

HSBC Sustainable Structured Investments

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HSBC's Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

HSBC is embracing the catalyzing role its lending activities can play towards the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

HSBC's Sustainable Structured Investments

In November 2017, HSBC introduced a new type of sustainable bond program based on the UNSDGs – the first of its kind offered by a private sector company. The \$100 billion to be raised will be used to help fight climate change, as well as reduce poverty and inequality. The funds will support a range of projects such as building hospitals, schools, small scale renewable energy power plants, LEED certified buildings, and public railway systems.



HSBC SDG Investment: How it works

HSBC has set up the following process to review projects, making sure the proceeds have maximum positive impact.

Project Selection Process



Submitted projects are reviewed by HSBC Group Sustainability, and other teams, to ensure the project adheres to the SDG standard



Reviewed projects, with HSBC Group Sustainability recommendations, are passed to the HSBC Green Bond Committee



The HSBC Green Bond Committee then assesses the project based on: SDG standards and benchmarks; comparison to feasible alternatives; impact effect; intended beneficiaries, and ratifies for inclusion or exclusion from Use of Funds

Use of Proceeds



CLIMATE ACTION



SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES



INDUSTRY INNOVATION



AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY



CLEAN WATER & SANITATION



QUALITY EDUCATION



GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING

HSBC's Innovation

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HSBC has always been focused on creating opportunities for investors. The HSBC 2018 Sustainable Financing and ESG Investing report found that 61.4% of investors globally have an ESG strategy. In order to meet the needs of our clients, HSBC is aggressively innovating products and services to enable investors of every level to take part in this new opportunity.

The long-term strategy behind sustainable investing

Beyond the Socially Conscious priority, many investors are applying ESG considerations to their portfolios because of long-term risks. These risk issues include climate change, avoiding companies that could experience crisis related to environmental concerns, as well as avoiding companies with potentially more reputational risk.



Sustainable Investing by the numbers*



Societal good

63% of investors said they wanted to have an impact on society, or supporting stricter regulations to help others.



Long-term risk

54% of investors who are interested in applying Environmental, Social and Governance to their investments are motivated by long-term risks.



Performance

44% of asset owners answered that expectation of better performance was a factor their sustainable investment strategies.



Regulatory requirements

13% of investors responded that they were considering applying ESG to investments in part based on regulatory requirements.

HSBC: Leading the industry in ESG innovation



#1 World's Best Bank for Sustainable Finance
Euromoney 2019



#1 SRI and Integrated Climate Change Research
Extel 2019



#1 Dealogic Sustainability Bond League Table
Dealogic 2019



#1 on Global Green Bonds league table
Dealogic July 2019



#1 Climate Change research team for 5 consecutive years
Extel 2018

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*Source: Source: Smart Beta 2018 Global Survey Findings from 185 asset owners, FTSE Russell, June 2018

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