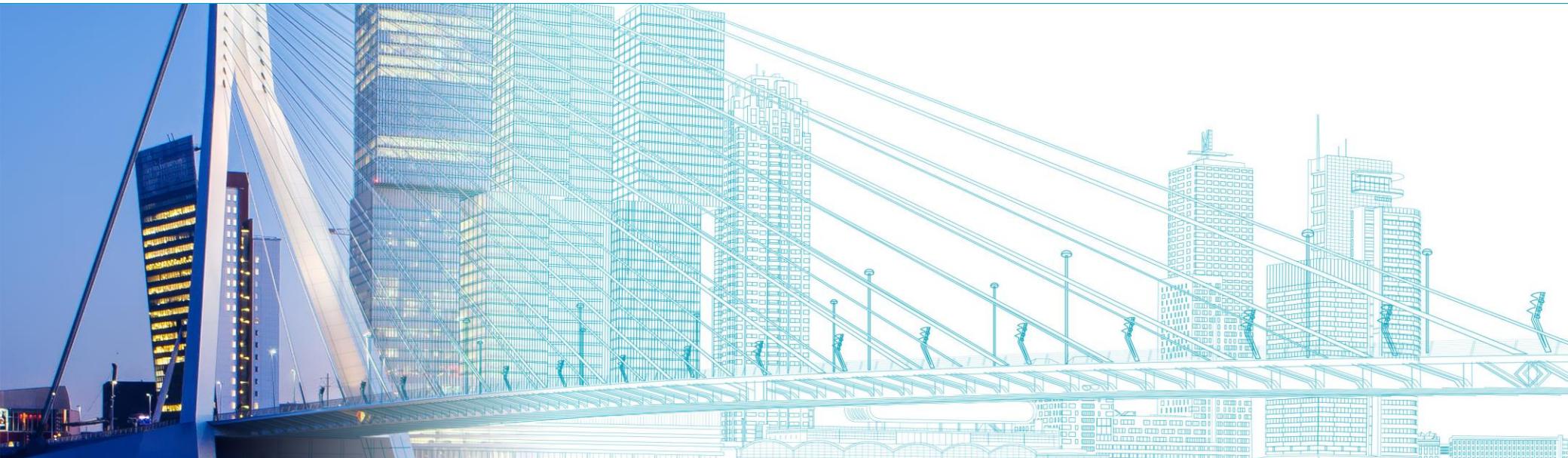
Cases closed successfully

**4,733**

Shareholder meetings voted in 2017

**60%**

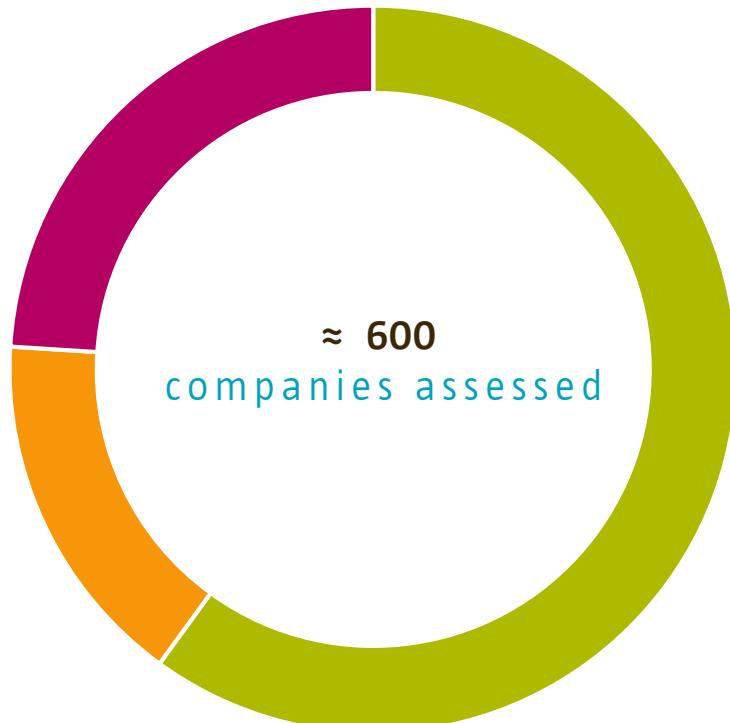
Meetings with votes against management



## Outcome of the SDG framework

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We analyzed circa 600 companies



