

2024

EXECUTIVE TEAM SURVEYS

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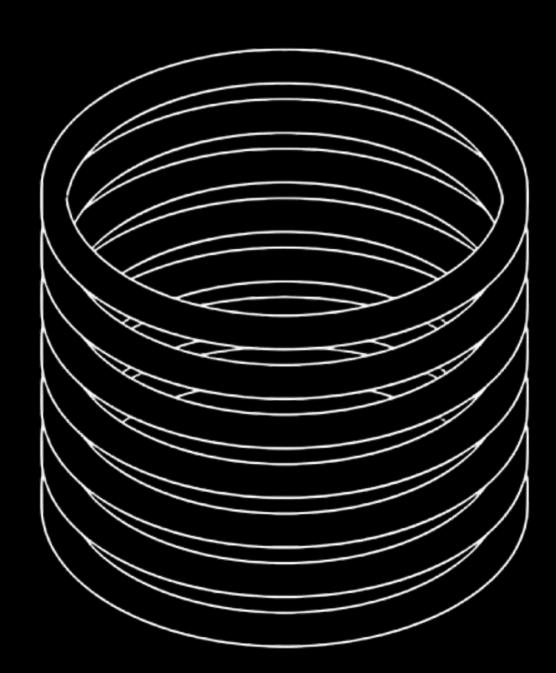




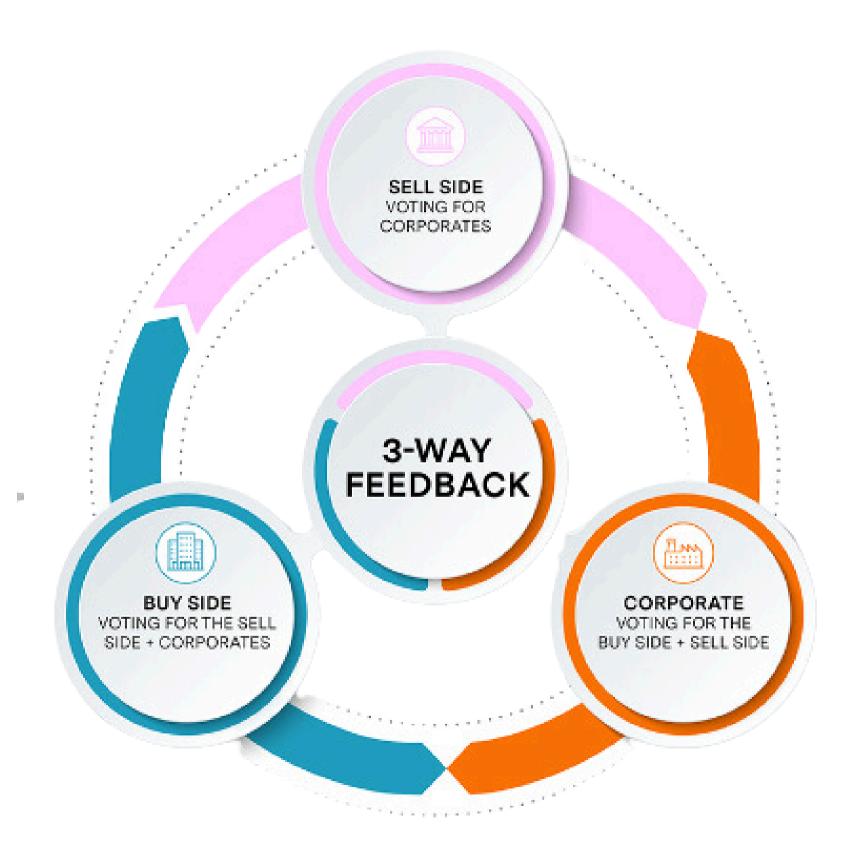
Setting the Global Industry Standard for Independent Performance Evaluation

Our History

Transforming decision-making for over 50 years, Extel delivers cutting-edge insights and independent data that spotlight industry leaders across global buy side, sell side and Corporate IR/Executive Management teams. Dive deep into global trends, best practices and competitive benchmarks to unlock actionable intelligence and drive strategic success.







About Us

- UNIQUE ACCESS TO GLOBAL PROFESSIONALS NETWORK
- ROBUST & PROVEN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
- INDEPENDENT PERCEPTION & BENCHMARK ANALYSIS
- 3-WAY FEEDBACK LOOP
- INDUSTRY BENCHMARK



Testimonials

"Extel survey results keep us in check in Investor Relations as we know our ground with respect to other IR teams and will help us to position ourselves".

Head of IR, Blue-Chip Metals & Mining, EMEA

"Extel research and ranking is an external audit for our IR work".

Head of IR, Blue-hip Pharmaceutical, Europe

"Extel research and ranking is a very objective, independent, and meritocratic third party evaluation of our daily job at Investor Relations and allows the market to give feedback in a confidential way.",

Head of IR, Blue-Chip Bank, Europe

"Extel results contribute to the permanent feedback we collect from our investor community and help us understand if they have all the information they need."

Head of IR, Blue-Chip Aerospace & Defence, Europe

"External recognition from our customers, analysts and investors is exceptionally important to us and the Extel awards are the gold standard in terms of getting that feedback. We analyse carefully both positive feedback and, of course, constructive criticism from our shareholders and the investor and analyst community more generally with a view that we should always be improving our communications in an open and transparent way."

Head of IR, Blue-Chip Bank, UK

"External and independent feedback, as it is the case of the II awards, is extremely important to us, and really drives us to keep improving year after year."

Head of IR, Paper & Packaging, Europe



3 Goals

INVESTOR PERCEPTION

- Independent qualitative and quantitative perception of buy-side/sell side
- Actionable insights for IR and Executive Management activities
- Perception Analysis segmented by demographic/geographic stakeholders

COMPETITOR
INTELLIGENCE & IR
BEST PRACTICES

- Track annual, independent assessment of IR/C-Suite performance
- Perform peer benchmarking analysis across 20+ metrics
- Identify Best-in-class performance across sector/regional peers for IR

PARTNER SOURCING

- Develop sell-side and corporate access engagement strategy
 - Identify top research providers and sell-side analysts
 - Determine the leading corporate access providers
 - Evaluate the most impactful conferences



Methodology



TARGET UNIVERSE

- VOTER UNIVERSE
 - Fully vetted & verified voters
 - Up-to- date, proprietary database
 - Leading global market players
- **ELIGIBILITY**:
 - Voter coverage universe
 - Buy & Sell-Side equity professionals
 - All listed companies on stock exchange domiciled in survey region



VOTING PROCESS

- CORPORATE INSIGHTS SURVEY
 - Verify/Add/Delete company details
 - Complete trends questions
 - Rank buy-side and sell-side firms/analysts
 - One submission per IR team only
- BUY-/SELL-SIDE SURVEY
 - Independently conducted
 - 4-5 Research week cycle
 - NO pre-selected company lists
 - Unlimited company nominations
 - Max. 5 IROs per company can be rated



RESULTS

- VOTING
 - Ratings from 1-5 points (avg -excellent)
 - Sum of points/total points = % score
 - NO WEIGHTING on voter size/ranking
- OUTPUT:
 - By demographic/geography groups
 - By Sector/Country/Market Cap peers
 - Full benchmark perception analysis
 - Full list of participating firms
 - Top Research/Corporate access teams
 - IR Trends by Sector/Country

