

MSCI ESG Controversies allows institutional investors to analyze a company's significant social, environmental, and governance impacts by identifying company involvement in major ESG controversies, adherence to international norms and principles, and assessing company performance with respect to these norms and principles.

Key features and benefits

Comply with international standards

MSCI ESG Controversies can assist investors in determining how well companies adhere to international norms and principles such as the UN Global Compact and ILO Core Conventions.

Manage reputational risk with timely alerts

MSCI ESG Controversies scoring and flagging system alerts investors to potential reputational risks. Clients can set customized email alerts in order to remain informed of significant ESG changes to their portfolios.

Identify targets for engagement

MSCI ESG Controversies helps clients identify companies for further stakeholder engagement. Clients can use controversy details as well as severity assessments to determine a course of engagement with a company in their portfolio.

Availability on multiple platforms

MSCI ESG Controversies is available on our proprietary online platform, MSCI ESG Manager, as well as through API delivery. It is also integrated within MSCI's BarraOne and Barra Portfolio Manager platforms, as well as in FactSet and StyleResearch.

Broad and in-depth Coverage

Coverage extends to approximately 12,500 companies covering the MSCI ACWI IMI Index, in addition to 95% by market value of the Barclays Global Aggregate – Corporate Index.

The screenshot displays the MSCI ESG Manager interface. On the left, a detailed view for Novartis AG is shown, including its ESG score (0.10), a 'LOWEST FLAG' indicator, and a 'PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW' section. This section lists various controversy categories such as Environment (score 10), Social (score 2), Customers (score 1), and Human Rights & Community (score 9). A bar chart shows the number of controversies across these categories. Below this, a table lists 'MOST RECENT UPDATES' with columns for Controversy Headline, Type of Update, Assessment Indicator, and Last Revised date.

The main part of the screenshot is a table listing various companies. The table has columns for Company Name, Ticker, Country, GICS Sub-Industry, Overall ESG Score, Last Update, and several controversy categories: Environment, Customers, Governance, Labor Rg., and Human Rg. The companies listed include BANKQUE MONTREAL, BANKQUE ROYALE DU CANADA, Bank of Montreal, BNP Paribas, HSBC, and many others. Each row contains a small circular icon representing the company's overall ESG score.

Product overview

MSCI ESG Controversies analyses and monitors company management strategies and their actual performance:

MSCI ESG Controversies is designed to provide timely and consistent assessments of ESG controversies involving publicly traded companies and fixed income issuers.

The evaluation framework is designed to be consistent with international norms represented in numerous widely accepted global conventions.

Our global research analysts assess performance, looking for instances where companies are involved in major controversies or have breached the standards set by international bodies.

Red: Indicates that a company is involved in one or more very severe controversies.

Orange: Indicates that a company has been involved in one or more recent severe structural controversies that are ongoing.

Yellow: Indicates that the company is involved in severe-to-moderate level controversies.

Green: Indicates that the company is not involved in any major controversies.

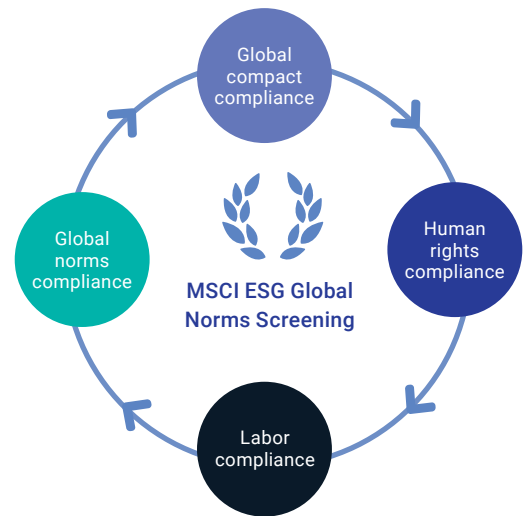
The MSCI ESG Controversies approach is stakeholder driven and covers the following five categories of stakeholder impact, organized against 28 indicators:

MSCI ESG Controversies Coverage - Stakeholder 'Pillars' and 'Indicators'

Environment	Human rights & community	Labor rights & supply chain	Customers	Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity & land use Toxic emissions & waste Energy & climate change Water stress Operational waste (Non-hazardous) Supply chain management Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on local communities Human rights concerns Civil liberties Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor management relations Health & safety Collective bargaining & unions Discrimination & workforce diversity Child labor Supply chain labor standards Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product safety & quality Anticompetitive practices Customer relations Privacy & data security Marketing & advertising Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bribery & fraud Governance structures Controversial investments Other

Monitor compliance with global norms

- Identify news-based controversies linked to specific global norms and conventions
- Identify companies which fail a specific set of global norms
- Identify Watchlist companies for monitoring purposes
- Use detailed reports to support engagement activities



Fail



The company is implicated in one or more controversy cases where there are credible allegations that the company or its management inflicted serious large scale harm in violation of global norms.

Watch list



The company is implicated in one or more controversy cases that are serious and warrant ongoing monitoring but, based on information available to date, does not constitute a major breach of global norms according to our methodology.

Pass



The company has not been implicated in any controversy case constituting a major breach of global norms within the last three years according to our methodology.

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