**14% step 2 and 3 adjustments**

**60%**  
**positive contributions**

7% | 21% | 32%  
high | medium | low

**16%**  
**neutral contributions**

**24%**  
**negative contributions**

5% | 9% | 10%  
low | medium | high

## Outcome of the SDG framework

Some sectors contribute to the SDGs and others are lagging



Grid operators



Healthcare/pharma



Banks



Utilities



Unhealthy food



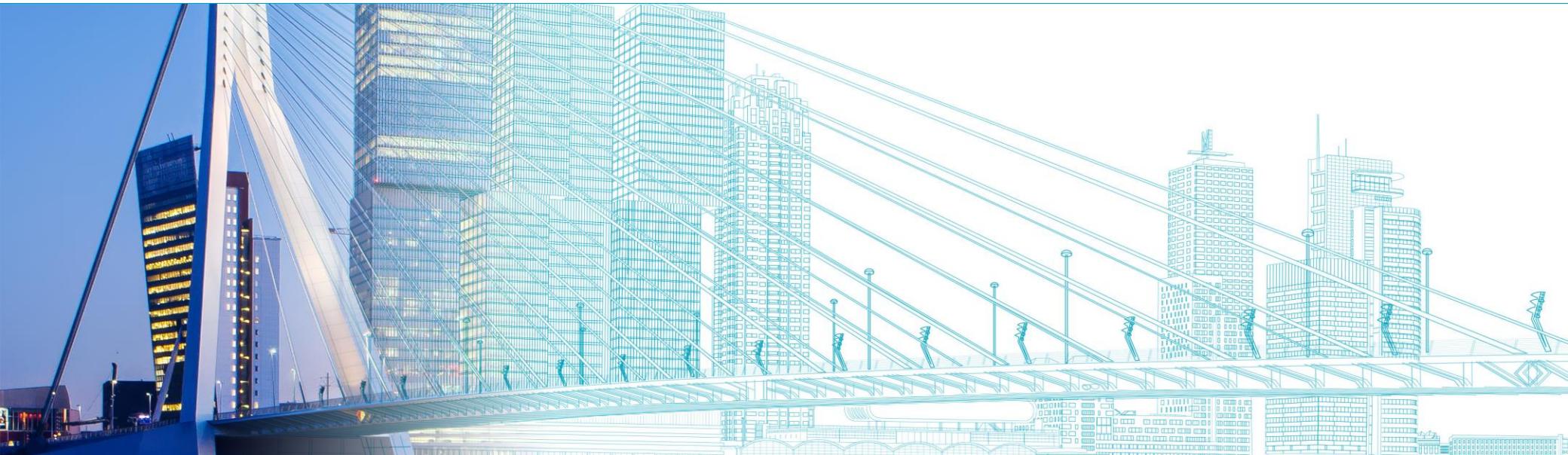
Soft drink/alcohol



Car manufactures



Energy



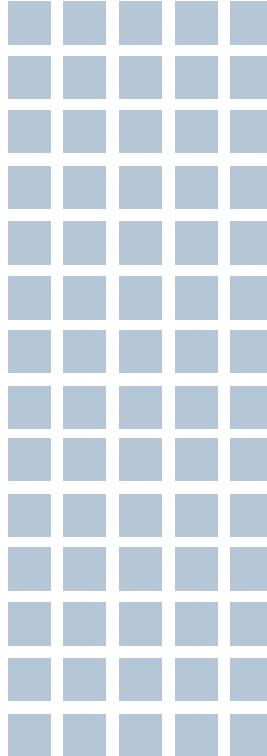
## Portfolio construction

Building a SDG Credit Portfolio

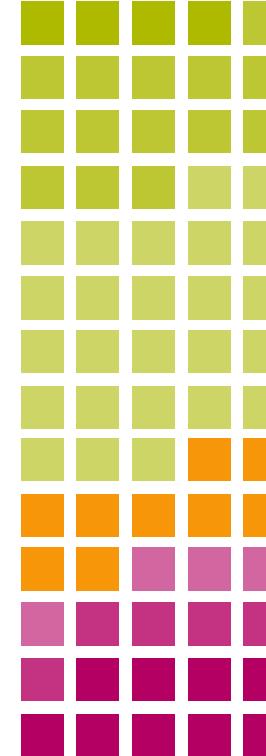
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### Building a SDG Credit Portfolio