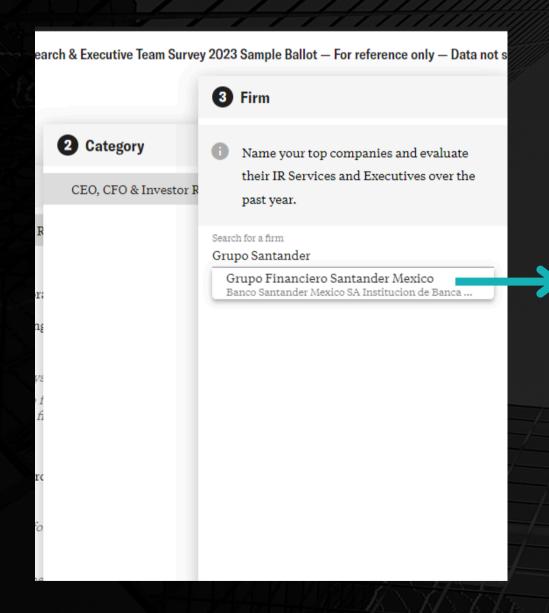


Voting Categories

IR & EXECUTIVE TEAM							
CEO	CFO		BOARD OF DIRECTORS	IR PROFESSIONAL			
LEADERSHIPCOMMUNICATIONCREDIBILITY	 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL ALLOCATION COMMUNICATION 	• STE	RSITY & COMPOSITION WARDSHIP & STRATEGY URE & BOARD REFRESHMENT				
IR PROGRAM FUNCTIONS							
	INVESTOR/ANALYST DAY						
 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE QUALITY & RELEVANCE GRANULARITY CONSISTENCY 	 SERVICES & COMMUNICATION BUSINESS & MARKET KNOWLEDG PRODUCTIVITY OF MEETINGS QUALITY OF EARNINGS CALLS IR CREDIBILITY & AUTHORITY RESPONSIVENESS 	E	 MATERIAL DISCL METRICS ENGAGEMENT CORPORATE STRATEGY 				



Voting Platform



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Business & Mark	et Knowledge		* * * * *	
IR Team Authori	ity & Credibility		* * * * *	
Responsiveness			* * * * *	
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Company Board	of Directors		****	
Positive Comments		Constructive Comments		
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	Investor Rela	ntions Officer		
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	Search for IROs by first name	or last name		
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Positive Comments		Constructive Comments		
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Buy-Sell-Side voters rate each voting area and underlying attributes from 1-5 (average-excellent)

CEO (or C	CEO equivalent)						
Please rate the CEO on the following attributes from 1 (average) to 5 (excellent)							
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Leadership	* * * * *						
Credibility	***						
Communication	* * * * *						
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CFO (or 0	CFO equivalent)						
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Financial Stewardship	* * * * *						
Capital Allocation	* * * * *						
Communication	* * * * *						
Positive Comments	Constructive Comments						

Buy-/Sell-side professionals must name the IRO they wish to assess and rate. NO PRE-DETERMINED LIST

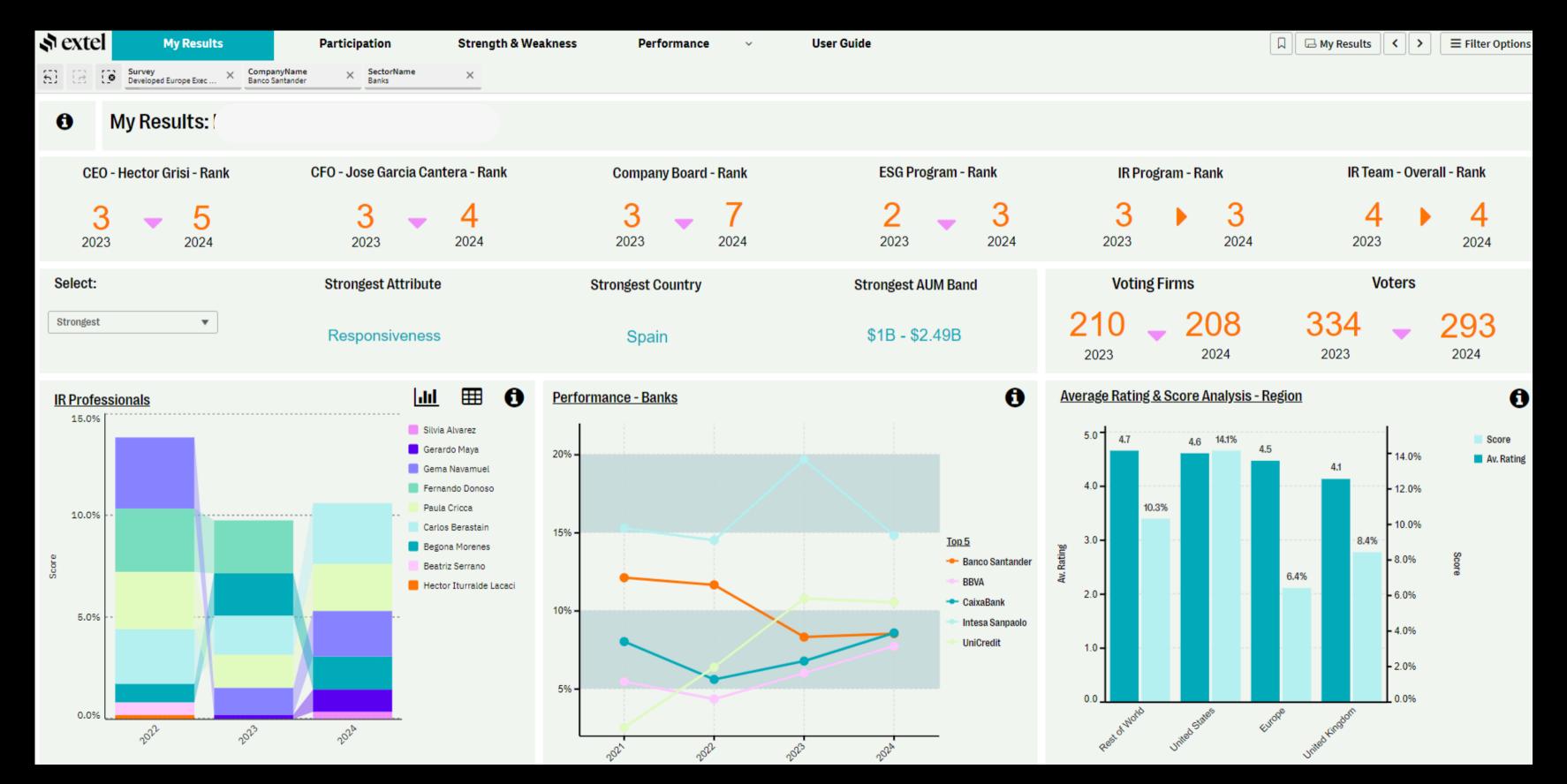
CEO and CFO

names are pre

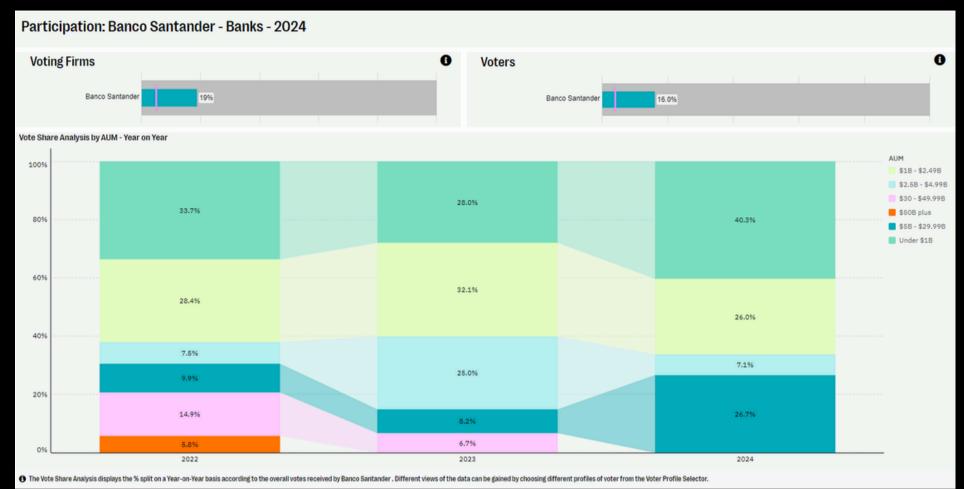
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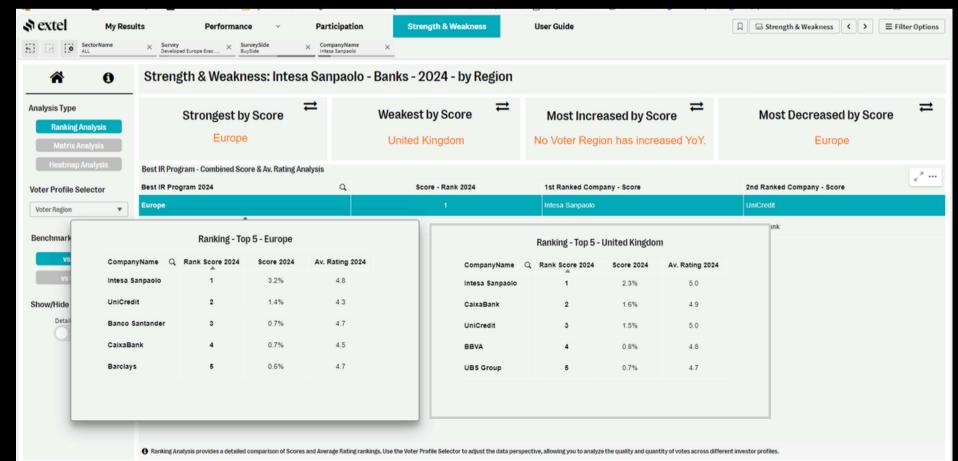


