# ESG INTEGRATION AS AN ALPHA SOURCE

Experience of Auriel Capital – Equity Market Neutral

#### ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE (ESG) FACTORS - WHY DO THEY MATTER?

The World Economic Forum Global Risks 2015 Risk report (Tenth Edition) identifies 10 risks likely cause an impact on a global scale in the next decade:

- Interstate conflict
- Extreme weather events
- Failure of national governance
- State collapse or crisis
- Unemployment or underemployment
- Natural catastrophes
- Failure of climate-change adaptation
- Water crises
- Data fraud or theft
- Cyber attacks

All Have An E,S And/Or G Connection.

#### THREE 'CAMPS' OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

- Values-Based, Ethical-Investment
- Negative Screening
- "SIN" Sector-exclusions
- Personal perferences "subjective"
- Ethical indexes, funds
- Unclear evidence of outperformance
- Originally religious, later retail Investors

- Socially Responsible Investment, "SRI"
- Focus on ESG-disclosures
- "Best-in-Class"
- "Glossy CSR-reports"
   Risk of "Greenwash"
- Sustainability indexes, "FTSF 4Good
- Some links to LT outperformance
- European investors, mainly retail

- "Materiality"-Based ESG-Analsis
- Sector-specific ESG-analysis, risk management, "HOW"
- "ESG-integration"
- Analytical risk focused, "objective"
- Standardisation: GRI, SASB, IR
- Clear links to LT outperformance
- European and US investors, institutional and retail

#### **ACADEMIC EVIDENCE**

#### External analysis regarding ESG & Performance

#### Deutsche Bank, June 2012<sup>1</sup>

- Analysed 100 academic studies, 56 research papers, 4 meta-studies
- 100% of studies show strong ESG-companies have lower cost of capital
- 89% of studies show strong ESG-companies have stock outperformance

## University of Oxford, September 2014<sup>2</sup>

- Analysed 190 academic studies
- 88% of studies found strong ESG practices result in better operating performance
- 80% of studies show strong ESG-companies have stock outperformance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Deusche Bank Climate Change Advisors, June 2012: Sustainable Investing: Establishing Long-Term Value and Performance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> University of Oxford, September 2014, From the Stockholder to Stakeholder, How Sustainability Can Drive Financial Outperformance

## HOW OFTEN DO RESEARCH PROVIDERS AGREE?

	Тор 10%	Top 20%	Top 30%	Top 40%	Top 50%
V1/V2	33%	43%	47%	53%	61%
V1/V3	0%	27%	31%	43%	53%
V2/V3	0%	33%	47%	58%	67%
AII3	0%	10%	22%	30%	40%

	Bottom 10%	Bottom 20%	Bottom 30%	Bottom 40%	Bottom 50%
V1/V2	17%	40%	49%	54%	63%
V1/V3	0%	23%	39%	45%	53%
V2/V3	0%	50%	55%	69%	70%
AII3	0%	20%	33%	40%	45%

## **CORRELATION ANALYSIS**

	E	E	E	E	E	E	S	S	S	S	G	G	G
E		0.28	0.22	0.25	0.37	-0.14	0.33	0.13	0.62	0.10	0.73	0.12	0.21
E	0.28		0.36	0.39	0.34	-0.07	0.25	0.31	0.17	0.26	0.30	-0.21	0.24
E	0.22	0.36		0.72	0.52	0.03	0.12	0.05	0.23	0.22	0.17	0.13	0.40
E	0.25	0.39	0.72		0.63	0.16	0.07	0.02	0.11	0.21	0.10	-0.05	0.57
E	0.37	0.34	0.52	0.63		0.13	0.18	0.05	0.24	0.27	0.26	0.01	0.47
E	-0.14	-0.07	0.03	0.16	0.13		-0.01	-0.11	-0.07	0.05	-0.11	-0.11	0.13
S	0.33	0.25	0.12	0.07	0.18	-0.01		0.05	0.42	-0.07	0.43	0.04	0.21
S	0.13	0.31	0.05	0.02	0.05	-0.11	0.05		0.10	0.09	0.10	-0.03	0.05
S	0.62	0.17	0.23	0.11	0.24	-0.07	0.42	0.10		0.11	0.52	0.27	0.13
S	0.10	0.26	0.22	0.21	0.27	0.05	-0.07	0.09	0.11		0.13	0.10	0.17
G	0.73	0.30	0.17	0.10	0.26	-0.11	0.43	0.10	0.52	0.13		0.15	0.23
G	0.12	-0.21	0.13	-0.05	0.01	-0.11	0.04	-0.03	0.27	0.10	0.15		0.00
G	0.21	0.24	0.40	0.57	0.47	0.13	0.21	0.05	0.13	0.17	0.23	0.00	