Research Universe



SDG Eligible Universe

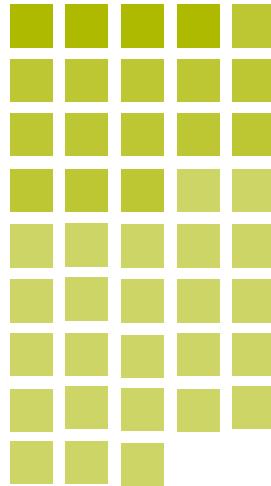


Application of SDG Research

## Portfolio construction

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Portfolio Construction

**Top down view**

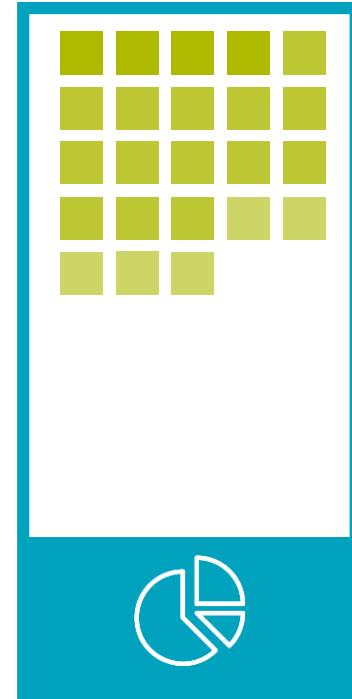
Credit beta targets and  
top down themes

Robeco's Investment Process

**Bottom up issuer selection**

F-scores and investment  
recommendations

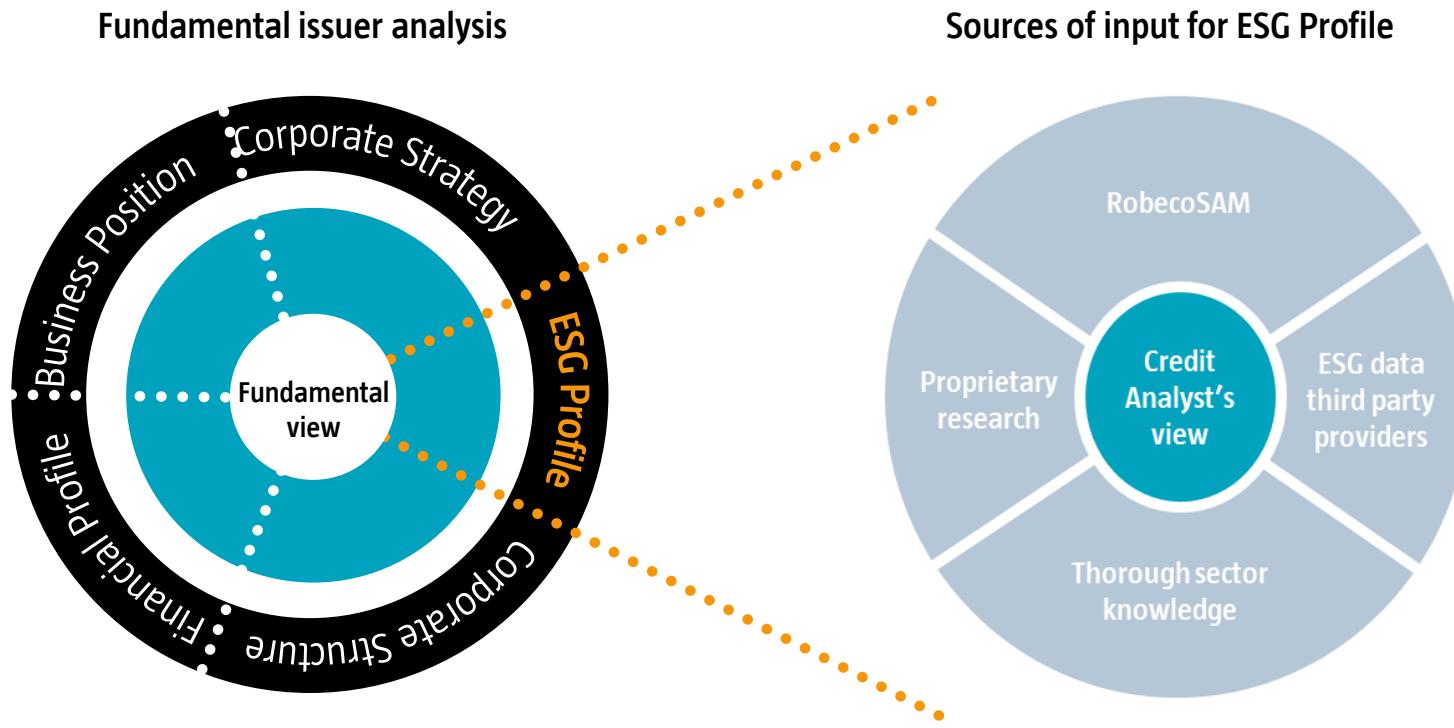
SDG Global Credit Portfolio



## ESG integration in fundamental issuer analysis

**Key focus of fundamental issuer analysis is to identify downside risks**

- > Assessment of the ESG Profile is a fixed part of issuer analysis
- > ESG information unveils risks that otherwise would remain beneath the surface
- > In over 30% of cases, we adjust our fundamental view on the basis of ESG Profile



