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As sustainable or ESG investing continues to grow, investors require reliable and robust data to understand and report on the social and environmental impacts of their holdings and portfolios. Sustainalytics' Impact Metrics solution provides a broad set of data on impacts associated with companies' products and services, as well as their operations. Our approach to impact is guided by our Impact Framework, which includes six impact themes pictured below aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This report showcases some of our research within the Healthy Ecosystems theme. Healthy Ecosystems as shown in Sustainalytics' Impact Framework is primarily linked to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

SDG 14 - Life below water

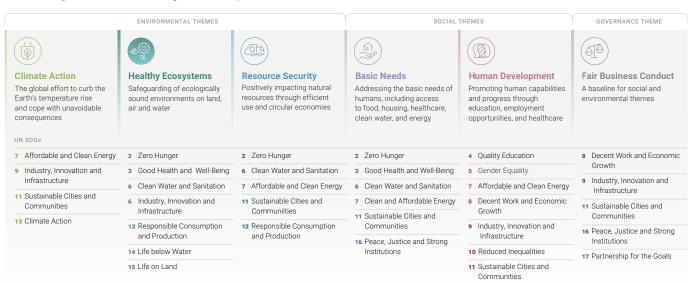
SDG 15 - Life on land

SDG 6 - Clean water & sanitation (With an expanded linkage)

SDG 9 - Industry, innovation & infrastructure

SDG 12 - Responsible consumption and production.

## Morningstar Sustainalytics' Impact Framework



### What is a Healthy Ecosystem?

Sustainalytics' Healthy Ecosystem Impact theme is concerned with safeguarding of ecologically sound environments on land, air and water. While it does not include GHG emissions and water consumption as these are covered under other themes, it does look at the impact of pollution on the environment.

### What is an Impact Metric?

An impact metric is a quantitative measure of an environmental or social outcome attributable to a company's activities. Companies through their activities may cause either direct or indirect, and positive or negative impacts. Every impact metric is either

a useful measure of, or proxy for, measuring a company's impact on at least one of Sustainalytics' Impact Themes and the SDGs.

In this factsheet we will cover Nitrous Oxides (NOx) Emissions, NOx Emission intensity, Sulphur Oxides (SOx) Emissions, SOx Emission intensity and the revenues derived from activities that contribute to Healthy Ecosystems as a % of revenue.

High concentrations of NOx & SOx contribute towards issues such as eutrophication and increased acidity in the environment. At extremely high levels, it can affect human health and contribute to the formation of ecosystem pollutants.

# Impact Metrics for Healthy Ecosystems

NOx Emissions: The volume of NOx emissions from sources owned or controlled by the entity. Unit of measure: Metric Tonnes.

NOx Emissions Intensity: The volume of NOx emissions per Million USD of revenue from sources owned or controlled by the entity.

SOx Emissions: The volume of SOx emissions from sources owned or controlled by the entity. Unit of measure: Metric Tonnes.

### Healthy Ecosystems Percentage of Revenue:

The percentage of an entity's revenue from products and services contributing to Healthy Ecosystems, such as related pollution prevention, treatment and remediation and sustainable agriculture, food production and forestry.

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# What do companies disclose when it comes to Healthy Ecosystems?

 Industrials, Consumer Discretionary, Financials and Materials sectors have the highest levels of company disclosure.

Healthy Ecosystems Metrics	% Reported	Total Sample Size (number of companies)
NOx Emissions	13.4%	11,684
S0x Emissions	12.7%	11,684

Source: Sustainalytics, as of January 2023

# How do companies perform on Healthy Ecosystems?

The analysis provided below is based on the companies that reported the data out of the total sample size. These companies spanned 11 different industries. Below we highlight the key insights we find across the 4 operational metrics

### **NOx & SOx Emissions**

As seen in this graph, two of the top three sectors that emit the highest amounts of NOx emissions also contribute to SOx emissions (Industrials & Utilities).

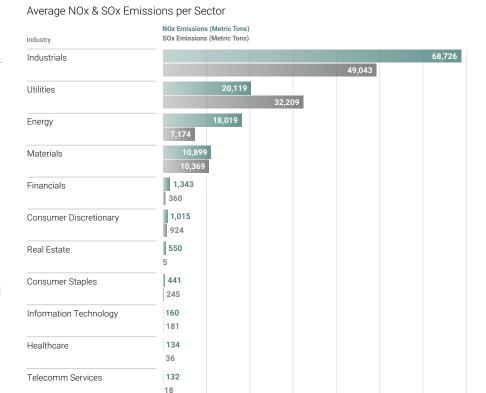
### NOx Emissions:

The top three sectors which report the highest average amount of total NOx emissions are the industrials (68K MTs), Utilities (20K MTs) and Energy (18K MTs) sectors and contribute to 84.4% of the total emissions across all reporting industries.

In contrast, Telecommunication Services (132 MT), Healthcare sectors (134 MT) & Information Technology (160 MTs) contribute the least towards the total NOx emissions.

### SOx Emissions:

The top three sectors which report the highest amount of total SOx emissions are the Industrials (49K MTs), Utilities (32 K MTs) and Materials (10K MTs) sectors. These 3 industries contribute to 94.3% of the total emissions across all reporting industries, while companies across Real Estate (5 MT), Telecommunication Services (17.9 MT) & Healthcare (36 MT), sectors contribute the least towards the total SOx emissions.