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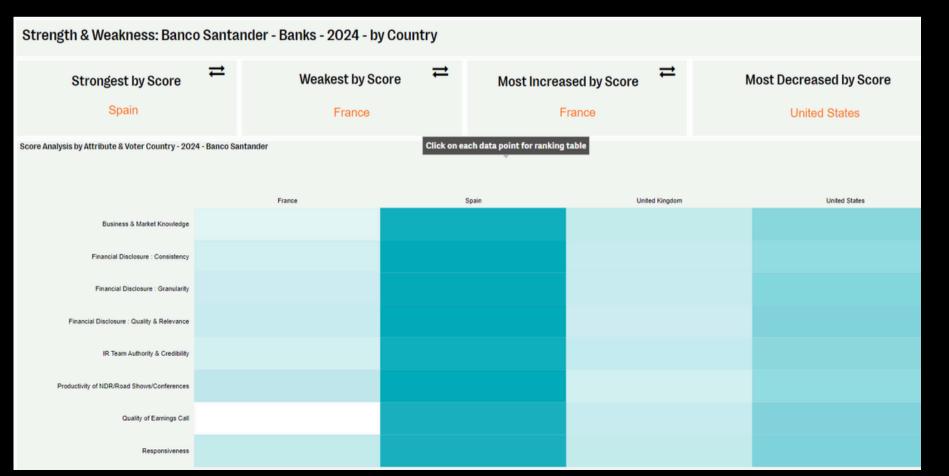








Impact analysis by demographic groups





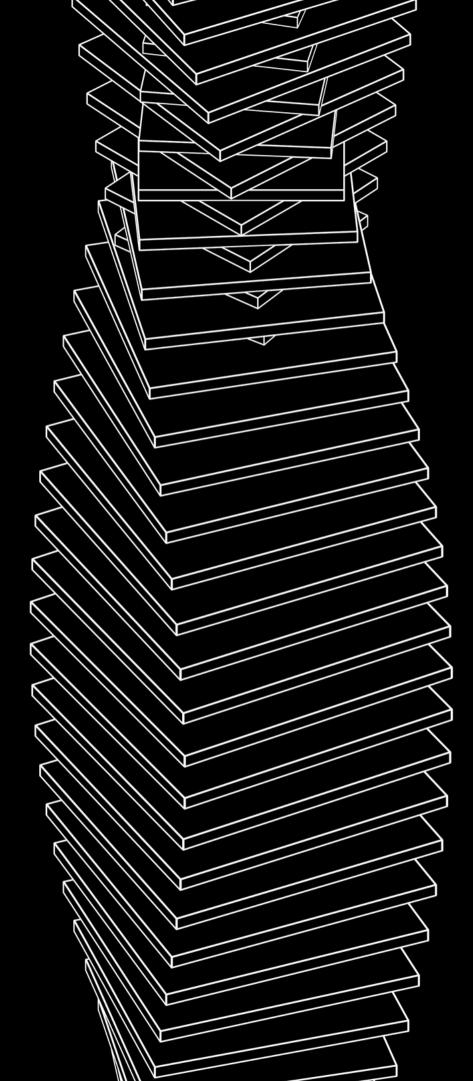
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Performance Analyzer: Banks																
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UniCredit	2 >	10.0% 👻	2 ->	9.4% 🔻	2 😝	9.3% ×	2 🔸	10.8% 👻	2 >	10.2% 🔻	2 🔸	10.3% 🔺	2 🔸	10.3% 🔺	2 🔸	10.6% 🔺
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UBS Group	7 🔸	4.3% 🔺	7 >	4.6% *	7 🔸	4.5% ^	7 →	4.8% 🔺	7 🛧	4.5% ♠	7 🛧	3.7% ⊌	7 🔸	3.6% ∀	7 🔸	3.6% ∀
Banco de Sabadell	8 🛧	3.2% *	8 🛧	3.1% *	8 ^	3.3% *	8 🛧	3.2% 🔺	8 🛧	3.4% *	9 🛧	3.0% *	9 🛧	3.0% *	8 🛧	3.0% *
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Voting Firms Votes Share Analysis by Voter Country These Sanpaolo Sector Average 40.0% 40.0% 20.0% 47.5% 40.0% 47.5% 48.6% 40.0% 48.6% 40.0% 40