Source: Robeco

## Portfolio's contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



14% Basic Needs



17% Healthy Planet



70% Sustainable Society



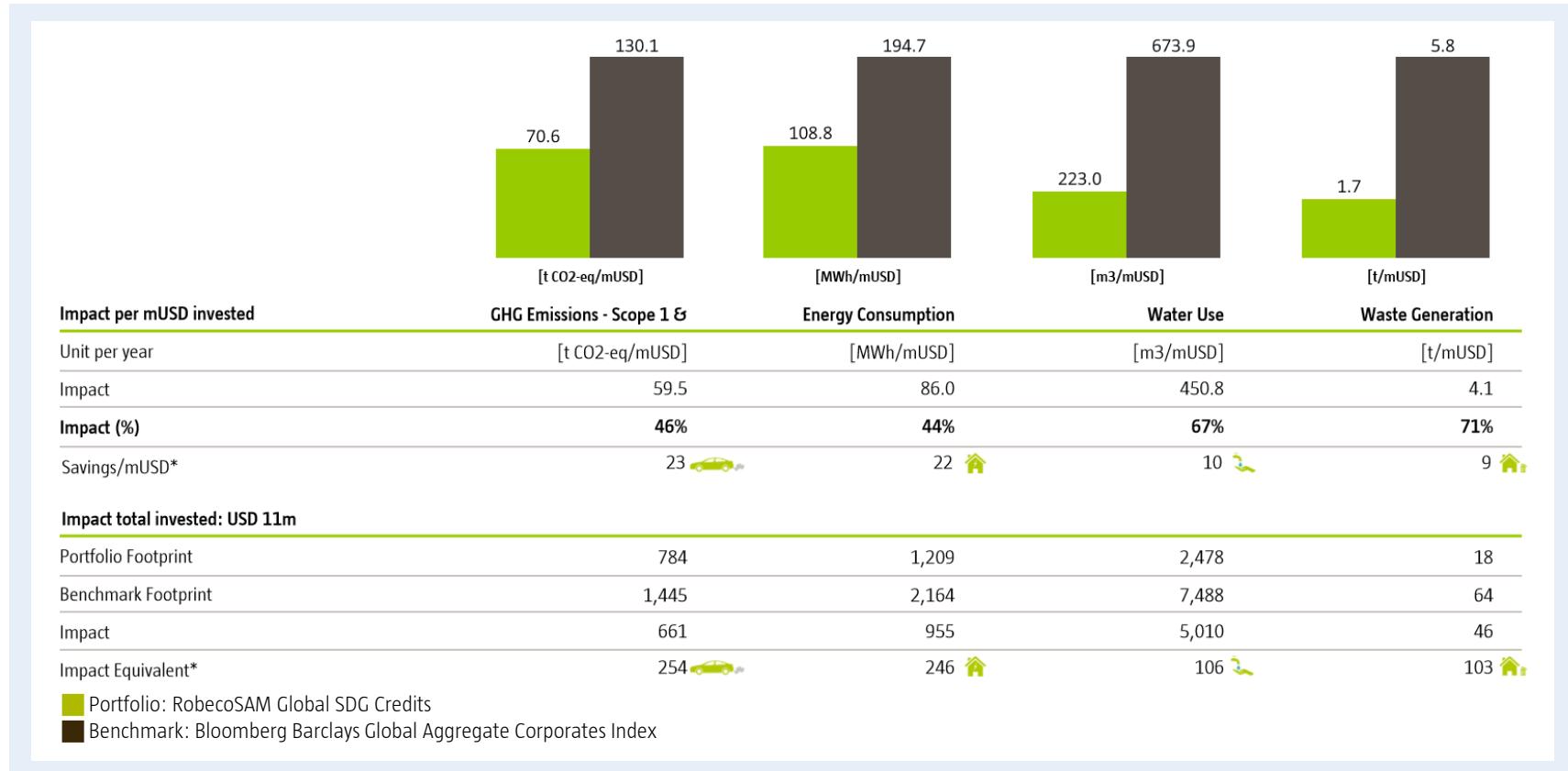
25% Equality & Opportunity



0% Robust Institutions



## Deep insight in the environmental footprint



Source: RobecoSAM. Data end of September 2018

\*European average figures per year

Average carbon dioxide emissions from new passenger cars per year; average 20,000 km and 130 g CO2-eq/km; in t CO2-eq (source: [www.eea.europa.eu](http://www.eea.europa.eu)) 2.6

