Perspectives on ESG Investing

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Perspectives on ESG Investing – Webinar Outline:

INTRO:

WHAT IS ESG?



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RESEARCH:

ESG AND
INSTITUTIONAL
INVESTORS AROUND
THE GLOBE?



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CASE STUDY: JUST CAPITAL

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The "Wild West" of Finance

blended finance • community investing • water investment funds
development finance • ethical investing • ESG
gender-diversity investing • green finance • impact investing
mission-related investing • purpose-drive capital
renewable energy investing • responsible investing
socially responsible investing • sustainable investing
triple bottom line • values-based investing

Sustainable Finance					
SOCIAL				FINANCIAL	
RETURN	Donation of investment	No return; investment only	Concessionary risk-adj. returns	Financial benchmark return	
INVESTOR			igh-Net- Impact Worth investors	Conventional investors	
VEHICLE	Grants	Venture philanthropy	Social impact PE or VC funds	SRI mutual funds	
		Subsidized loans	Impact bonds	Double bottom line PE or VC funds	
Philanthropy		Impact		?	
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Global Sustainable, Responsible, Impact Investing

Table 2: Proportion of SI	RI Relative to Total M	anaged Assets	
Region	2014	2016	
Europe	58.8%	52.6%	\$12 trillion
United States	17.9%	21.6%	\$8.7 trillion
Canada	31.3%	37.8%	\$1 Trillion
Australia/New Zealand	16.6%	50.6%	\$516 billion
Asia	0.8%	0.8%	\$52 billion
Japan		3.4%	\$474 billior
Global	30.2%	26.3%	

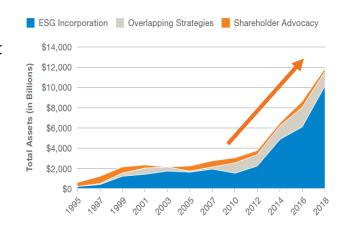
Note: Asia figure includes Japan in 2014, but excludes Japan in 2016. Eurosif used a narrower definition of SRI in 2016 than in 2014. See Appendix I: Methodology and Data, for details.

Source: GSI Alliance http://www.gsi-alliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/GSIR Review2016.F.pdf

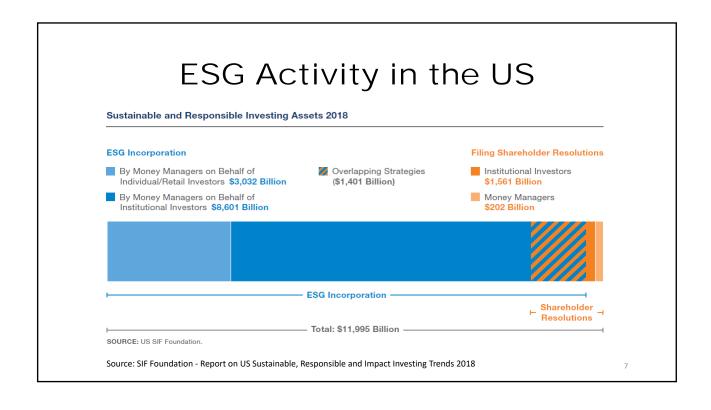
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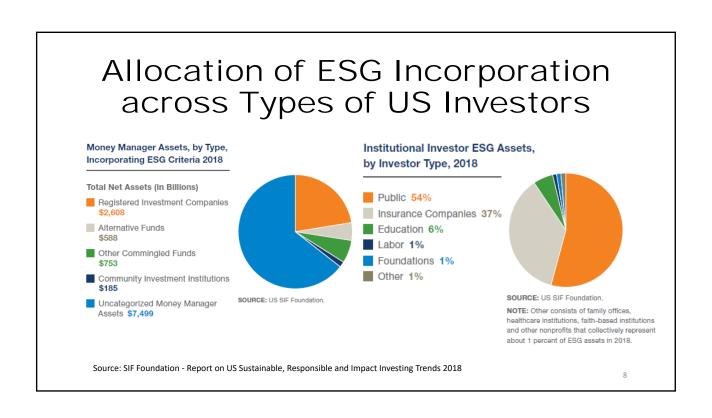
US Sustainable Responsible Impact Investing

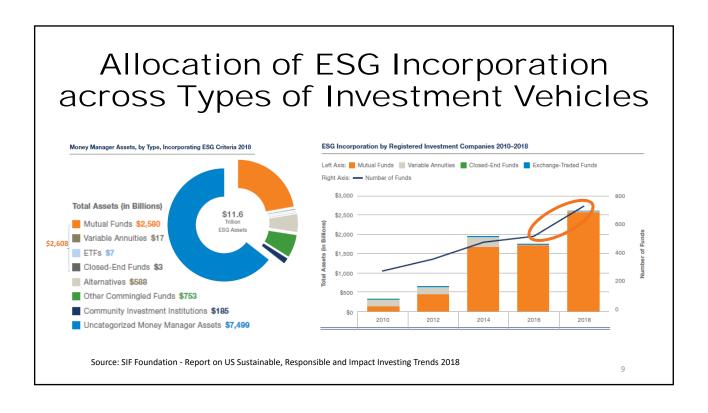
- \$12 trillion US-domiciled assets under management in 2018
- 26% of the \$46.6 trillion total US assets under professional management
- 38% increase from 2016

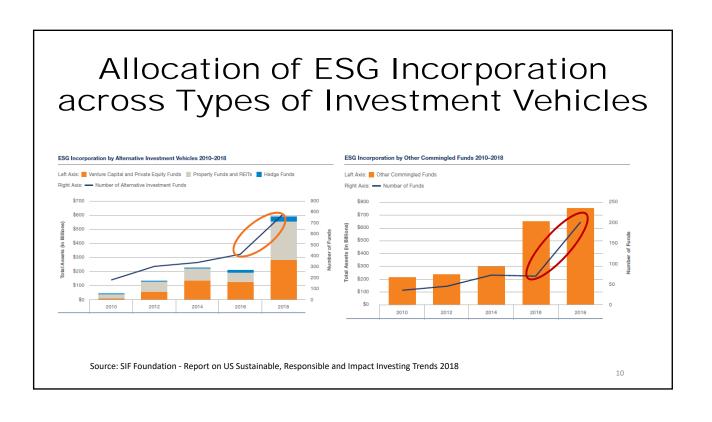


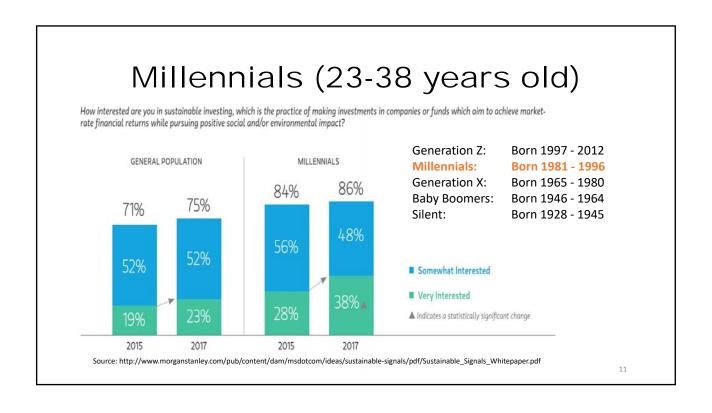
Source: SIF Foundation - Report on US Sustainable, Responsible and Impact Investing Trends 2018