Peer benchmarking by demographic group



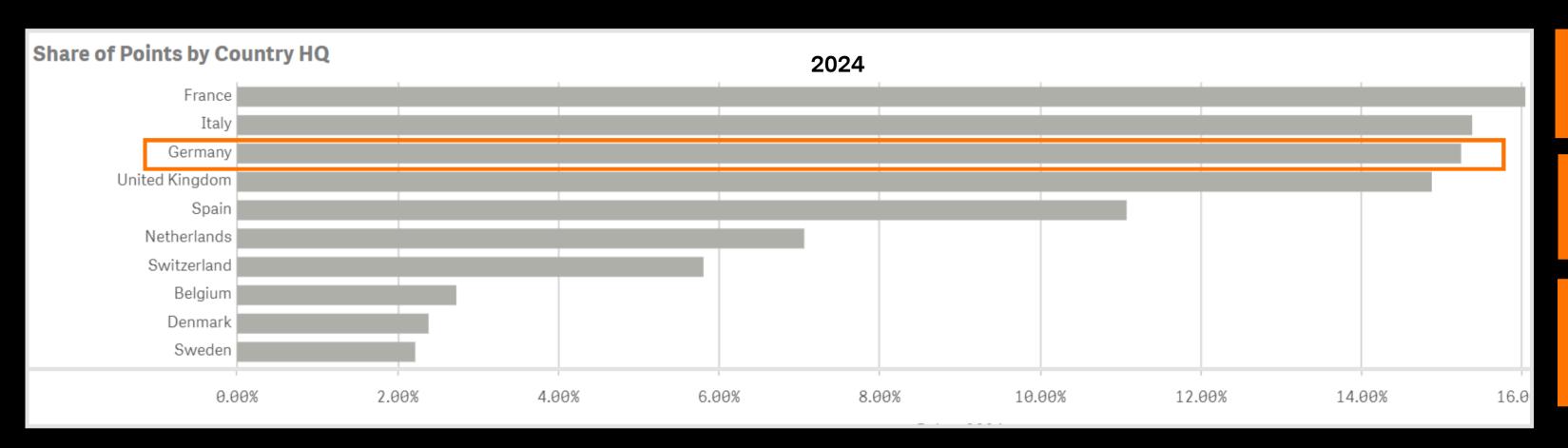


Survey Statistics & Trends - Germany

Developed Europe Executive Team



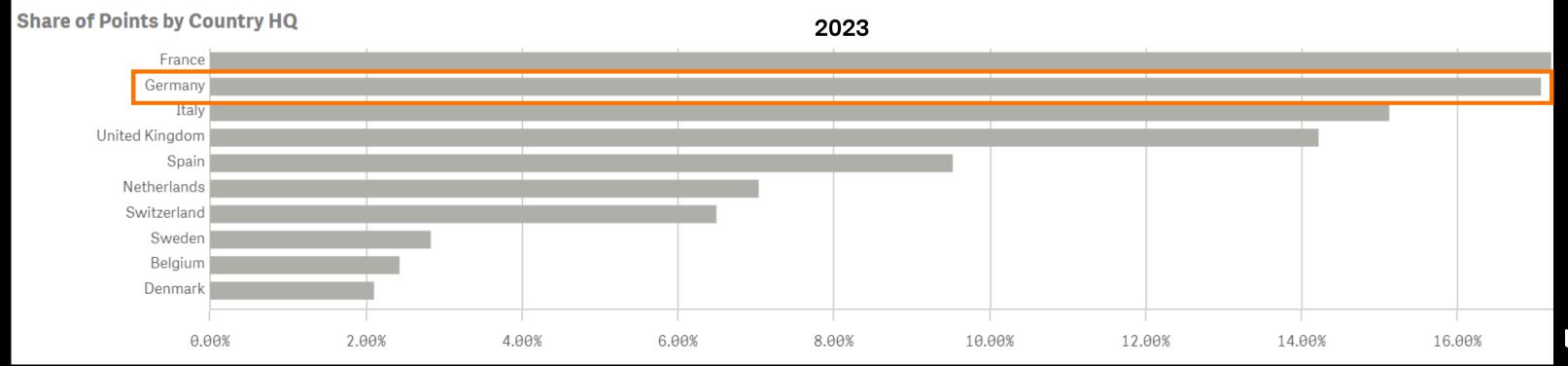
German Companies



146 nom. companies: -3%

402 nom. individuals: -5%

522 Voters: +10%

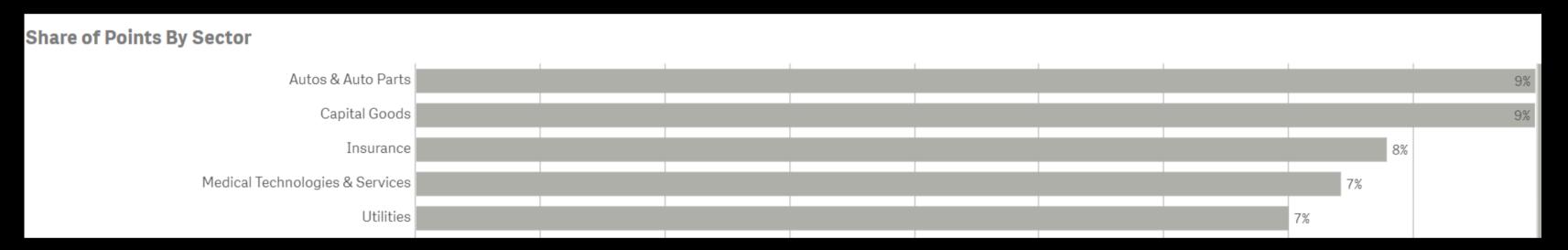




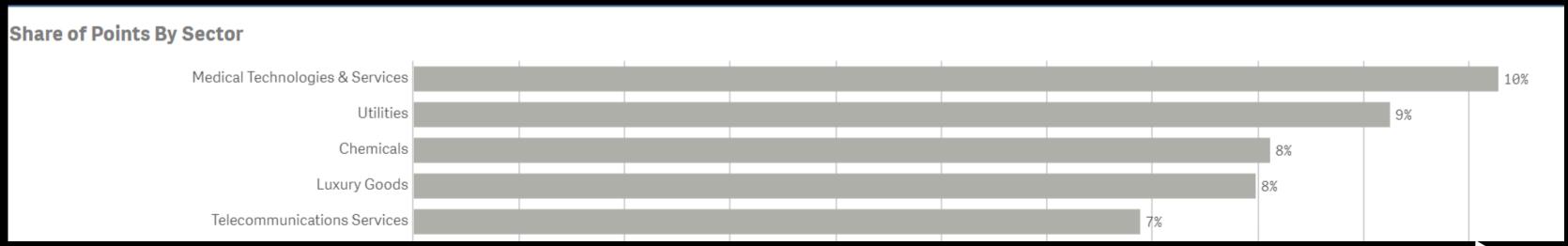
Industry focus - highest rated sector

The following point share analysis shows the percentage distribution of points assigned by buy and sell side professional to various sectorial equity assets. This point allocation (ratings from 1 to 5; see methodology on page 6) directly reflects investors' experiences and serves as a qualitative assessment of the IR activities of companies in each sector. A higher percentage indicates that companies in the respective sectors have received more positive ratings collectively. Conversely, a lower percentage indicates lower traction and less favorable assessments from investment professionals on buy and sell side.

Buy side focus

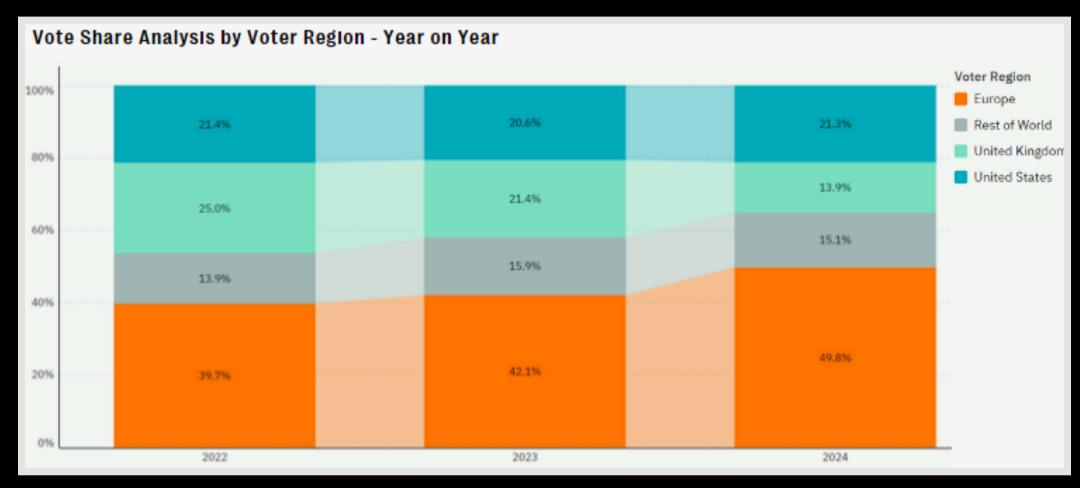


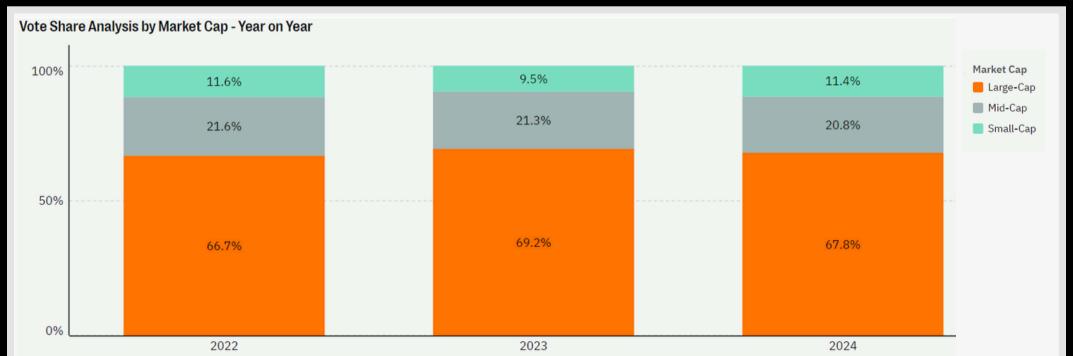
Sell side focus





Investor exposure





The vote share analysis illustrates the percentage distribution of points (ratings from 1 to 5; see methodology on page 6) on a year-over-year basis, based on the total votes received.

The first chart presents a year-on-year vote analysis of German companies categorized by investor region (where investors are located).

