

# SRI AND ESG:

## TURNING CONSTRAINTS INTO A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE



This material is solely for the attention of "professional" investors (see more details and definitions at the back).

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## A growing interest in the current context

- Seven of the top 10 most concerning global risks are ESG-related according to professional investors<sup>1</sup>
- ESG criteria are related to the fiduciary responsibility of asset owners and asset managers. CSR policies lie at the core of companies' business models
- A rapidly changing world and a greater focus on the concept of the common good
- Initiatives led by worldwide and local public authorities (Climate Change conference/ COP 21, SRI label...)
- Private investors are looking for more meaningful investments<sup>2</sup>

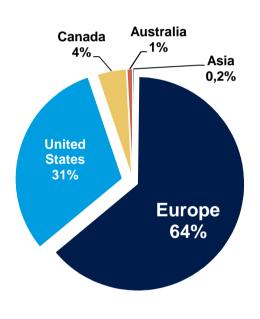


# SRI: \$ 21,400 Bn AUM worldwide

### A growth of 61% between 2012 and 2014

#### **SRI Market breakdown**

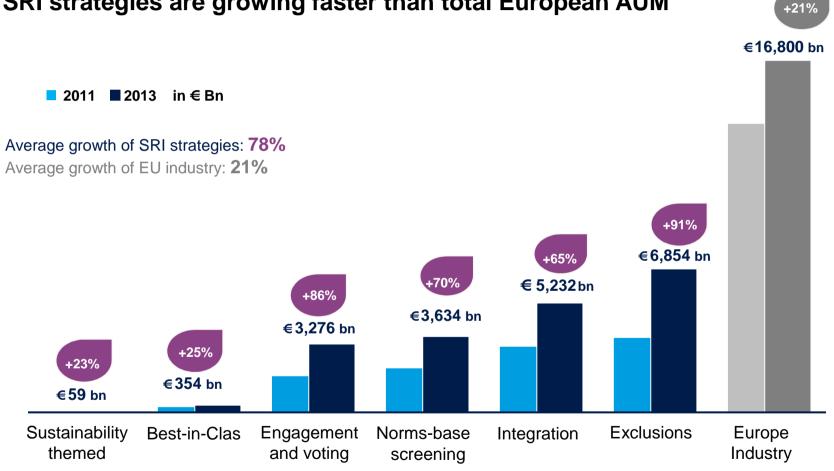






## SRI strategies: the example of Europe







## Addressing climate change issues

- Amundi is a Member of the multiparty initiative launched by the United Nations and large institutional investors to decarbonise portfolios: the **Portfolio Decarbonisation** Coalition
- Amundi has launched initiatives to address climate change:

#### **SRI Solutions**

Tailor-made solutions
Thematic funds

#### **Low Carbon**

ETF
Index funds

### Partnership with EDF

Renewable energies
Energy savings



# ESG issues: turning constraints into a competitive advantage

- 1 Strengthen long-term financial performance
- 2 Comply with fiduciary and regulatory requirements
- 3 Control risks: reputational, operational and financial risks



# A 360° view of companies

### **Financial Analysis**





### Better appreciation of risks and opportunities



### Regulation





## Amundi, one of the biggest SRI asset manager wordlwide

- € 74 bn in SRI assets under management
- Signatory to the PRI since 2006
- Demanding and transparent SRI investment principles
- SRI process officially certified (AFNOR)
- A dedicated governance (4 committees)

- Significant ressources:
  - 20 analysts specialised in SRI and ESG
  - 1 proprietary expert software-tool
  - 35 SRI fund managers
- More than 4,500 issuers rated in respect of ESG criteria
- Dialogue with more than 300 companies









# Complementary policies

- 1 ESG scoring and « Best-in-Class » approach
- Norm-based screening
- 3 Engagement



# Amundi ESG analysis: a standardized and pragmatic approach

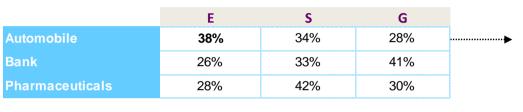
- Amundi rates more than 4,500 issuers in respect of ESG criteria
- Our internal reference values are comprised of 37 criteria, of which 15 are generic-criteria and 22 are sector-specific criteria.

