MSCI ESG Governance Metrics provides institutional investors with corporate governance research and data on over 10,000 public equity issuers and 550+ fixed income issuers worldwide.

**Key features and benefits**

**Comprehensive methodology**
The MSCI ESG Governance Metrics assessment model is based on a set of unique metrics organized into four individual scoring pillars, designed to provide consistency, transparency and structural integrity.

**Unique insights**
MSCI’s governance analysis looks to help investors evaluate governance risks at companies in their portfolios. The assessment starts with an evaluation of the ownership and control structure, and adjusts the scoring of some metrics based on the specific company context.

**Broad coverage**
Corporate governance scores (0-10) and percentile rankings cover over 10,000 global companies. Additional bespoke coverage beyond the standard coverage universe is available upon request.

**Accounting risk metrics**
The accounting pillar evaluates corporate transparency and the reliability of reported financials as an aspect of corporate governance, based on quantitative analysis of approximately 60 underlying forensic accounting ratios.

**Support engagement activities**
Leverage in-depth company profile reports, rankings and underlying governance and accounting metrics to identify governance weaknesses, understand company dynamics and to support an engagement strategy.

**Create watchlists and alert flags**
Portfolio risk assessment tools enable clients to create weighted watchlists to monitor portfolios and receive alerts with rankings changes, news and updates.

**Historical U.S. governance analysis**
Historical U.S. governance data, including management and shareholder proposals and annual meeting results dating back 14 years, are available in ESG Manager; reports show last 3 years across all markets for in-depth trend analysis.

**Features**

- **Report format designed to highlight the issues most relevant to each company, including how they change over time.**
- **More graphics to make it easier to spot important information at a glance.**
- **Adaptable format to highlight regional differences in countries like France, Germany and Japan.**
The MSCI ESG Governance Metrics model is organized into four scoring pillars:

**Board**
Is there misalignment between managers and shareholders?

**Pay**
Are the right compensation incentives in place for executives?

**Ownership and control**
Is there a controlling shareholder or unusual voting rights?

**Accounting**
Do the company’s financial statements properly reflect the state of the business?

**Product overview**

The MSCI ESG Governance Metrics model emphasizes behavior over policy in evaluating key material governance issues at global public companies.

1. **Gather key governance data and company events**
2. **Continuously monitor events and controversies throughout the year**
3. **Evaluate performance against a set of key governance and accounting metrics**
4. **Translate metrics into pillar scores and assessments**
5. **Calculate overall rank and score and provide in-depth supporting analysis**

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