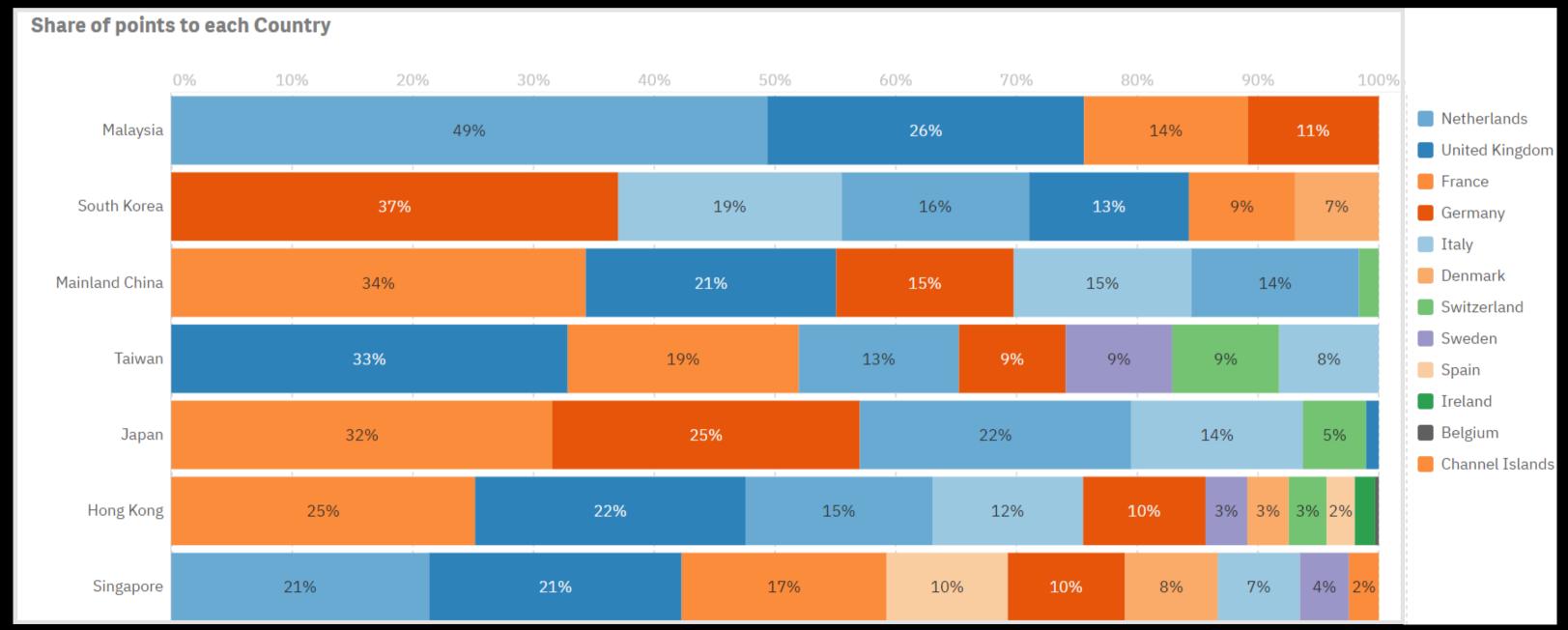
The second chart highlights the percentage of votes received by German companies across various market segments from buyside professionals worldwide.

A higher (increasing) percentage indicates that companies in the respective demographic groupings have received more positive ratings collectively. Conversely, a lower (decreasing) percentage indicates lower traction and less favorable assessments from investment professionals on the buy side.



Investor exposure - Asia

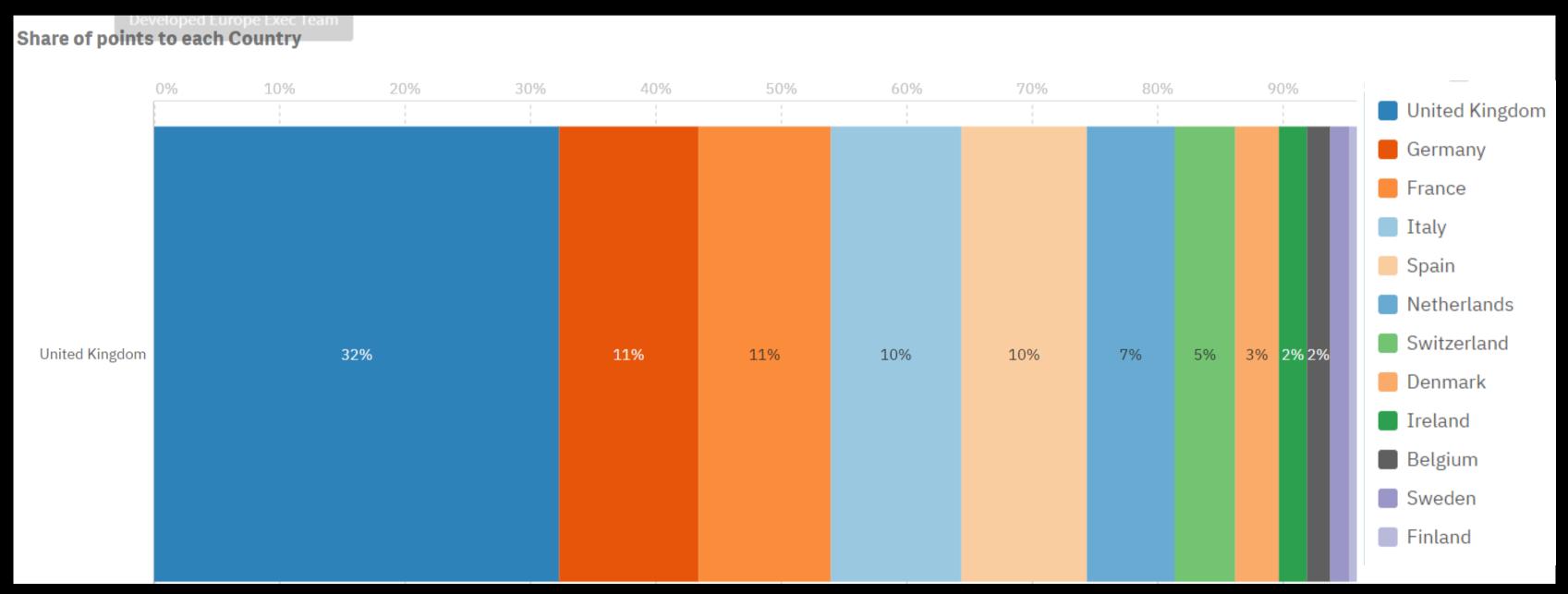
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Investor exposure - U.K.

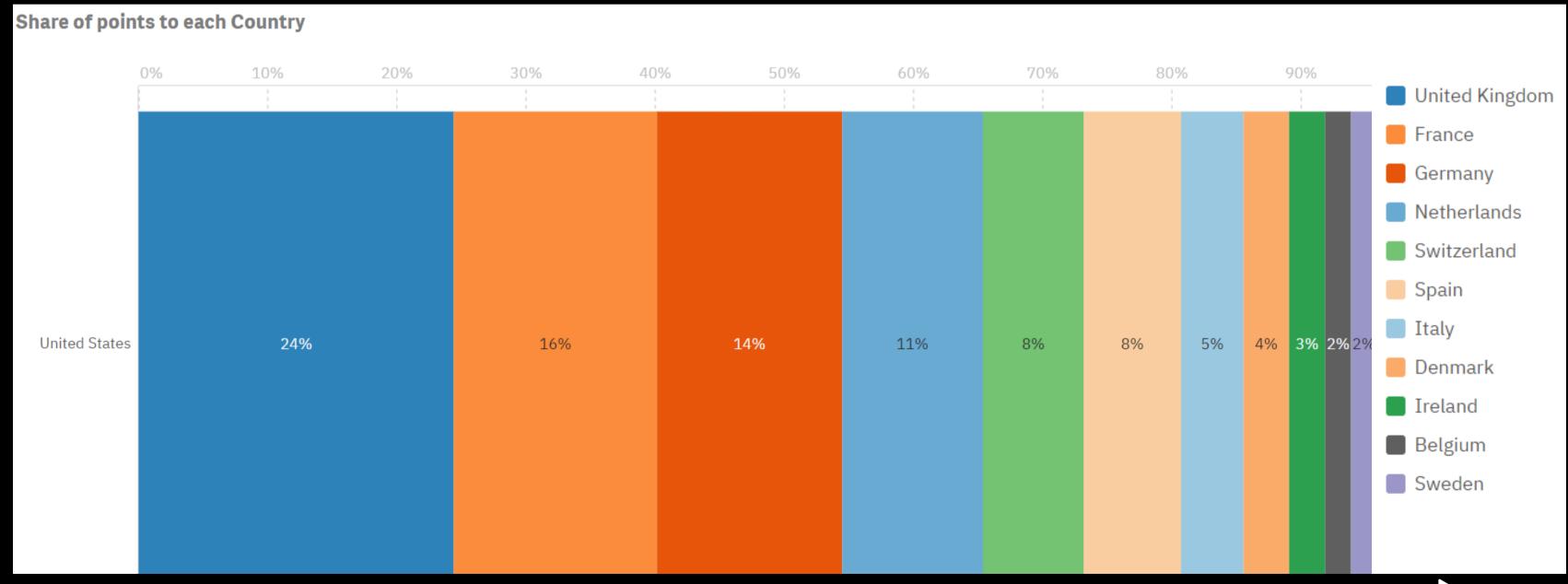
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Investor exposure - U.S.

