

## **Environmental Social Governance**

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## Agenda

## Questions we will answer

- What is ESG?
- Why do investors care about and how does the investment community value ESG?
- How are companies differentiating themselves with it?
- What are the critical energy components of an ESG plan?
- How would you approach them without disrupting operations or your financial goals?



## What is ESG?

## Examples of ESG factors

#### **Environmental**



- Natural resource use
- Carbon emissions
- Energy efficiency
- Pollution/waste
- Sustainability initiatives

#### Social

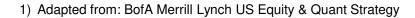


- Workforce health & safety
- Diversity/opportunity policies
- Employee training
- Human rights
- Privacy/data security
- Community programs

#### Governance



- Board independence
- Board diversity
- Shareholder rights
- Management compensation policy
- Business ethics





# Why ESG?

## Strong ESG Outcomes Create Potential Business Value

## Increased revenue growth

- Attracting customers with sustainable products
- Better access to resources

#### Lower costs

Reduced water and energy consumption

## Reduced regulatory costs

Less exposure to environmental risk events

## Investment optimization

- Choosing more sustainable equipment
- Avoiding investments likely to be exposed to long-term environmental issues

48%

of consumers would

"definitely or
probably change
their consumption
habits to reduce
their impact on the
environment"

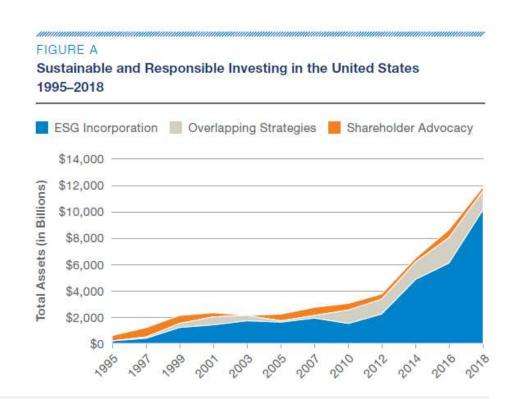




## **Growth of ESG Investing**

Over the past 5 years US investors have become increasingly interested in the ESG profile of companies

- At the start of 2018, about \$12 billion (roughly 26%) of US assets under professional management were managed pursuant to ESG criteria
- ESG issues are now viewed as mainstream. Investors are analyzing material ESG issues in terms of impact to financial value
- Good performance on ESG factors translates into positive financial performance



Between 2016 and 2018, investments in such companies surged with **38% growth** and now total \$12 trillion



<sup>1)</sup> Source: US SIF Foundation report "US Sustainable, Responsible and Impact Investing Trends 2018"

## **SASB Sustainability Framework**

Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("SASB") has published standards, but no government body is mandating standards

#### Environment

- GHG Emissions
- · Air Quality
- · Energy Management
- Water & Wastewater Management
- Waste & Hazardous Materials Management
- Ecological Impacts

## Leadership & Governance

- Business Ethics
- · Competitive Behavior
- Management of the Legal & Regulatory Environment
- Critical Incident Risk Management
- Systemic Risk Management



#### **Business Model & Innovation**

- Product Design & Lifecycle Management
- Business Model Resilience
- Supply Chain Management
- Materials Sourcing & Efficiency
- Physical Impacts of Climate Change

#### Social Capital

- Human Rights & Community Relations
- Customer Privacy
- Data Security
- Access & Affordability
- · Product Quality & Safety
- · Customer Welfare
- Selling Practices & Product Labeling

#### **Human Capital**

- Labor Practices
- Employee Health & Safety
- Employee Engagement, Diversity & Inclusion



<sup>1)</sup> Sustainability Accounting Standards Board

# **ESG Report Highlights**

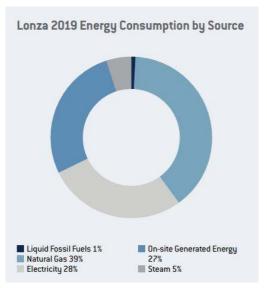
Many companies report their ESG performance and stated goals in a Sustainability Report



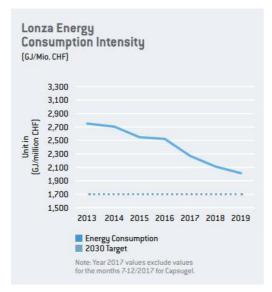


# Environmental • Energy Conservation and Efficiency • GHG Management • Waste and Recycling • Environmental Compliance • Innovation





Diesel	3,787
Fuel Oil	45,650
Gasoline	3,097
LPG	8,081
Natural Gas	4,692,357
Purchased Electricity Non-renewable	2,912,495
Purchased Electricity Renewable	601,620
Renewable Electricity (On-site)	2,758
Self-generated Energy (Waste Processes)	3,377,814
Steam	611,721
Total	12,259,381



1) Lonza Sustainability Report - 2019



## How to Approach the "E" in ESG

Our 4-Step Process



how you compare to your peers and opportunities for improvement customized energy strategies and solutions to meet your objectives your strategy by sourcing the best cost solutions

the outcomes, measuring and verifying reductions



## How to Approach the "E" in ESG

# **ENERGY-RELATED SOLUTIONS** Onsite solar and storage Community solar (group net metering) Grid scale renewable contracts RECs (Renewable Energy Credits) Energy Efficiency (Lighting, HVAC, etc.) Monitoring and insight systems with measurement and verification Demand management **FVs** Sustainable Water



## **Your Team**



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"It's up to me to piece together the right mix of talent, information, services, and options that result in a custom energy strategy that gets the client where they want to be."



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"I've spent the last decade helping customers understand how solar and renewable energy can provide clean, reliable energy while protecting the bottom line. My favorite part of the day is talking with clients and learning about their unique sustainability needs."