# VER. 1.0 ESG INTEGRATION

Factor Name	Sectors with scores	Airlines	Automobiles & Parts	Banks NE	Basic Resources	Chemicals	Chemicals Fertilizers	Chemicals Healthcare	Comm. Vehicles & Trucks	Construct. & Material	Financial Services	Food & Beverage	Food Retailers	Forestry & Paper	Healthcare	Industrial Goods	Industrial Services	Insurance	Media	Oil & Gas	Pers & House- hld Goods	Pers & House- hld Luxury	Pharma & Biotech	Real Estate	Retail	Technology	Telecommunica- tions	Transportation Services	Travel & Leisure	Utilities
	23	21%	21%		14%	15%	15%	15%	21%	18%			16%	14%	17%	15%	40%			32%	12%	12%		14%	16%	23%	39%	48%	12%	18%
euProdInnov	16	15%	15%			6%	6%	6%	15%	5%										9%	10%	10%	10%	10%		10%	11%		10%	8%
	29	19%	19%	26%	25%	21%	21%	21%	19%	18%	26%	29%	22%	25%	24%	20%	14%	20%	24%	15%	17%	17%	27%	13%	22%	16%	13%	11%	17%	20%
	18					6%	6%	6%		16%			11%			16%	14%	32%	13%	8%	18%	18%		31%	11%	13%		12%	18%	5%
	17			12%	2%	1%	1%	1%			12%	3%		2%	3%				5%	2%	4%	4%					6%	2%	4%	2%
	29	45%	45%	62%	59%	50%	50%	50%	45%	43%	62%	68%	51%	59%	56%	49%	32%	48%	57%	35%	40%	40%	63%	31%	51%	38%	32%	26%	40%	47%
	29	65%	65%	56%	58%	60%	60%	60%	65%	65%	56%	61%	65%	58%	60%	65%	65%	55%	65%	63%	65%	65%	60%	65%	65%	55%	65%	65%	65%	63%
euShrhldrLoyalty	29	35%	35%	30%	31%	32%	32%	32%	35%	35%	30%	33%	35%	31%	32%	35%	35%	29%	35%	34%	35%	35%	32%	35%	35%	29%	35%	35%	35%	34%
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euIntellCap	18			13%		12%	12%	12%		26%	13%	17%	6%		6%	13%		6%	5%	17%			5%		6%		8%	21%		19%
	12	51%	51%						51%	28%			6%			7%	23%		17%	52%				34%	6%					40%
	18			29%		72%	72%	72%		20%	29%	26%	17%		25%			29%	8%		39%	39%	24%		17%		35%	32%	39%	
	12				41%								6%	41%	12%	7%	23%			17%			11%		6%	57%	33%			40%
euSupplyChain	13	34%	34%	4%					34%		4%	8%	8%		4%				4%		18%	18%			8%				18%	

### VER. 2.0 ESG INTEGRATION

Environmental	Carbon Efficiency     Energy Efficiency     Materials Efficiency	<ul><li>Water Use Efficiency</li><li>Air, Water, Ground Pollutants</li><li>Environmental Impact Risk</li></ul>
Human Capital	Board Level Sustainability Structures     Recruitment Capabilities     Board Diversity & Skillset	<ul> <li>Retention &amp; Workplace Performance Strategies</li> <li>Knowledge &amp; Organisational Learning</li> <li>Labour Rights</li> </ul>
Organisational Capital	Stakeholder Relations with Regulators     Supply Chain Management     Local Community Relationships     Local Market Knowledge /In-Country Management	<ul><li>Links to Core Business</li><li>Customer Relations / Satisfaction</li><li>Human Rights Performance</li></ul>
Adaptability	Horizon Scanning / Trend Anticipation     Structures for Rapid Decision-making     Response to Demographic / Consumer Change	<ul> <li>Response to Regulatory Change</li> <li>Systems to Analyse all Forms of Risk</li> <li>Non-Financial Performance Reporting</li> </ul>
Innovation	Commitment to R&D / Innovation     Market Penetration of New Products     Structures to Promote Innovation	<ul><li>Crowdsourcing Practices</li><li>Base of Pyramid Focus</li><li>Environmental Products Innovation</li></ul>