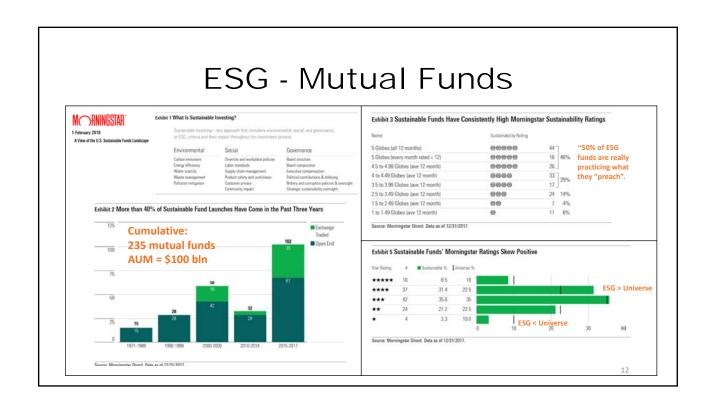






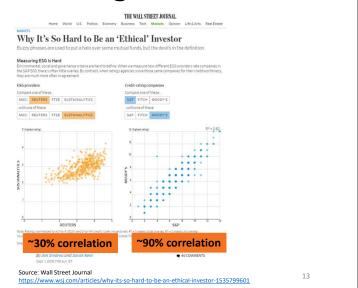






ESG - Ratings

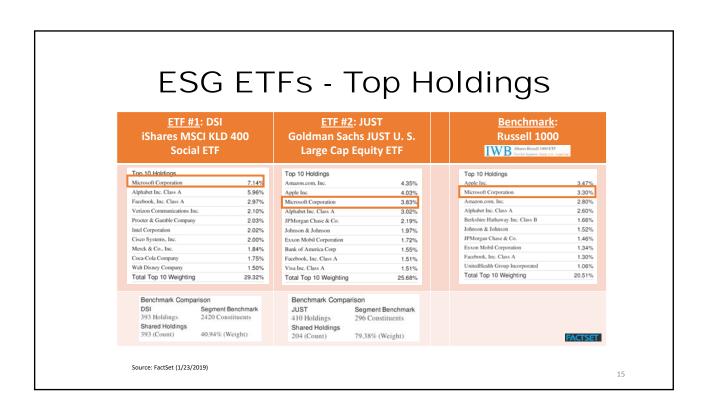
- MSCI (ESG)
- THOMSON REUTERS (ASSET 4)
- FTSE
- SUSTAINALYTICS
- DOW JONES (DJSI)
- BLOOMBERG (ESG)
- CORPORATE KNIGHTS
- ISS
- REPRISK
- ...

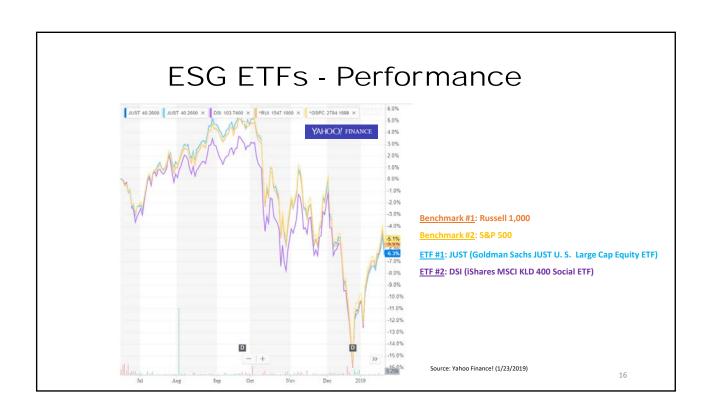


ESG - Data

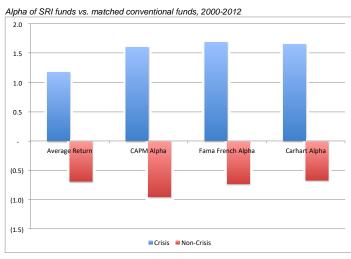
Provider	Overview	Scale	Methodology	Usage	
MSCI ESG	Rates 6,000 companies and 350,000 securities	AAA to CCC	37 ESG indicators	iShares ETFs, institutional investors	
Thomson Reuters	Data on 6,000 companies	A+ to D and percentile ranks	400 ESG metrics	Thomson Reuters Eikon platform	
Sustainalytics	Reviews 6,500 companies	100-point scale	70 ESG indicators	Morningstar, institutional investors	
DJSI	Global index	100-point scale	Industry questionnaires with 80-120 questions	Top 10 companies in DJSI	
Bloomberg	ESG data for 9,000 companies	100-point scale	120 ESG indicators	12,200 ESG customers	
Corporate Knights	Annual index of Global 100	100-point scale	14 key performance indicators	press release by 40% of "Global 100" firms	
ISS	ESG and SRI research	10-point Overall Quality scale and 5-point Climetrics score	Various SRI topics	leading proxy advisor	
RepRisk	ESG reports for 84,000 companies	AAA to D	28 ESG indicators	partner with UN-PRI	

Source: Darden case study "JUST Capital" based on Bloomberg, Corporate Knghts, DowJones, ISS, MSCI, RepRisk, Sustainalytics and Thomson Reuters





ESG Funds - Risk



Source: Table 4 (B) in Nofsinger and Varma (2014)

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ESG Disclosure



Mandated by SEC

- Requires companies to report "material" information annually and updated quarterly.
- If a reasonable investor knew about it, would it make a difference? If so, it's material.
- Disclosures is vague boilerplate language

Voluntary???

