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Company Information

Country: United States

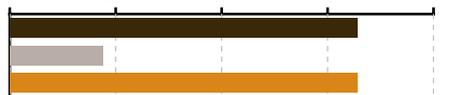
Index market cap*: 114,904

*USD millions

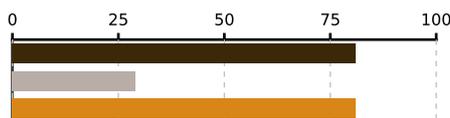
Source: S&P Global BMI, 31 July 2018

2018 Assessment Results

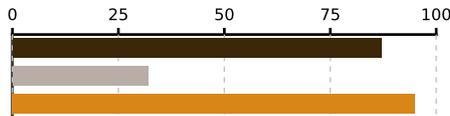
Total Scores



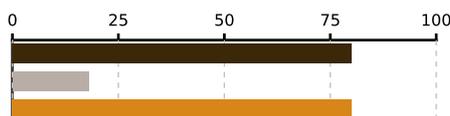
Economic Dimension



Environmental Dimension



Social Dimension



Legend: Industry best score (orange), Industry median score (grey), Abbott Laboratories (black)

Industry Overview	Maximum Score	Median Score
Total	82	22
Economic Dimension	81	29
Environmental Dimension	95	32
Social Dimension	80	18

DJSI World	Maximum Score	Median Score
Total	82	71
Economic Dimension	81	71
Environmental Dimension	95	85
Social Dimension	80	73

Abbott Laboratories leads the Health Care Equipment & Supplies industry in RobecoSAM's Corporate Sustainability Assessment based on its Total Sustainability Score in 2018. This report provides a broad overview of the performance of the Health Care Equipment & Supplies industry and the relative positioning of Abbott Laboratories at the dimension and criteria level.

Industry Drivers

The health care equipment and supplies industry develops medical products such as orthopedic implants and cardiovascular devices, as well as medical supplies and instruments critical to improving patients' quality of life. Product quality, safety and collaboration with stakeholders are critical for ensuring the successful marketing of products and to maintaining a company's license to operate. While government budget constraints and health care reforms have affected pricing, reimbursement and utilization, efforts to broaden health care coverage in the U.S. and emerging markets coupled with rising income levels have created new growth opportunities for the industry. Sustainable companies in this sector focus on developing innovative and highly differentiated products and on demonstrating their products' clinical and economic benefits. Moreover, they adopt consistent, value- and stakeholder-oriented corporate strategies and governance systems based on effective human and intellectual capital management and transparent reporting frameworks.

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.



Legend: Industry best score (orange), Industry average score (grey), Abbott Laboratories (black)

Corporate Sustainability Assessment

The RobecoSAM 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.

RobecoSAM's CSA is one of the longest standing ESG rating methodologies worldwide, dating back to 1999. The CSA assesses companies on the basis of 80 – 120 industry-specific questions across 60 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 results of the CSA are used for the annual rebalancing of the iconic Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) and are made available to investors, researchers, and non-governmental organizations through the Bloomberg Professional platform. The results of the CSA are also used for the creation of the RobecoSAM Sustainability Yearbook, one of the most comprehensive annual publications on corporate sustainability.

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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