Average electricity consumption per household and year; in MWh (source: [www.ec.europa.eu/Eurostat](http://www.ec.europa.eu/Eurostat)) 3.9

Average water consumption per person and year; in m3 (source: [www.eea.europa.eu](http://www.eea.europa.eu)) 47.5

Average waste generation per household and year; in t (source: [www.ec.europa.eu/eurostat](http://www.ec.europa.eu/eurostat)) 0.4

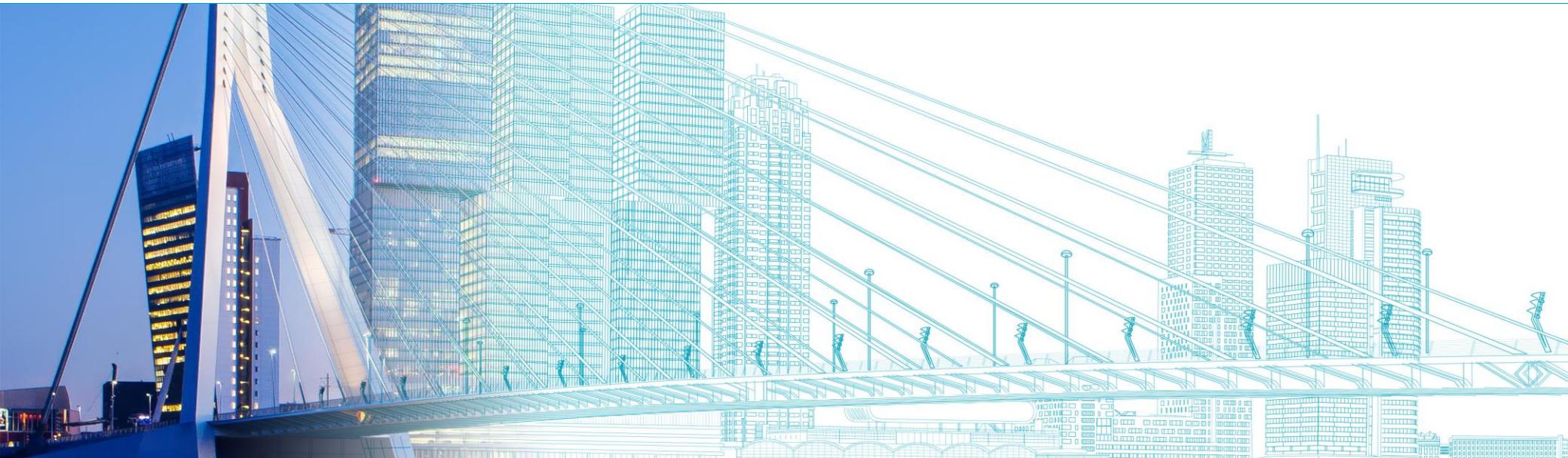
## Green bonds often have a positive SDG score

### Green bonds

- > More and more issuers issue green bonds next to traditional bonds
- > Performance of these bonds tends to be good, as dedicated funds are chasing these bonds

**In the SDG framework both the issuer and the green bond are screened and scored separately**

- > If the issuer has a negative SDG score the green bond could still have a positive score
- > Green bonds often contribute positively to SDG 13 (climate action)



## Key takeaways

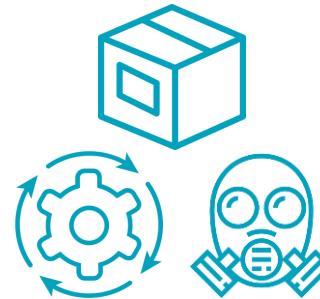
## Key takeaways

### Our commitment



#### Committed

Robeco is committed to making  
SDGs a cornerstone of its investments



#### 3-Step Framework

Developed in close collaboration  
between Robeco and RobecoSAM

## Key takeaways

There are several sectors that are currently lagging



Unhealthy food



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Car manufactures



Energy

## Key takeaways

There are more than enough names in the universe to build a global SDG Credit Fund for a positive impact



Grid operators



Healthcare/pharma



Banks



Utilities

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