## ALL THE SAME

	Environment	Human Capital	Organisational	Adaptability	Innovation
Environment		0.95	0.91	0.83	0.91
Human Capital	0.95		0.95	0.92	0.87
Organisational	0.91	0.95		0.93	0.84
Adaptability	0.83	0.92	0.93		0.74
Innovation	0.91	0.87	0.84	0.74	

## FACTOR EXPOSURES OF ESG INTEGRATED PORTFOLIOS

	MktCap	GSCIBeta	GoldBeta	OilBeta	Cost Of Debt	CapStrR	Beta	Vols	IRBeta	AulmpVol	portDivInd	Leverage	Liquidity	DivYld	GrowthBeta
Vendor 1	3.7	-8.3	-4.4	-10.8	-1.1	-1.8	-7.6	-9.2	-3.6	-15.6	1.1	-0.3	0.6	-1.0	4.0
Vendor 2	3.2	-6.7	-3.6	-8.5	-1.0	-0.3	-5.6	-7.9	-2.8	-13.6	1.7	0.6	-0.9	-1.1	2.8
Vendor 3	3.3	-8.4	-4.5	-11.1	-1.1	-0.9	-7.6	-9.3	-3.6	-15.9	1.3	-0.4	0.0	-1.4	4.0
Vendor 4	3.7	-8.2	-5.0	-10.8	-1.2	-1.0	-6.7	-9.0	-3.2	-14.8	2.3	0.1	0.2	-0.4	3.3
Vendor 5	4.3	-7.1	-4.0	-9.7	-1.4	-1.5	-5.4	-8.2	-2.7	-13.5	1.3	0.6	-0.1	1.3	2.4

# **EXPOSURES BY SECTOR**

	Value	Oil	MktCap	Gold	Growth	Cost Of Debt
Portfolio	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Aerospace & Defence	2.62%	0.68%	0.70%	1.29%	2.65%	3.62%
Automobiles & Parts	6.38%	3.93%	2.28%	-3.14%	6.37%	4.87%
Basic Resources	-2.65%	-1.77%	0.50%	-0.44%	-2.60%	-3.98%
Chemicals	6.94%	12.99%	2.38%	17.56%	6.70%	6.96%
Chemicals Healthcare	1.17%	1.42%	1.01%	-0.77%	1.30%	3.59%
Construct. & Material	11.75%	9.49%	-0.18%	12.48%	11.78%	9.64%
Food & Beverage	5.07%	5.58%	31.51%	8.20%	5.11%	24.99%
ood Retailers	2.90%	1.38%	0.33%	6.05%	2.91%	0.20%
Healthcare	3.03%	0.82%	1.08%	-2.35%	3.08%	-6.09%
ndustrial Goods	6.90%	10.19%	5.63%	14.77%	6.95%	10.36%
ndustrial Services	10.37%	9.56%	0.61%	7.09%	10.41%	-1.57%
nsurance	13.01%	10.67%	-1.20%	9.24%	12.96%	3.13%
Vledia	-1.64%	0.01%	0.91%	-5.62%	-1.55%	-8.97%
Oil & Gas	4.34%	9.68%	18.12%	10.58%	4.24%	13.48%
Pers & Househld Goods	4.99%	5.79%	8.70%	2.93%	4.96%	1.67%
Pers & Househld Luxury	0.95%	0.88%	4.56%	0.20%	1.01%	4.55%
Pharma & Biotech	3.34%	4.09%	15.39%	9.51%	3.31%	10.47%
Real Estate	-0.71%	-1.13%	1.02%	-2.52%	-0.65%	2.85%
echnology	6.31%	3.86%	3.95%	2.21%	6.30%	4.39%
Telecommunications	4.96%	3.11%	0.61%	2.15%	4.88%	9.82%
ravel & Leisure	4.61%	4.87%	0.45%	7.05%	4.56%	2.67%
Utilities	5.36%	3.90%	1.64%	3.55%	5.34%	3.34%

# **ESG REPLICATION**

	T-stat	Beta
Intercept	1.62	0.00
MktCap	15.61	2.98
GoldBeta	-1.8	0.00
OilBeta	-0.83	0.00
CostOfDebt	-5.11	0.00
Beta	-2.06	-0.01
ValueBeta	-6.34	-0.07
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