Source: Sustainalytics, as of January 2023 Sample size: 1560 (NOx Emissions); 1486 (SOx Emissions) companies 60.000

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# How do companies perform on Healthy Ecosystems? (cont.)

### **NOx & SOx Emissions Intensity**

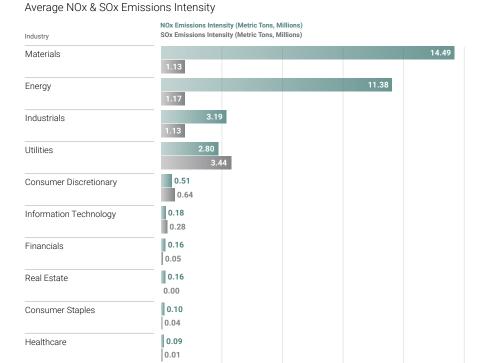
The top three sectors that emit the highest amount of NOX and SOX per US\$ invested vary as seen in the chart to the right.

### NOx Emissions Intensity:

When it comes to total NOx intensities, the Materials (14.5k MT/US\$m), Energy (11.4k MT/US\$m), and Industrials (3.2k MT/US\$m) sectors measure the highest. In contrast, companies across Telecommunication Services (0.04 MT/US\$m), Healthcare (0.09 MT/US\$m) & Consumer Staples (0.1 MT/US\$m) sectors contribute the least towards the total NOx emissions intensity.

### SOx Emissions Intensity:

Regarding total SOx intensities, the Utilities (3.4 MT/US\$m), Energy (1.2 MT/US\$m) and Materials (1.1 MT/US\$m) sectors measure the highest. In contrast, companies across Real Estate (0.002 MT/US\$m), Telecommunication Services (0.004MT/US\$m) & Healthcare (0.01MT/US\$m) sectors contribute the least towards the total SOx emissions intensity.



# How do companies perform on Healthy Ecosystems? (cont.)

Telecomm Services

1339 (SOx Intensity) companies

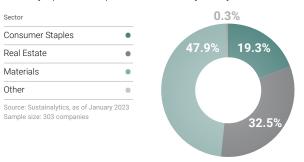
Source: Sustainalytics, as of January 2023 Sample size: 1405 (NOx Intensity);

There are only a few companies (~1%) within our research universe whose business models involve addressing Healthy Ecosystems. The top three sectors which report the highest average amount of revenue derived from products and services contributing to Healthy Ecosystem are the Materials (47.9%), Real Estate (32.5%), and Consumer Staples (19.3%) sectors.

Out of the 303 companies with revenue exposure:

- 11.9% of companies across all sectors generated greater than 75% of their revenue from products and services contributing to Healthy Ecosystem.
- 28% of companies in the Materials sector generated greater than 75% of their revenue from Healthy Ecosystem Services.

### Industry Split of Companies with Healthy Ecosystems Revenue Exposure



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- 8.7% of companies in the Consumer Staples sector generated greater than 75% of their revenue from Healthy Ecosystem Services.
- 1.8% of companies in the Industrials sector generated greater than 75% of their revenue from Healthy Ecosystem Services.
- 9.1% of companies in the Energy sector generated greater than 75% of their revenue from Healthy Ecosystem Services.
- 82.5% of companies across all sectors generated less than 50% of their revenue from products and services contributing to Healthy Ecosystem.

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### How Can These Metrics Be Used?



### Select

Impact and SDG Thematic Investments

Use the metrics to identify companies that have the most impact in terms of emissions as well as intensity. You can also understand which companies in your portfolio contribute the least towards these metrics.



### Manage

Performance Monitoring

Monitor the performance of your holdings in relation to Healthy Ecosystems and air pollution. Determine trends and evaluate performance improvements over time.



### Report

Portfolio Reporting On Impact Data

Report on the Healthy Ecosystems characteristics of your holdings or portfolio, as well as your portfolio's average revenue contribution to Healthy Ecosystems.



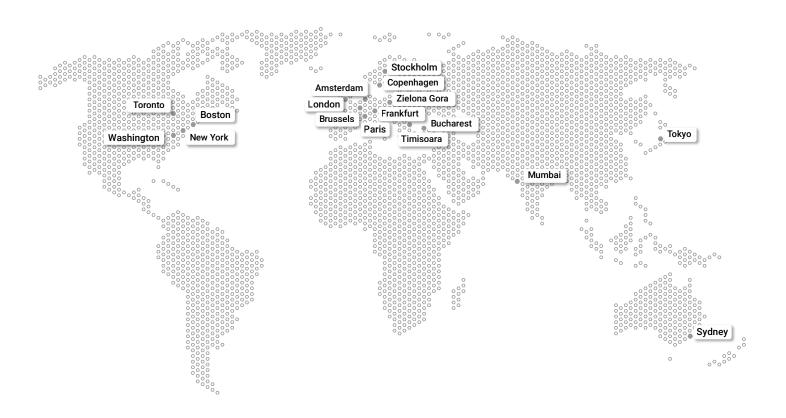
### **Engage**

Stewardship Strategy Development

Differentiate poor or lagging performers from leading companies. Build engagement strategies targeted at improving Healthy Ecosystems impact within poor-performing organizations.

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