- 75% of the topics in SASB standards are already acknowledged in mandatory filings.
- Provides framework to determine materiality and metrics to disclose

Exchanges Requiring ESG Data Disclosure

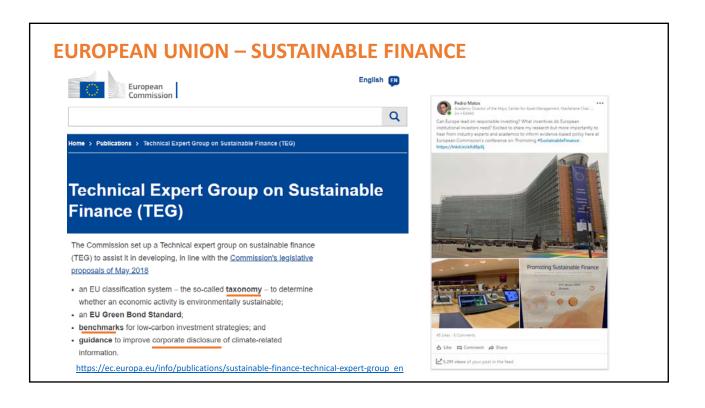
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- BORSA ISTANBUL
- BURSA MALAYSIA
- DEUTSCHE BÖRSE AG
- THE JOHANNESBURG STOCK EXCHANGE
- THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
- THE SÃO PAULO STOCK EXCHANGE
- THE SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE
- THE SINGAPORE EXCHANGE
- STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG
- STOCK EXCHANGE OF THAILAND
- TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

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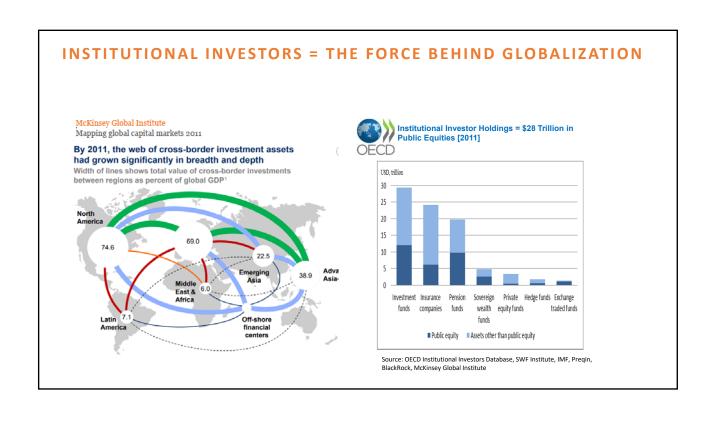
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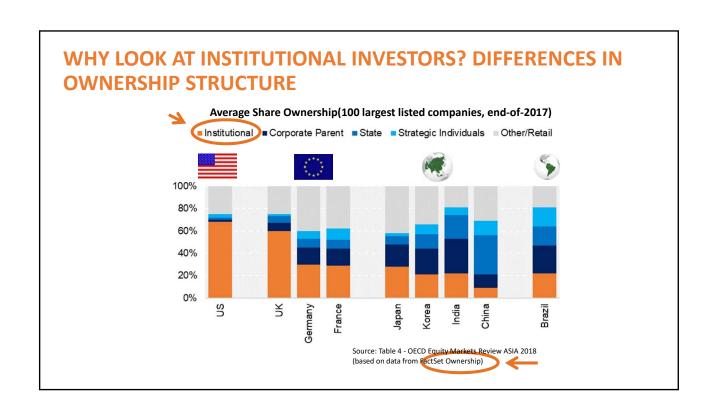
- 1. It's inclusive of many different assets, investment vehicles and investors
- 2. Percentage of US assets has grown but still lags regions except Asia
- 3. It's a movement with momentum but is it sustainable?
- 4. After-fee performance over time is still a question
- 5. The link between outcomes and metrics is not always clear especially in public equities.

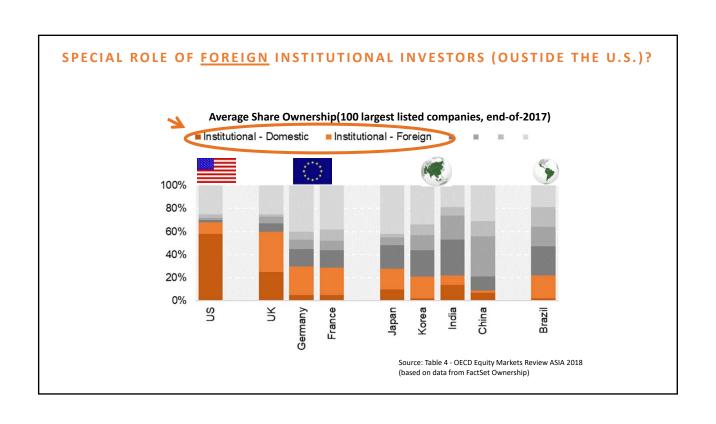


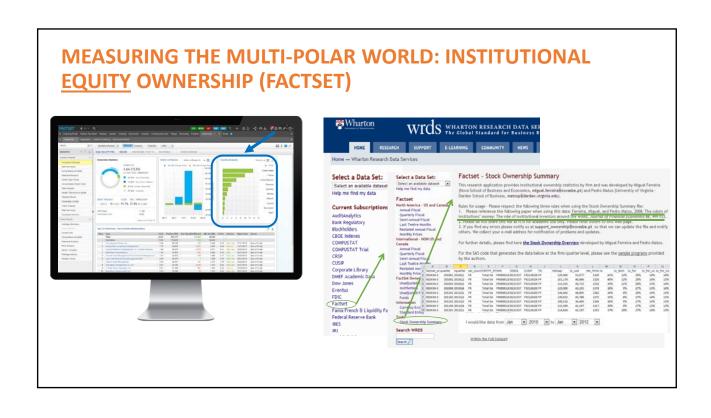


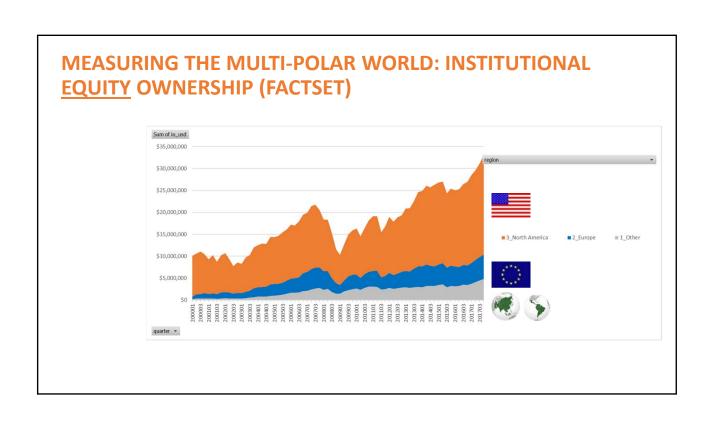












GLOBAL RESEARCH ON "G"?

