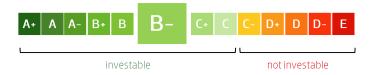


# Vodafone Group PLC (United Kingdom)

## **Company Description**

Vodafone Group operates in the telecommunications sector in Europa and internationally.

#### **EAM-ESG Rating Classification** (Developed Markets)



## ESG – Opportunities & Risks

- Implementation of robust data security programmes
- Far-reaching measures to comply with social and environmental standards in the supply chain
- Comprehensive measures to improve the energy efficiency of data centres and transmission networks
- Extensive measures to improve the return of used telecommunications devices
- Fines in connection with product controversies in recent years (e.g., deceptive advertising)





# **DVB Bank SE** (Germany)

# **Company Description**

DVB Bank SE is a transport financing bank providing services in the field of shipping, aviation, offshore, land transport and similar fields.

## **EAM-ESG Rating Classification** (Developed Markets)



## ESG – Opportunities & Risks

- Industry-leading leadership and employee development programme
- Good risk management systems
- Adequate policies on ethics, corruption and fraud
- Expandable programmes to counteract instability in the financial markets





# Landesbank Baden-Württemberg (Germany)

# **Company Description**

Landesbank Baden-Württemberg operates in the field of financing as well as asset and cash management.

#### **EAM-ESG Rating Classification** (Developed Markets)



## **ESG** – Opportunities & Risks

- Strong commitment to integrate sustainability into the financing and investment areas
- Appropriate policies on responsible marketing and transparent contract design
- Good measures to ensure access to financial services without discrimination
- Existing catalogue of sustainable investment products and services
- No clear measures regarding responsible dealings with clients struggling with loan repayment





# Enagás Financiaciones S.A.U. (Spain)

# **Company Description**

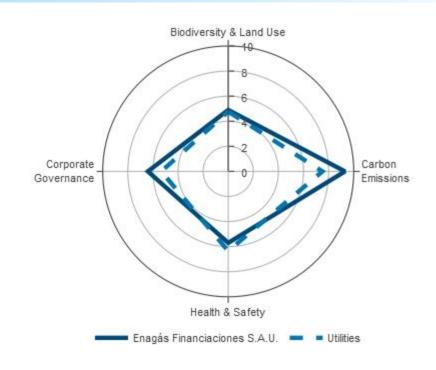
Enagas, S.A. develops, manages and maintains gas infrastructure in Spain and internationally.

#### **EAM-ESG Rating Classification** (Developed Markets)



## **ESG** – Opportunities & Risks

- Good restoration systems for ecosystems affected by the corporate infrastructure and good systems to use natural resources sustainably
- **Company-wide policies on key aspects of social responsibility,** human rights, suppliers, occupational safety and health
- Implementation of a company-wide climate protection strategy that takes into account industry-specific climate risks
- Consideration of sustainability aspects in the performance assessment of executive board members
- Involvement in pipeline project (Trans Adria pipeline) that has been criticised for forced resettlements and insufficient compensation payments





# Mondi Finance PLC (South Africa)

# **Company Description**

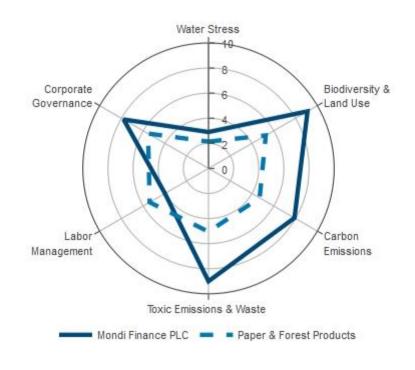
Mondi PLC manufactures and sells packaging and paper products and operates globally.

#### **EAM-ESG Rating Classification** (Developed Markets)



## ESG – Opportunities & Risks

- Good programmes for sustainable procurement (timber, fresh fibers)
- 100% of forest/plantation areas certified by the FSC (Forest Stewardship Council)
- Implemented key elements of a product safety management system
- Decreasing greenhouse gas emissions as well as water and waste intensity in recent years
- No information on bleaching processes aside from the exclusion of elemental chlorine





# What is the EAM-ESG rating?

The EAM-ESG rating is the result of our in-house analysis, which is supported by external research partners. As part of the analysis, the aspects Environment, Social and Governance are reviewed from an ethical perspective as well as from a risk perspective and evaluated sector-specifically.

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