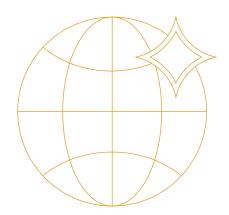


**Sustainalytics** ESG Top Rated Badges 2025





# Introduction to Sustainalytics ESG Top Rated Badges

Every year, Sustainalytics unveils its list of companies that received top ESG Risk Rating scores. The badges recognize ESG leaders across three categories: Global 50 Top Rated, Industry Top Rated, and Regional Top Rated.

A Top-Rated Badge distinguishes companies with strong ESG management from the rest of the pack and is a valuable perk for those with a Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating License. If eligible, licensed companies receive access to a Sustainalytics Top Rated Badge that can be used in company reports, marketing materials, and investor relations packages, as a way to communicate their organization's ESG performance at a glance.

### Benefits of Top Rated Badges:



Attract Investors: Appeal to investors looking to add top ESG performing companies to their portfolios.



**Engage Customers:** Build relationships with consumers who highly value brands that deliver sustainable goods and services.



**Stand Out Among Suppliers:** Leverage your ESG performance to distinguish yourself from the competition.



Reduce Cost of Capital: Academic research shows that superior ESG scores can translate into a significant reduction in the cost of capital.



Improve Recruitment: Attract top talent looking to work in

looking to work in organizations that perform well on ESG metrics.

Recipients of a Sustainalytics Top-Rated Badge can proudly display their badge on a number of different platforms including, websites, email signatures, social media channels, and company reports.

### How Does Sustainalytics Select Its Top Rated Companies?

Sustainalytics releases its list of top-rated companies on an annual basis and unveils the results at year end. The list is based on ESG Risk Rating scores, which indicate to what extent a company is exposed to ESG risks that are not sufficiently managed. Results of the Top Rated Badges lists remain fixed for the following calendar year.

# What ESG Top Rated Badges are Available?

### There are three categories of ESG Top Rated Badges:

#### **GLOBAL 50 TOP RATED:**

The top 50 companies in the Sustainalytics comprehensive ratings universe based on the overall risk ratings score are eligible.

#### **INDUSTRY TOP RATED:**

Companies that strongly outperform\* in their respective industries from the Sustainalytics comprehensive ratings universe are eligible.

#### **REGIONAL TOP RATED:**

Companies that strongly outperform\* in their respective regions from the Sustainalytics comprehensive ratings universe are eligible.



The regions are defined by Sustainalytics as Africa/Middle East, U.S. and Canada, Caribbean and Latin America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific.

\* Strongly Outperform: The 6.7% of companies with the lowest ESG risk score within the defined peer group, except companies with a high or severe risk assessment or category 4 or 5 events. These companies strongly outperform other companies in the peer group.

## Badge Access:

### To access a Sustainalytics Top Rated Badge follow the steps below:

1. Own an ESG Risk Ratings License from Sustainalytics

The ESG Risk Rating License grants the right to use our ratings and badges for external and internal communication.

2. Download Your Top Rated Badge

Download badges from the Sustainalytics Issuer Gateway portal or by emailing issuer relations at:

issuer.relations@sustainalytics.com

3. Share Your Badge

Highlight your achievements and ESG performance by sharing your Sustainalytics Top Rated Badge across a variety of communication channels including press releases, corporate reports, and social media.



## Questions?

For further inquiries regarding Sustainalytics' ESG Top Rated Badges, contact us to connect with our team of experts.

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