Agilent Technologies Inc leads the Life Sciences Tools & Services industry in SAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment based on its Total Sustainability Score in 2019. This report provides a broad overview of the performance of the Life Sciences Tools & Services industry and the relative positioning of Agilent Technologies Inc at the dimension and criteria level.

Industry Drivers

The life science tools and services industry includes companies developing technologies, instruments and tests that enable scientific and medical progress through research, the development of new medical products, and diagnostic testing and analysis. These companies rely on government spending, academic or private sector R&D budgets, and (to a certain extent) healthcare utilization levels, which makes them sensitive to economic cycles. As a knowledge-intensive industry, its companies depend on a skilled workforce to drive innovation, making human capital management and talent attraction and retention important success factors. Effective client relationship management strategies are also crucial to ensure customer loyalty to established products and technologies and to facilitate the adoption of innovative new technologies. Comprehensive supply chain management strategies that consider environmental and social factors allow companies to minimize the economic, social, and reputational risks associated with their supply chain.

Company Performance

RobecoSAM has selected the most relevant criteria in each sustainability dimension based on their weight in the assessment and their current or expected significance for the industry. The spider chart below visualizes the performance of the industry leader against the best score achieved in each criterion and the median industry score.
Corporate Sustainability Assessment

The SAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) is a comprehensive annual evaluation of companies’ sustainability practices and performance. Every March, RobecoSAM extends invitations to over 3,500 of the largest, listed companies globally to participate in the assessment by completing an in-depth questionnaire. Assessment results are published in September, following the analysis of companies’ submissions complemented by additional research performed by RobecoSAM.

The CSA is one of the longest standing ESG rating methodologies worldwide, dating back to 1999. It assesses companies on the basis of 80 – 120 industry-specific questions across 61 industries focusing on financially material economic, environmental, and social factors that are relevant to companies’ success, but that are under-researched in conventional financial analysis. Every year, the CSA undergoes rigorous methodological review in order to ensure that the most current material sustainability topics, as well as emerging, long-term sustainability themes often of interest to investors are reflected, and companies are challenged on topics that lack disclosure today. The ESG Ratings derived from the CSA are used for the annual rebalancing of the iconic Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), as well as the S&P Dow Jones Indices (S&P DJI) ESG Index family and are made available to investors, researchers, and non-governmental organizations through the S&P DJI and Bloomberg data platforms. The results of the CSA are also used for the creation of the SAM Sustainability Yearbook, one of the most comprehensive annual publications on corporate sustainability. Selected ratings are made available to the general public through the Sustainability Yearbook website: http://yearbook.robecosam.com

Additional Resources

For more information on the CSA and a complete list of all Dow Jones Sustainability Indices constituents visit www.robecosam.com/CSA

Assessed companies can access their own results and benchmark themselves against their peers directly through the online assessment portal.

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