

WHAT ARE ESG RATINGS?

ESG Ratings are among the first products to measure an entity or transaction's impact and performance on environmental and social matters while assessing the effectiveness and quality of the governance.

They provide a holistic view of the ESG profile and are composed of three major pillars:

- **ESG Entity Rating (ER)** evaluates the entity activities from an environmental and social perspective, as well as the quality of governance
- **ESG Instrument Rating (IR)** for labelled or conventional instruments integrates the entity and framework ratings to allow for an absolute comparison of all instruments
- ESG Framework Rating (FR) for labelled (Use of Proceeds or KPI/linked) bonds – evaluates the use of the proceeds raised from the issuance as well as the strength of the framework

HOW ARE THEY PRODUCED/ASSESSED?

- Built from scratch, with a transparent and granular analysis performed by first-class experts who apply a robust and public methodology, developed by leveraging Fitch's extensive analysis and methodology experience
- Monitored ratings that are assessed according to third-party published principles and guidelines (i.e. EU Taxonomy), with consistent disclosure of alignment indicators

WHY ARE THEY HELPFUL?



Provide a pure ESG management benchmark and impact assessment



Help the financial community effectively discriminate the ESG quality of debt instruments and entities and make smarter more informed investment decisions



Demonstrate and communicate an entity or transaction's sustainability credentials to key stakeholders with an absolute scale for comparability



Can cover any debt instrument, labelled or conventional



Provide full coverage of the labelled bond universe (entities, instruments, and frameworks).



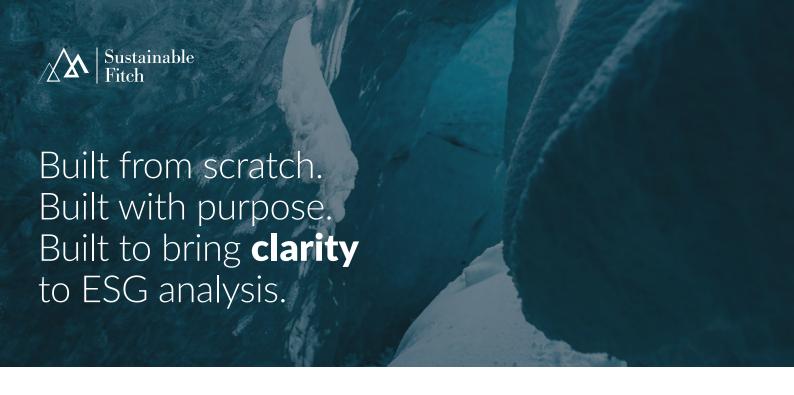












OVERVIEW

Holistic view of ESG profile. The ESG ratings suite is composed of three major pillars: an ESG Entity Rating (ER), an ESG Instrument Rating (IR), and for labelled or linked/KPI debt instruments an additional ESG Framework Rating (FR).

The 5-point ESG rating scale aggregates granular scoring of sub factors on a 0-100 basis, which are available to investors wanting to take a more detailed and quantitative approach. All in one place and on a comparable basis.





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