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IR Trends and Best Practices

a regional comparison

Biggest challenges in IR - Germany

Macroeconomic/geo-political env	ESG requirements	Regulatory De	
		Targeting	
Budget/lack of resources	Sell-side (consensus cov	Equity Story	



Top IR priorities 2025 - Germany

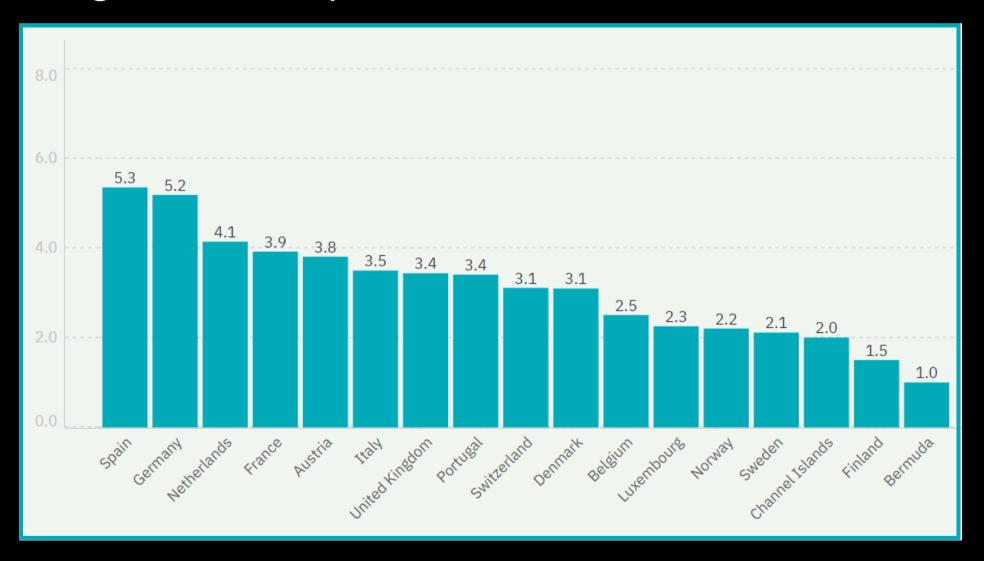
Investor events Targeting capabilities Al capabilities **ESG** efforts/activities Increase market engagement **Feedback**



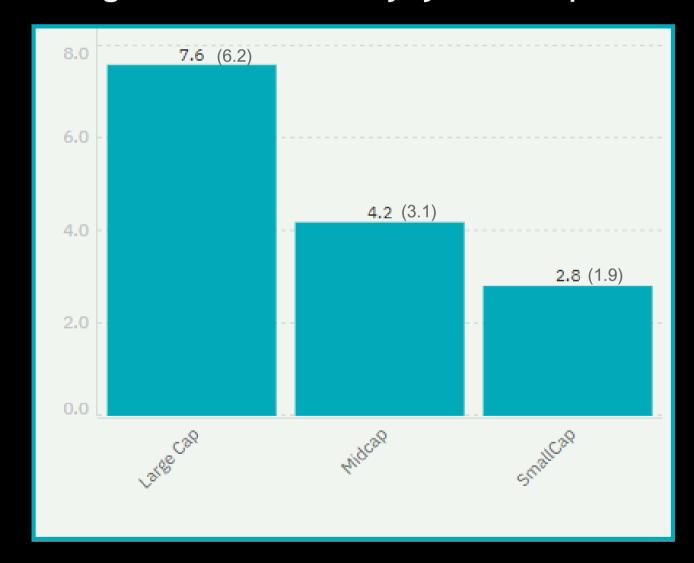
IR Team Structure & Background

German Corporates increase IR teams

Average team size - Europe



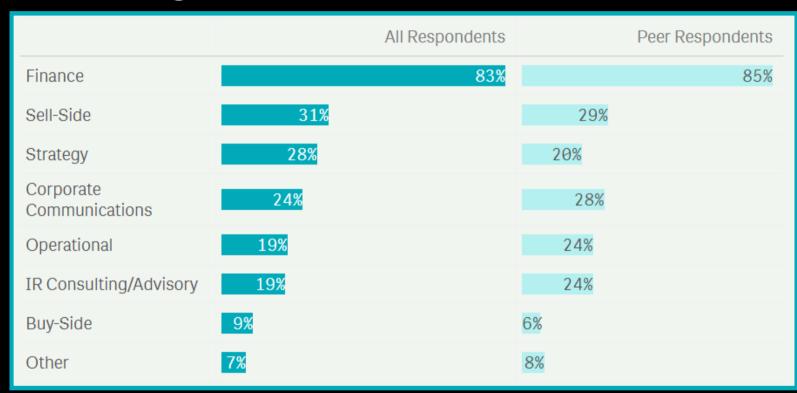
Average team size - Germany by Market cap





IR Team Structure & Background

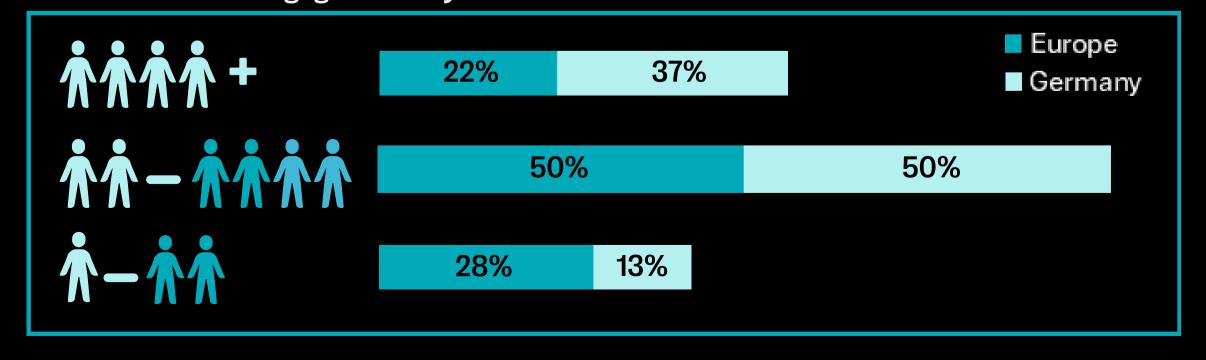
IR team background mix



77% of German
Heads of IR have
more than 10 years
IR experience

61% of German
companies have 1-2
Corporate Access
People
16% have more than 3

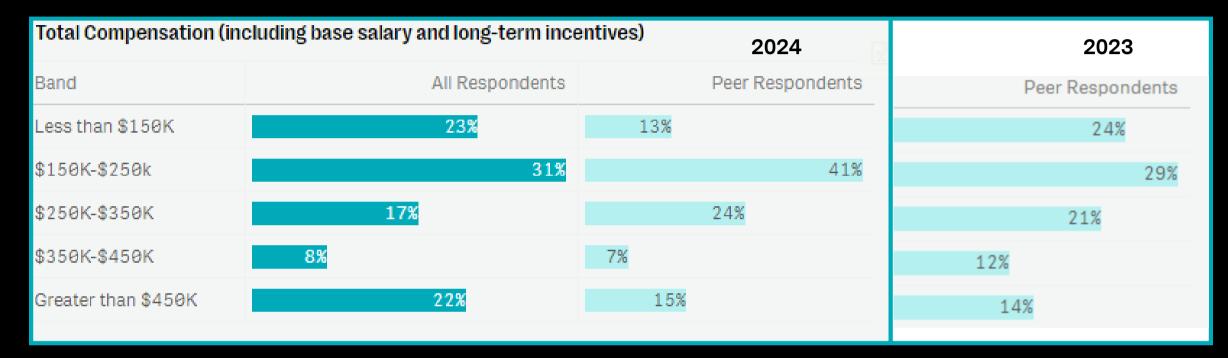
IR team members engage with buy and sell-side