	ENVIRONMENT	SOCIAL	GOVERNANCE
Examples among 15 generic criteria	- Emissions - Energy consumption - Biodiversity and pollution	<ul><li>Employment conditions</li><li>Health &amp; security</li><li>Local communities and human rights</li></ul>	<ul><li>Board independance</li><li>Audit and control</li><li>Remuneration</li><li>Shareholders' rights</li></ul>
Examples among 22 specific criteria	- Green cars (Automobile) - Green financing (Banks)	<ul><li>Access to medicine</li><li>Digital device</li><li>Responsible marketing (banking, pharmaceutical industry)</li></ul>	

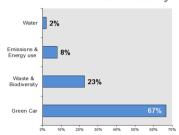


## Performance oriented: ESG criteria Weights and Value Drivers

#### Criteria are weighted according to sector







#### Each analyst must define for a given criteria and a given value driver:

- The probability that an event linked to the criteria has an impact on a value driver (on a 1 to 5 scale)
- The impact of this value driver on the value of the firm (on a 1 to 5 scale)

#### This methodology allows to define:

- The weight of a criteria in a given dimension
- The weight of E, S & G dimension in the ESG note in a given sector
- The ESG intensity of a given sector

Criteria	Probability (1 to 5)	Value driver	Impact (1 to 5)	Score
Car safety	2	Reputation	5	10
	0	Operational Efficiency	0	0
	2	Regulations	4	8
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Water Utilities

### Example of analysis of the Water criteria in the « Utilities » sector

The sector is divided into homogeneous subsectors

Water Utilities

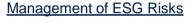
**Electric Utilities** 

**Grid operators** 

The "water" criteria is divided into risk KPIs and risk management KPIs

Score

10



INVESTMENTS FOR **INFRASTRUCTURE** RENOVATION % GRID UPGRADED **SINCE 2008 OBJECTIVE FOR** LEAKAGE RATE LEAKAGE RATE



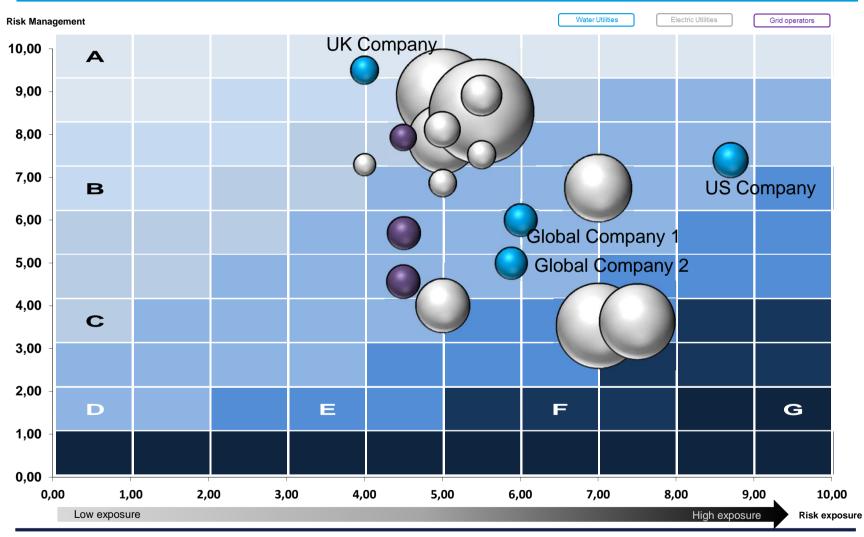
PRESENCE IN WATER STRESS ZONE



- Link between financial and extra-financial performance
  - Reduction of operational losses
  - Mitigation of environmental risks



# Example: the water issue in the Utilities sector

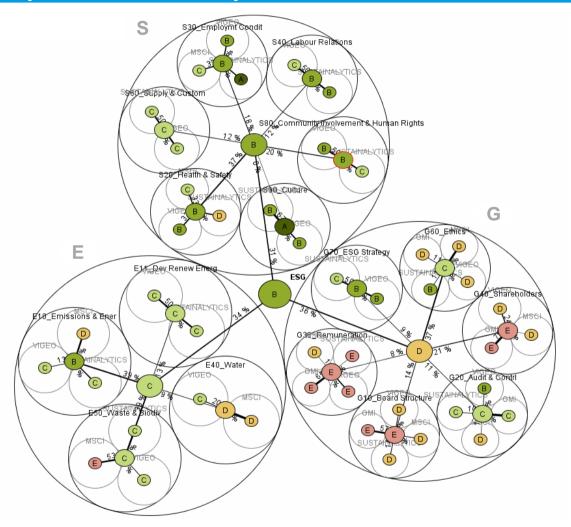


Source : Amundi SRI Analysis

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# Transparency and traceability