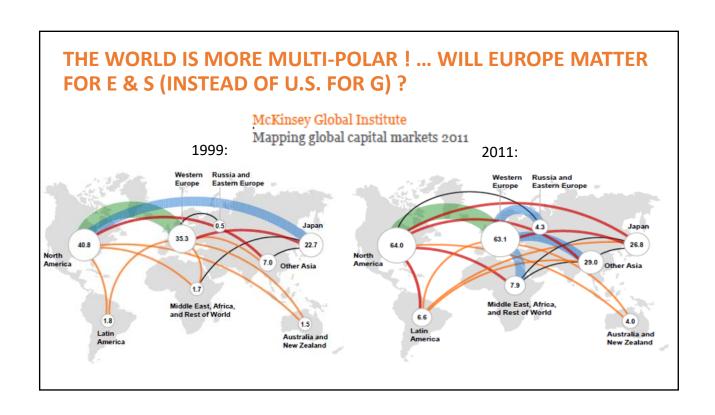


[* MY WORK WITH CO-AUTHORS*]

Globalization of a firm's shareholder base can be a positive force on Governance (G)!

Rise of Foreign Institutional Ownership (Foreign IO) on average leads to:

- -> Performance: Increased shareholder pressure to perform (JFE, 2008)
- -> M&As: Increased likelihood of cross-border takeovers (RFS, 2010)
- -> Governance: Adoption of more shareholder-centric (US-style) practices (JFE, 2011)
- -> CEO Pay: Convergence to international/US executive compensation practices (RFS, 2013)
- -> LT Investing: Can sustain long-term investing (JFE, 2017)

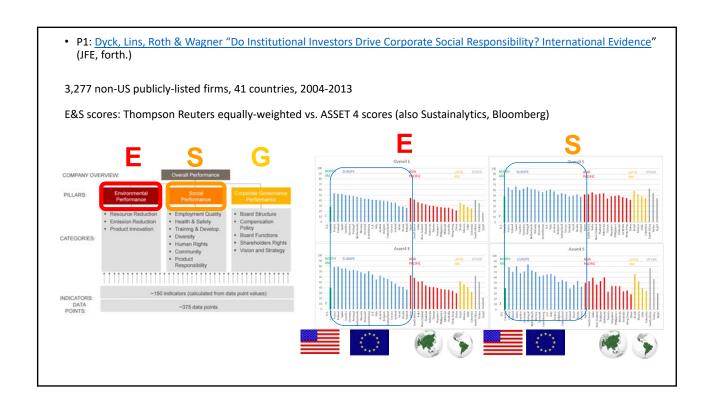


GLOBAL RESEARCH ON "E" & "S"?



[* OTHER RESEARCHERS & WORK IN PROGRESS *]
Can changes in firms' shareholder base have impact on
Environmental (E) & Social (S) performance!

- -> P1: Dyck, Lins, Roth & Wagner "Do Institutional Investors Drive Corporate Social Responsibility? International Evidence" (JFE, FORTH.)
- -> P2: Krüger, Sautner & Starks "The Importance of Climate Risk for Institutional Investors" (RFS, COND. ACCEPT)
- -> P3: Dimson, Karakaş & Li "Coordinated Engagements" (2018, PRI AWARD)
- -> work in progress

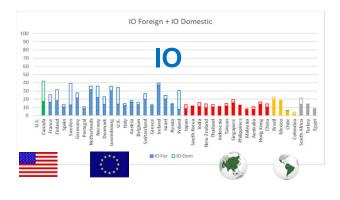


 P1: <u>Dyck, Lins, Roth & Wagner "Do Institutional Investors Drive Corporate Social Responsibility? International Evidence"</u> (JFE, forth.)

3,277 non-US publicly-listed firms, 41 countries, 2004-2013

E&S scores: Thompson Reuters equally-weighted vs. ASSET 4 scores (also Sustainalytics, Bloomberg)

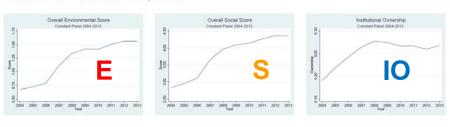
Institutional ownership (FactSet Ownership/Lionshares)



• P1: <u>Dyck</u>, <u>Lins</u>, <u>Roth & Wagner "Do Institutional Investors Drive Corporate Social Responsibility? International Evidence"</u> (JFE, forth.)

putting it all together ... issue: could it spurious relation between these upward trends? ... clears the academic bar of CAUSALITY! (changes on changes, IV, quasi-natural experiments)

Panel A: Constant Panel of 805 Firms, 2004-2013



- Origin of foreign investors matters!



- UN-PRI signatory institutions



- US Investors: no impact on E performance



P2: Krüger, Sautner & Starks: "The Importance of Climate Risk for Institutional Investors" (RFS, conditionally accepted.)

Survey of a 439 institutional investors (global, 1/3 executive-level, 48 with >\$100bln AUM)

Elicit these investors' views and actions related to climate risks

Position (N=428)	Percentage	
Fund/Portfolio manager	21%	
Executive/Managing director	18%	
Investment analyst/strategist	16%	
CIO	11%	
CEO	10%	
CFO/COO/Chairman/Other executive	10%	
ESG/RI specialist	10%	
Other	2%	
Institutional investor type (N=439)	Percentage	
Asset manager	23%	
Bank	22%	
Pension fund	17%	
Insurance company	15%	
Mutual fund	8%	
Other institution	15%	

Assets under management (N=430)	Percentage	
Less than \$1bn	19%	
Between \$1bn and \$20bn	32%	
Between \$20bn and \$50bn	23%	
Between \$50bn and \$100bn	16%	
More than \$100bn	11%	
Investor horizon (N=432)	Percentage	
Short (less than 6 months)	5%	
Medium (6 months to 2 years)	38%	
Long (2 years to 5 years)	38%	
Very long (more than 5 years)	18%	

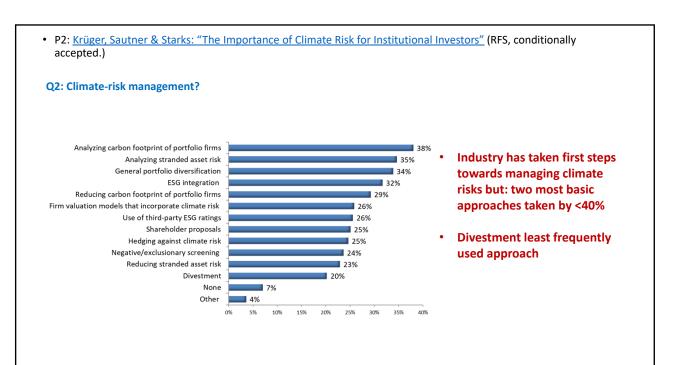
- 36% Continental Europe + 17% UK
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- 32% US