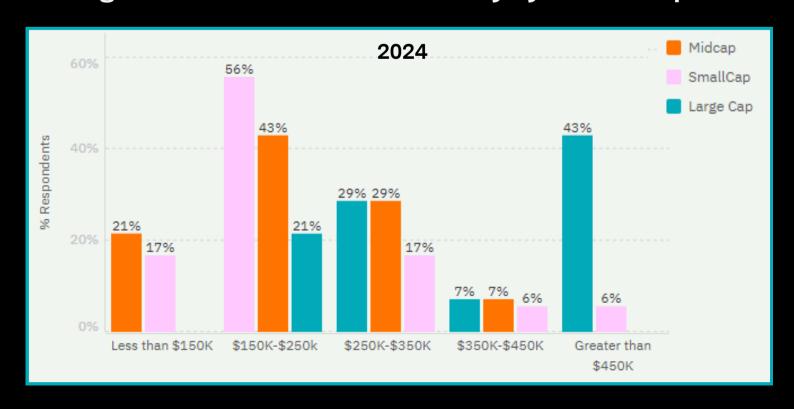


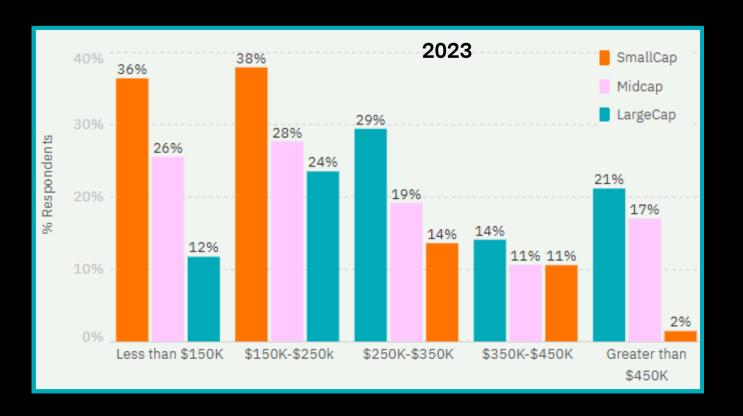
IR Team Remuneration & Budget

Average remuneration - Europe vs Germany



Average remuneration size - Germany by Market cap

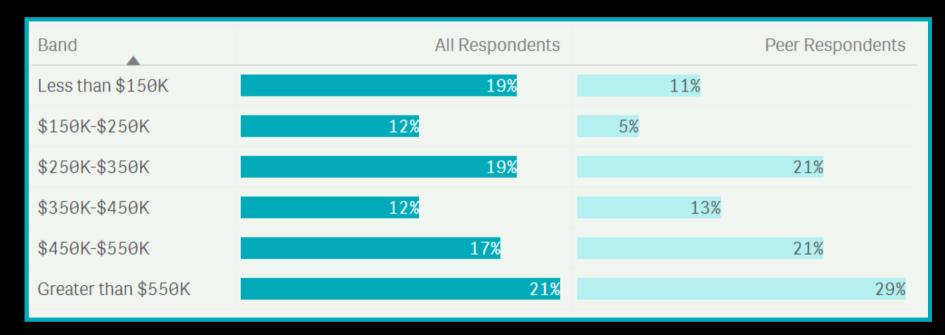






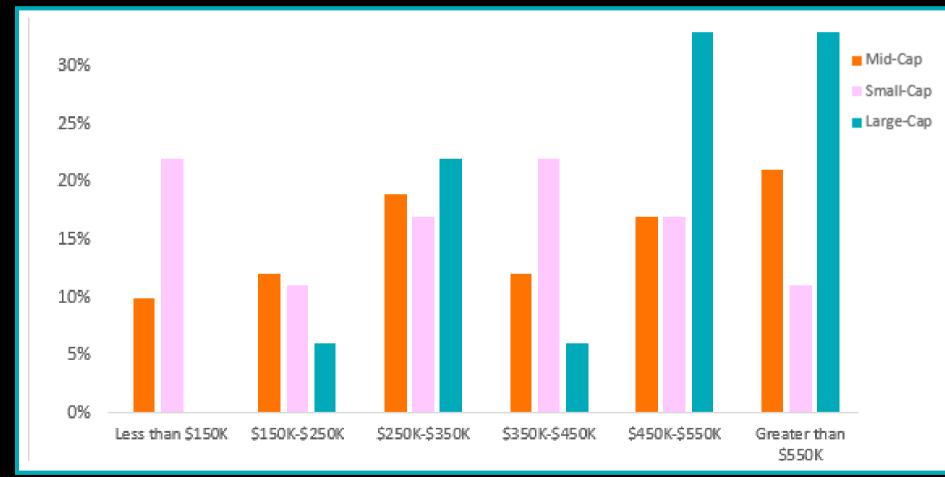
IR Team Remuneration & Budget

Average Operational IR Budget - Europe vs Germany



■ Europe ■ Germany

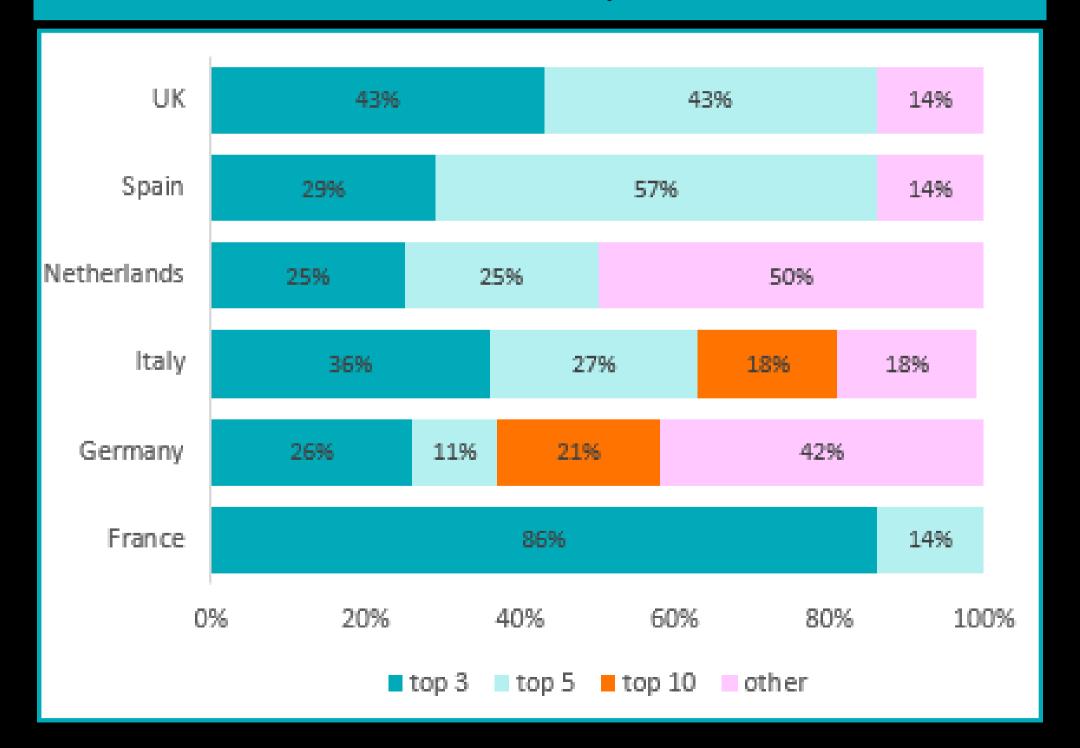
Operational IR Budget - Germany by Market cap





How does Europe measure IR?