## Strict and transparent rules

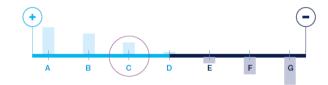
- Amundi's four SRI principles
- 90% minimum of issuers in portfolio are ESG marked
- 2 **Exclusion of E, F, G scores**

**≥** 

Norms-based screening: G-rated companies are excluded from Amundi's active portfolio management processes

**ESG** score of SRI 3 portfolio

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Average ESG score of SRI portfolio

ESG score of benchmark **≥** 



## The « Best-in-Class » approach

### SRI Best-in-Class

#### **All industries**

Select in each industry, the companies best dealing with their ESG risks and opportunities

#### **Sector exclusions**

Exclude some industries for moral, ethic or religious reasons.

#### For instance:

- armament,
- gambling,
- tobacco,
- alcohol

### **Sustainability themed**

Invest in companies active in sustainable development:

- renewable energies,
- water,
- health,
- or population aging.



## A formalized engagement policy

### Amundi's engagement with companies on 3 axis

- **Engagement for influence**
- Data collection for rating purposes
- Voting at General Shareholders' meetings and pre-meeting dialogue

Dialogue with more than companies

management teams met every year

pre-alerts sent ahead of General Meetings

Votes at General Meetings concerning more than companies worldwide



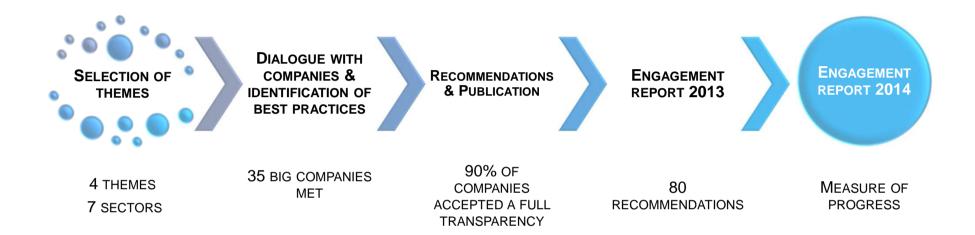
## Voting policy

A voting policy, defined in collaboration with portfolio management teams, financial and extra-financial teams, and corporate governance teams.

- Voting policy and engagement aims at sensitizing companies to sustainable development and good practices.
- Since 1996, Amundi has developed its own voting policy, which is updated annually in order to integrate best practises. Since 2003, Amundi's voting policy has taken into account environmental and social criteria as well as governance issues.
- Amundi also engages in constructive "pre-AGM" discussions with companies and alerts them to any agenda items that it may vote against.



## Amundi's engagement reporting



#### Themes initiated in 2014

- Responsible and compliant sourcing from conflict zones Minerals
- Responsible lobbying Pharmaceuticals companies and Automotive industry

#### Themes initiated in 2013

- Respect for Human Rights Oil & Mining Extractive Industries
- Fight against malnutrition and food waste Food & Food Retail Sectors

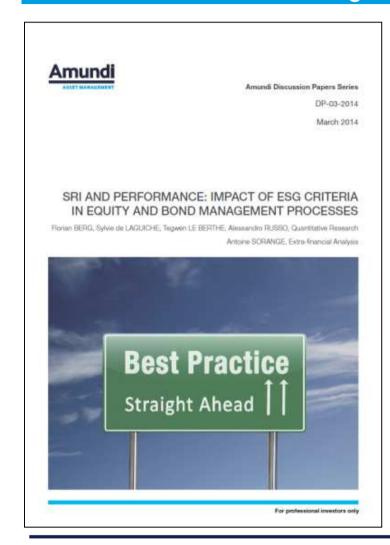


# Exemple: Respect for Human Rights in Oil & Mining





### Performance of the ESG signal: Equities



- In terms of outperformance, in our historical backtests, we do not find any significant added value to ESG crietroa filter, neither positive nor negative.
- Being SRI has no significant cost in terms of risk
- For Europe or the world, the tracking error that results from the constraints that are used to SRI-ize a portfolio remains very limited compared to that of active management.
- -Furthermore, some SRI factors are likely to become more important in the future, with differences in corporate practices having considerable impacts on profitability.

#### SRI management can therefore be a relatively costfree way to benefit from this evolution.

Choosing to invest in SRI products also involves non-monetary considerations in terms of reputation and investors' responsibilities to future generations.



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