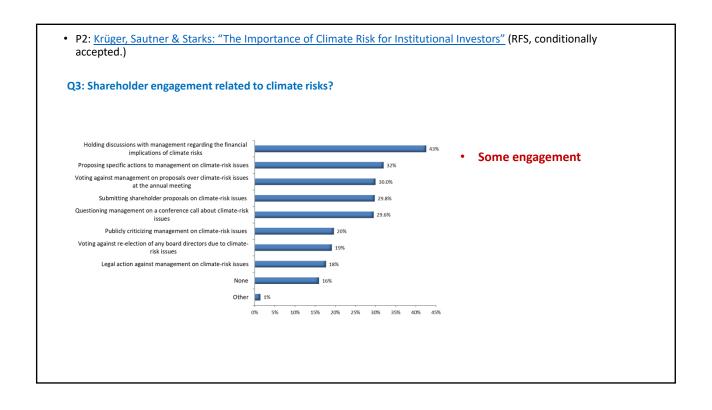


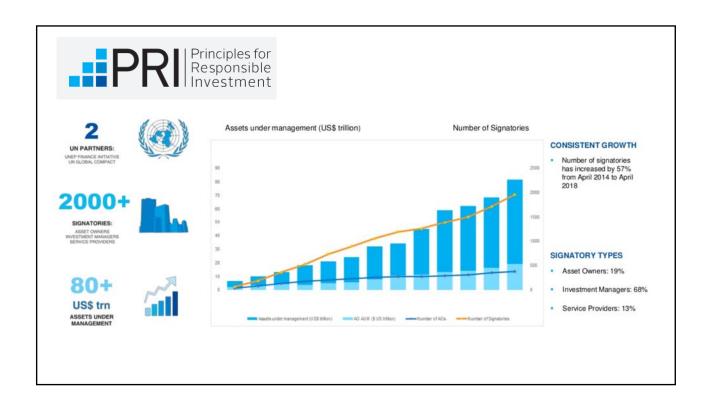
25% Rest of World

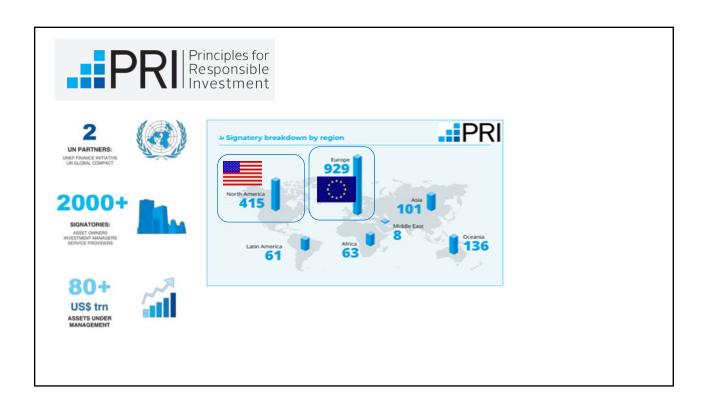


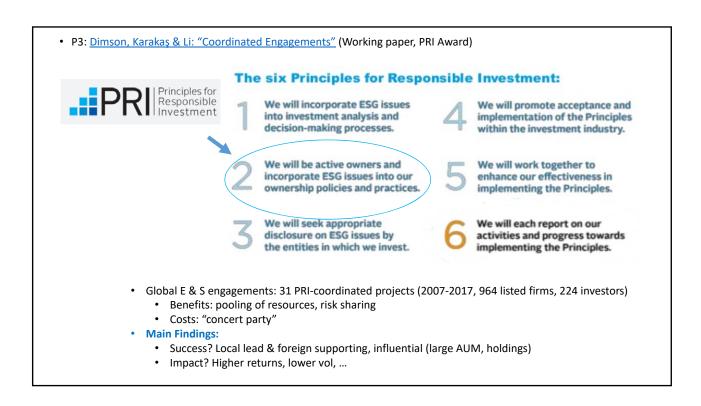
• P2: Krüger, Sautner & Starks: "The Importance of Climate Risk for Institutional Investors" (RFS, conditionally accepted.) Q1: Role of climate risks in investment decisions? Figure 1: Institutional Investor Climate-Change Expectations Figure 1A provides respondents' expectations for the global temperature rise by the end of this century. We report results for the full sample and by region. Regions include North America (United States and Canada), Continental Europe, United Kingdom and Ireland), and Rest of World. We anchored expectations by referring in our question to the two degrees Celsius target of the 2016 Paris Climate Accord. Respondents were asked to state their own climate expectations, and to provide us with a confidence level for their assessment. Figure 1B provides responses on the confidence level, again reported for the full sample and by region. 40% expect a rise that exceeds the Figure 1A: Climate-change expectations Paris target! ... interesting: both 40% **European and North American!** 35% 25% 20% 15% 10% 5% 0% Up to 1 degree Up to 2 degrees Up to 3 degrees More than 3 Do not know ■ All Regions ■ North America ■ Continental Europe ■ United Kingdom Rest of world

