

Results Announced for 2015 Dow Jones Sustainability Indices Review

- Assessment provides insights into business practices of world's largest companies
- Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components industry improved the most, while Life Sciences Tools & Services saw biggest performance decline in terms of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors
- World's largest companies perform best in Code of Conduct / Compliance criteria and struggle most with Operational Eco-Efficiency

NEW YORK and ZURICH, Sep. 10 /CSRwire/ - S&P Dow Jones Indices, one of the world's leading providers of financial market indices, and RobecoSAM, the investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing, today announced the results of the annual Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ("DJSI") review. The three largest additions and deletions (by free-float market capitalization) to the DJSI World this year include:

Additions: Bank of America Corp, Telefonica SA, BHP Billiton Ltd

Deletions: Cisco Systems Inc, PepsiCo Inc, Royal Bank of Canada

The components list for the DJSI will be published on the Sustainability Indices website on Monday, September 14, 2015. All changes are effective on Monday, September 21, 2015.

Launched in 1999, the DJSI World is the first global index to track the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide based on RobecoSAM's analysis of financially material Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors. RobecoSAM invited the world's largest 3,400 companies from developed and emerging markets to take part in its annual Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). This year, RobecoSAM assessed 85% of the invited universe's free float market capitalization, for the DJSI review.

Guido Giese, Head of Indices, RobecoSAM: "Over the years the DJSI index family has not only come to be the gold standard for corporate sustainability but has also become a competitive platform where companies receive recognition for their sustainability practices. The CSA is a state of the art, in-depth sustainability performance assessment methodology. Thanks to its broad reach, the results of the CSA are one of the leading sources of information on how listed companies around the globe are exercising financially material ESG practices. The entire DJSI index family benefits from that."

David Blitzer, Managing Director and Chairman of the Index Committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices: "More and more investors look at companies' environmental policies and track records in making their investment decisions. The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices are comprehensive benchmarks that allow investors to gauge the collective performance of those companies that meet the RobecoSAM standard for corporate sustainability and to formulate global allocations consistent with sustainable investment standards and practices."

The Corporate Sustainability Leaders

RobecoSAM identifies the top scoring company in each of the 24 industry groups (according to GICS). The 2015-2016 Industry Group Leader profiles can be found on the Sustainability Indices website.

Observations from this year's DJSI Review

The CSA consists of over 100 financially material criteria. An analysis of this year's review provides insight into the business practices of the world's largest companies. Listed below are some of the most notable observations from the 2015 Review:

Industry Movers and Shakers

Top three most improved industries relative to last year:

1. Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components (+23.45%)
2. Transportation and Transportation Infrastructure (+18.16%)
3. Homebuilding (+15.3%)

Top three least improved industries relative to last year:

1. Life Sciences Tools & Services (-7.71%)
2. Personal Products (-6.73%)
3. Oil & Gas (-5.95%)

Companies Successfully Implement Codes of Conduct but Struggle with Operational Eco-Efficiency

CSA criteria where companies earned the highest scores:

1. Codes of Conduct / Compliance / Corruption & Bribery
2. Corporate Governance
3. Environmental Policy / Management System

CSA criteria where companies earned the lowest scores:

1. Operational Eco-Efficiency
2. Human Capital Development
3. Corporate Citizenship & Philanthropy

Social Reporting Criterion on a High, Risk and Crisis Management Hit a Low

Most improved CSA criteria relative to last year:

1. Social Reporting
2. Environmental reporting
3. Human Capital Development

Least improved CSA criteria relative to last year:

1. Risk and Crisis Management
2. Talent Attraction & Retention
3. Corporate Governance

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For additional information on the DJSI and the change in its components numbers, please visit: <http://www.sustainability-indices.com/> and <http://www.djindexes.com/sustainability/>.

Additional CSA methodology information:

- Corporate Sustainability Assessment homepage: Download criteria weightings, 2015 criteria changes, Measuring Intangibles brochure, key facts, participation benefits, and more.
- RobecoSAM's Corporate Sustainability Assessment Companion: This document provides general information about the CSA, including terminology.

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About RobecoSAM

Founded in 1995, RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing. It offers asset management, indices, engagement, voting, impact analysis, sustainability assessments, and benchmarking services. Asset management capabilities cater to institutional asset owners and financial intermediaries and cover a range of ESG-integrated investments (in public and private equity), featuring a strong track record in resource efficiency theme strategies. Together with S&P Dow Jones Indices, RobecoSAM publishes the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI). Based on its Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), an annual ESG analysis of 2,900 listed companies, RobecoSAM has compiled one of the world's most comprehensive databases of financially material sustainability information. The data of the CSA is also included in USD 89.8 billion of assets under management by Robeco.

RobecoSAM is a member of the global pure-play asset manager Robeco, which was established in 1929 and is the center of expertise for asset management within the ORIX Corporation. As a reflection of its own commitment to advocating sustainable investment practices, RobecoSAM is a signatory of the UNPRI and a member of Eurosif, ASRIA and Ceres. Approximately 130 professionals work for RobecoSAM, which is headquartered in Zurich. As of March 31, 2015, RobecoSAM had assets under management, advice and/or license in listed and private equity* of approximately USD 10 billion.

Additionally, RobecoSAM's Governance & Active Ownership team** had USD 82 billion of assets under engagement and USD 50 billion of assets under voting.

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