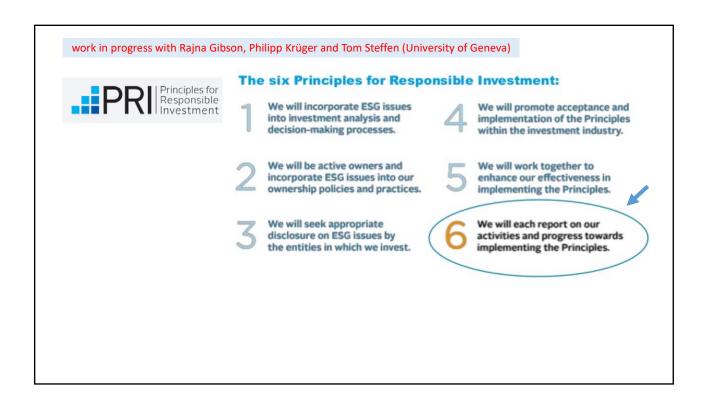




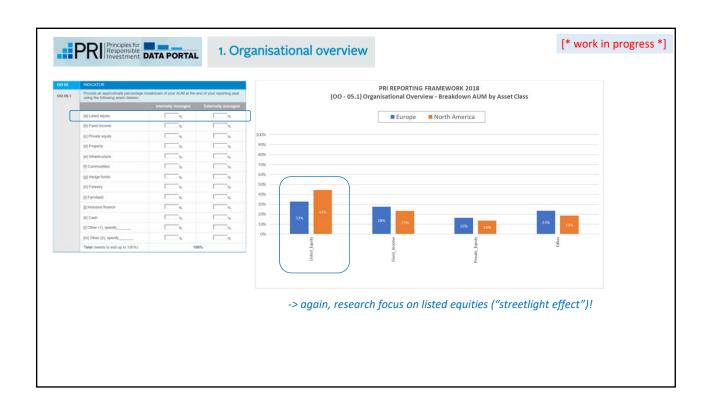


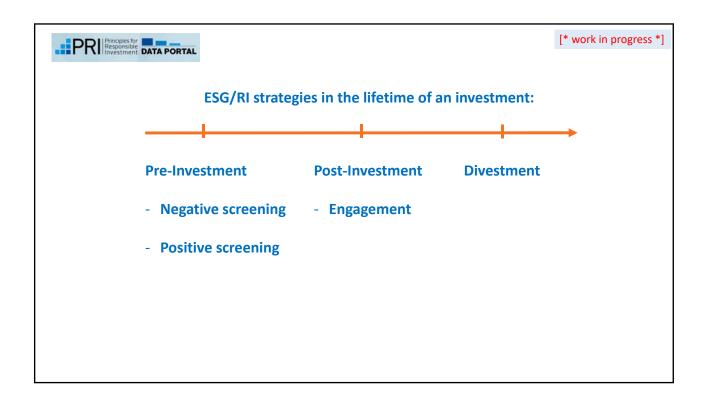


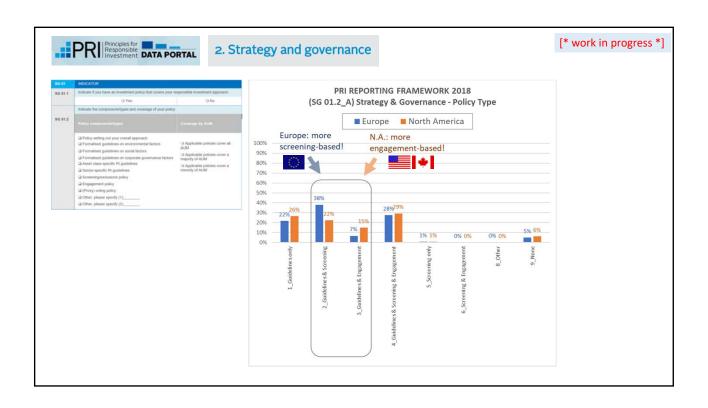


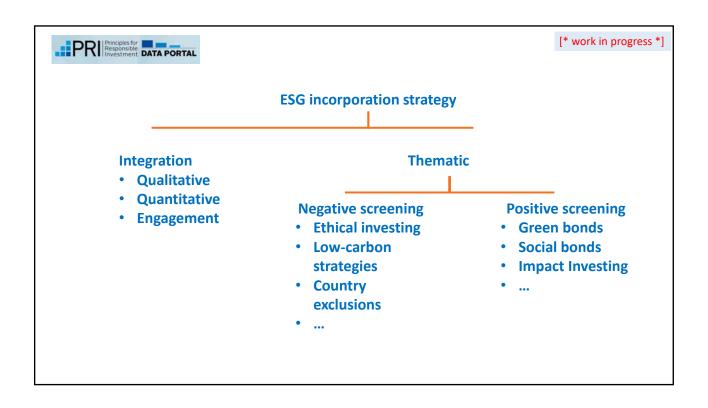


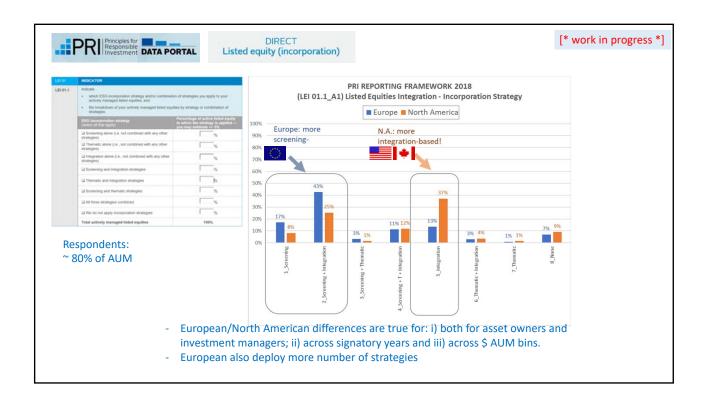




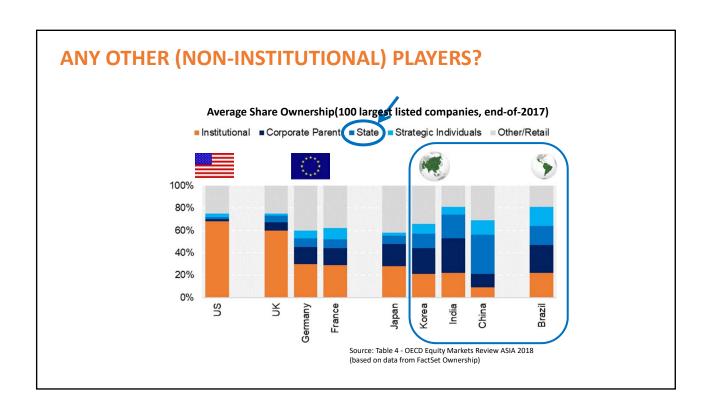












OTHER PLAYERS?

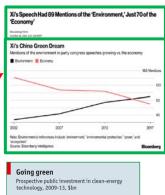
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"Leviathan Inc. and Corporate Environmental Engagement" By Hsu, Liang and Matos (2018)







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► This study:

- International data on state control and ownership (BvD ORBIS manual corrections!) & Environmental Engagement ASSET4 (also MSCI, Sustainalytics)
- Sample period: 2004-2014
- 45 countries

► Main Findings:

- SOEs tend to have higher engagement in environmental issues
 (particularly after shocks: Copenhagen, Fukushima, temperatures and government changes to left)
 - We do not find such a pattern for other blockholding types
 - The role of SOEs on environmental engagement is more pronounced in
 - · Countries lacking long-term capital & energy stability
 - Firms in polluting sectors & with local operations
- Policy implications: there is a role of "Leviathan Inc." in dealing with externalities in the economy!

CONCLUSIONS

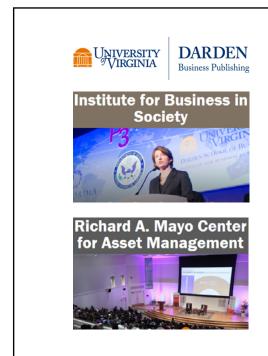
• Policy-making should be evidence-based! Support academic research .



"It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts."

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes "A Scandal in Bohemia"





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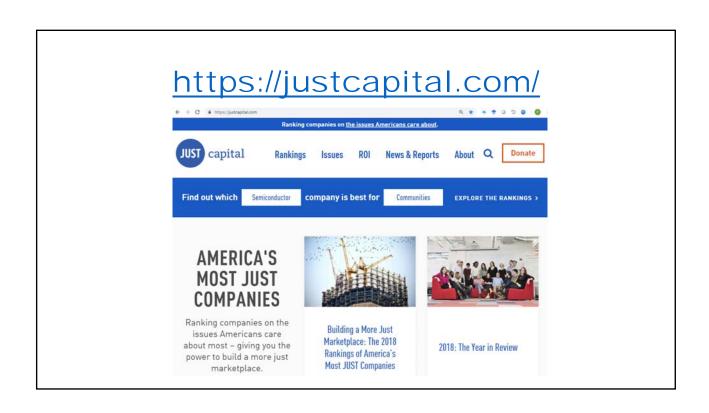
JUST Capital

The truth is we need a more just marketplace if we are going to solve major social, environmental [and] health challenges. We believe in capitalism, and we think that businesses can and should be a force for good.

-Martin Whittaker, CEO, JUST Capital

In December 2017, the cover of Forber magazine announced a list of "America's Top Corporate Citizens" (Exhibit 1). This list of companies, referred to as "the JUST 100", was created by JUST Capital, a tax-exempt organization founded with the mission of building a more just marketplace. The JUST 100 was a list of public companies said to reflect the corporate attributes that Americans considered most just.

JUST Capital was founded in 2013 on a premise: if Americans know what companies best reflect their values, they will buy from, invest in, work for, and otherwise support the companies that best align with those values, LUST Capital wanted to use the forces of free markets to reward the "just" behavior of good corporate actors and incentivize bad actors to reform, LUST Capital sessessed the attributes that the American public valued in a company by conducting an annual survey of about 10,000 Americans. The respondents represented a cross-section of the American people, capturing voices across generational divides, income disparities, gender, and more. In so doing, it created a composite view of what Americans valued: companies that believed in fair pay and equal treatment for all workers, created good jobs, understood the value of strong communities, and committed to a healthy planet. The JUST 100, first released by Forther in 2016, was the list of top 100 companies that most adhered to those values.



The Creation of JUST Capital

Our Mission

At JUST Capital, our mission is to <u>build a more just marketplace that better</u> reflects the true priorities of the American people. We believe that business, and capitalism, can and must be a positive force for change. We believe that if they have the right information, people will buy from, invest in, work for, and otherwise support companies that align with their values. And we believe that business leaders are searching to win back the trust of the public in ways that go beyond money. By shifting the immense resources and ingenuity of the \$15 trillion private sector onto a more balanced – and more just – course, we can help build a better future for everyone.



Our Origins

JUST Capital was co-founded in 2013 by a group of concerned people from the world of business, finance, and civil society – including Paul Tudor Jones II, Deepak Chopra, Rinaldo Brutoco, Arianna Huffington, Paul Scialla, and others. By establishing the organization as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) registered charity, the founders ensured that JUST Capital would be exclusively geared towards achieving its mission.



Source: https://justcapital.com/about/

The JUST 100: "America's Most JUST Companies"

How Polling Drives the Rankings

Each year, we ask Americans what matters most to them when it comes to business behavior. The results drive how we track, analyze, and rank companies. **Learn more about polling**.



POLL AMERICANS



EVALUATE COMPANIES

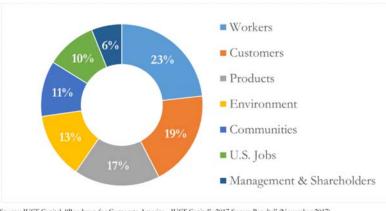


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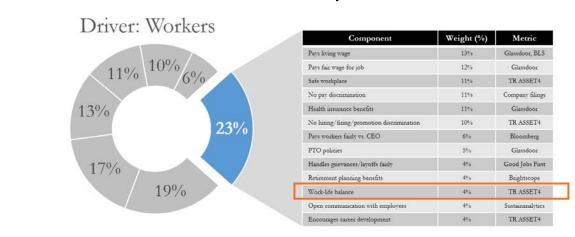
The JUST 100: "America's Most JUST Companies"

2017 Survey Results: The Drivers of "Justness"



Source: JUST Capital, "Roadmap for Corporate America - JUST Capital's 2017 Survey Results" (November 2017).

The JUST 100: "America's Most JUST Companies"



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Example of Driver: Workers

Just Capital wants Companies to care about Workers

Desired Outcomes

- Good benefits (3 metrics, 4 data)
- Living wage (1 metric, 1 data)
- Safe workplace (4 metrics, 7 data)
- No pay discrimination (1 metric, 1 data)
- Fair wage for industry and level (3 data, 3 metrics)
- Equal opportunity policies (3 metrics, 5 data)
- Promote work-life balance (2 metrics, 3 data)
- Provide career training and development opportunities (2 metrics, 3 data)
- Responsive and transparent workplace (1 metric, 2 data)

Data

- Government data
- · Company filings
- · Public documents
- Crowdsourcing
- · Private data providers

Source: https://s3.amazonaws.com/com-justcapital-web-v2/pdf/JUSTCapital 2018Methodology.pdf p. 58-65

Example of Component: Outcome Metric Data Flexible Working Hours (Y/N) (Assessment of Statements) Provides Day Care Services (Y/N) (Assessment of Statements) Work-Life Balance Work-Life Balance Rating (0-5) (Crowdsourced Data) Source: https://s3.amazonaws.com/com-justcapital-web-v2/pdf/JUSTCapital_2018Methodology.pdf p. 58-65

The Investment Case for the JUST 100

Backtesting (Nov 2007-2017):

JUST 100 Equal-weighted. Quarterly rebalance JUST 100 Equal-weighted. Annual rebalance JUST 100 Repal-weighted. Annual rebalance JUST 100 Market Cap Weighted Russell 1000 JULCD 1.5 Nov 07 Nov 08 Nov 09 Nov 10 Nov 11 Nov 12 Nov 13 Nov 14 Nov 15 Nov 16 Oct 17

Live-testing (Nov 2016+):



Note: Russell 1000 normalized to value of 1000 as November 30th 2016

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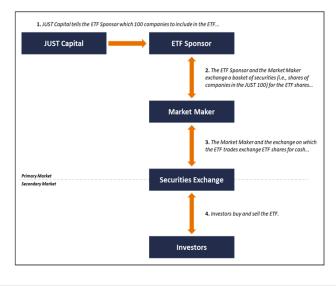
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Index Description: The JUST U.S. Large Cap Diversified Index (JULCD) is designed to track the performance of U.S. large-capitalization companies that most closely align with the American public's definition of just business behavior. It is based on the annual rankings of just business behavior produced by JUST Capital. The JULCD index includes the top 50% of Russell 1000 companies ranked by JUST Capital by industry and is constructed to match the Russell 1000's industry weights. The index generally tracks the Russell 1000's broad market exposure -making it suitable for a core US equity allocation- while including only the companies that rank well on the issues that matter most to the American public.

Why Invest in the JUST US Large Cap Diversified Index (JULCD)? The index reflects the values of the American public without sacrificing investment return. For example, compared with Russell 1000 companies excluded from the index, 2017-18 JULCD constituents on average:

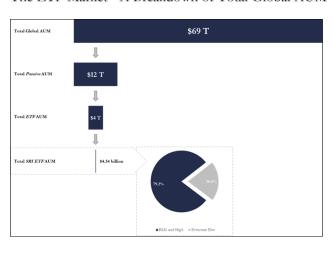
- Include twice as many companies that pay nearly every worker a living wage
- Create U.S. jobs at a 20% greater rate
- Employ twice as many workers in the U.S.
- Produce 45% lower greenhouse gas emissions per dollar of revenue
- Paid 71% less in fines for consumer sales-terms violations
- Give 2.3x more to charity
- Paid 94% less in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Fines
- Have a 7% higher Return on Equity (ROE)

The Next Phase = ETF?



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The ETF Market - A Breakdown of Total Global AUM



The Next Phase = ETF?

The 10 Largest Socially Responsible ETFs (by AUM) as of January 19, 2018

Sponsor	Symbol	ETF Name	Total Assets (\$ million)	SRI ETF Market Share (%)	Expense Ratio (%)
Blackrock	DSI	iShares MSCI KLD 400 Social ETF	\$1,058	27.2%	0.25%
Blackrock	SUSA	iShares MSCI USA ESG Select ETF	\$679	17.4%	0.25%
Blackrock	CRBN	iShares MSCI ACWI Low Carbon Target ETF	\$521	13.4%	0.20%
State Street	SHE	SPDR SSGA Gender Diversity Index ETF	\$379	9.7%	0.20%
State Street	SPYX	SPDR S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF	\$247	6.3%	0.20%
Blackrock	ESGE	iShares MSCI EM ESG Optimized ETF	\$202	5.2%	0.25%
Blackrock	ESGD	iShares MSCI EAFE ESG Optimized ETF	\$142	3.6%	0.20%
Global X	CATH	Global X S&P 500 Catholic Values ETF	\$141	36%	0.29%
FlexShares	ESGG	FlexShares STOXX Global ESG Impact Index Fund	\$55	14%	0.42%
State Street	EFAX	SPDR MSCI EAFE Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF	\$53	14%	0.20%

JUST Capital - Epilogue

June 13, 2018:

Goldman Sachs JUST U.S. Large Cap Equity ETF (NYSE: JUST)

\$251M in AUM (most successful ESG ETF, top 10 equity ETF launch)



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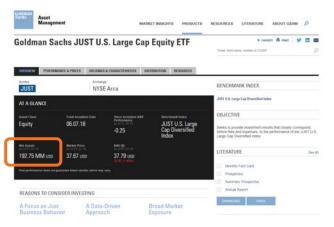
Poll: What is the AUM of the JUST ETF as of of today (1/24/2019)?

- A. < \$100 million
- B. \$100 million \$250 million
- C. \$250 million \$500 million
- D. \$500 million \$1 billion
- E. > \$1 billion

JUST Capital - Epilogue

Jan 24, 2019:

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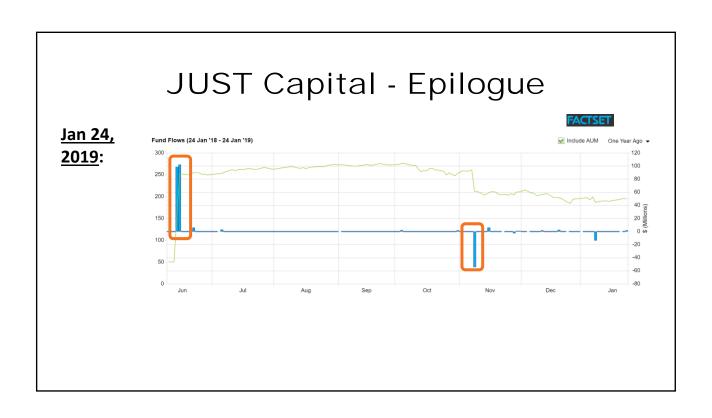
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In the classroom ...

■ Course Section Detail

Title Impact Investing
Area FIN

Section -

Course Number 8497

Credits 1.5

Capacity 65

Abstract Abstract

Room Room-CLA 190 (72)

Time Early Week 11:45 AM-1:10 PM

Career Related SY Course

GBUS 8497: IMPACT INVESTING

This course will cover the rapidly-expanding world of impact investing, focusing on the fundamentals underlying investment strategies for funds (and, to a lesser extent, companies) seeking to both create profit and generate social or environmental impact. Through a combination of in-class and project learning, students will explore what qualifies as an "impact investment," gain exposure to the fundamentals of the impact investment process, and evaluate various financial structures that unify rather than balance impact and investing. The class will cover a wide set of investment vehicles: public equity, private debt, and private equity/venture capital, public-private partnerships, microfinance institutions.

Academic course objectives:

- Examine the growing spectrum of impact investing, across every investment and asset class, from venture capital to public equities to fixed income and REITs (below market to alpha generating).
- Examine the changes taking place as the field evolves from niche to mainstream.
- Evaluate if capital markets and investment instruments deliver both impact and generate market returns.
- Understand how institutional investors respond and/or catalyze these strategies.
- Create own impact investing instruments or financial structures in final projects.









Student Case Competitions ...

http://sustainableinvestingchallenge.org/about/

Darden Team Places Second Out of 100+ Competitors at Kellogg-Morgan Stanley Sustainable Investing Challenge

By Laura Hennessey Martens - 6 June 2018





At IBiS ...

https://www.darden.virginia.edu/ibis/https://blogs.darden.virginia.edu/ibis/



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES, GUEST POSTS

Professor Mary Margaret Frank Leads Discussions at 2017 Pay for Success and Social Impact Finance Conference

By Tori Schucheng YangHow can Pay for Success models be used to improve project outcomes? And how can these public-private financing models help foster innovation and positively impact communities? These were some of the questions discussed by state government officials, service providers, philanthropists, impact investors and business leaders...

By Laura Hennessey Martens - 24 February 2017

At the Mayo Center ...

https://www.darden.virginia.edu/faculty-research/seminars-conferences/academic-practitioner-symposium/

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- Coordinated Engagements, by Elroy Dimson, Oğuzhan Karakaş and Xi Li
- Do Investors Value Sustainability? A Natural Experiment Examining Rankings and Fund Flows, by Samuel M. Hartzmark and Abigail B. Sussman
- Picking Friends Before Picking (Proxy) Fights: How Mutual Fund Voting Shapes Proxy Contests, by Alon Brav, Wei Jiang and Tao Li
- The Life Cycle of Dual-Class Firms, by Martijn Cremers, Beni Lauterbach and Anete Paiuste

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