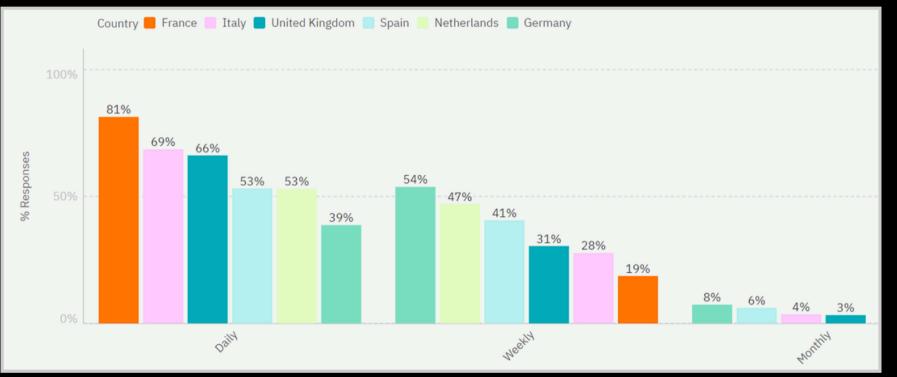
European firms monitor the annual Extel ranking analysis to assess the effectiveness of their IR performance.



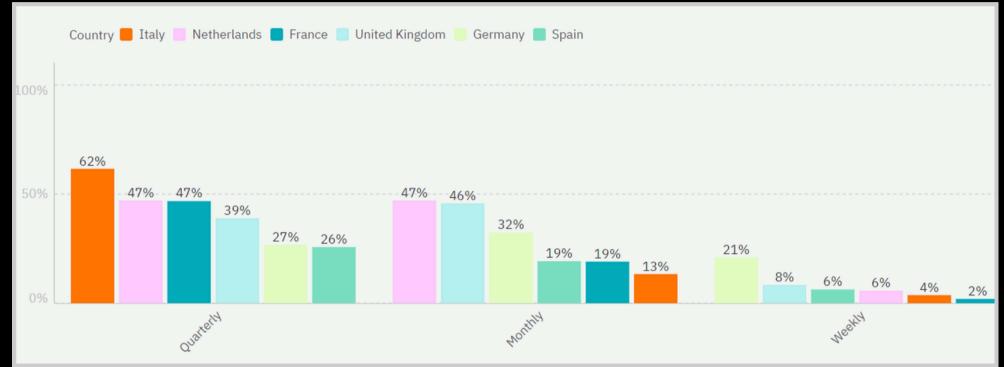


Internal stakeholder management

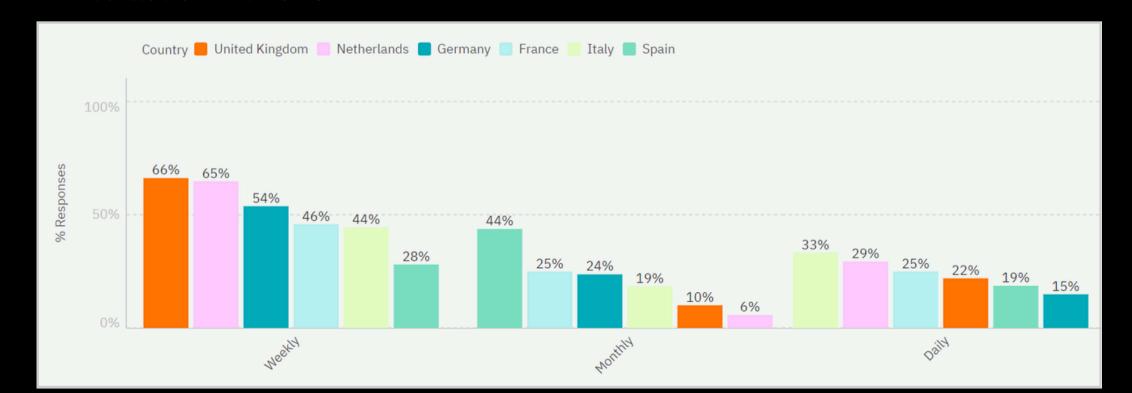
IR Interaction with CFO



IR Interaction with the Board

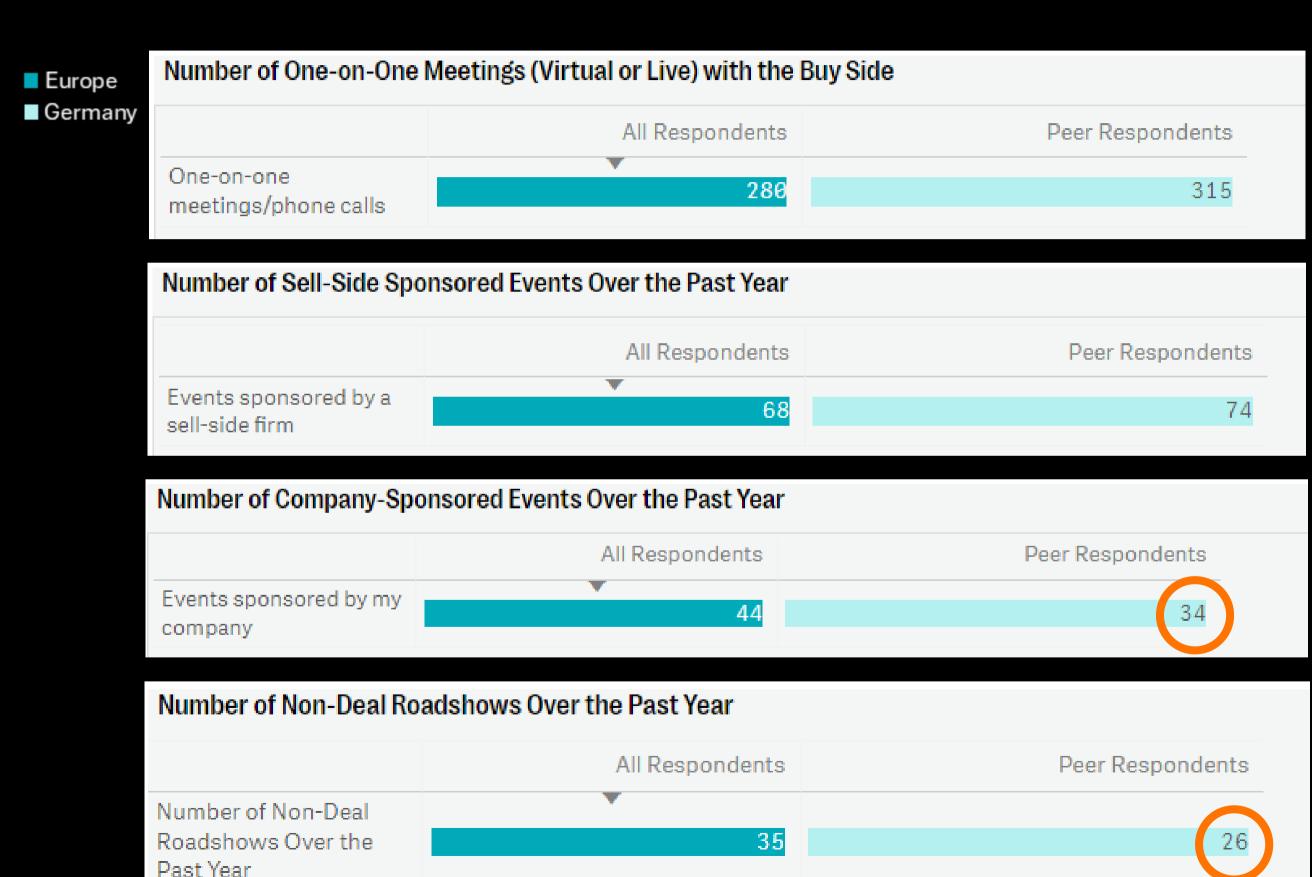


IR Interaction with CEO





Investor interaction



72% of
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companies
increased
number of
unique
meetings

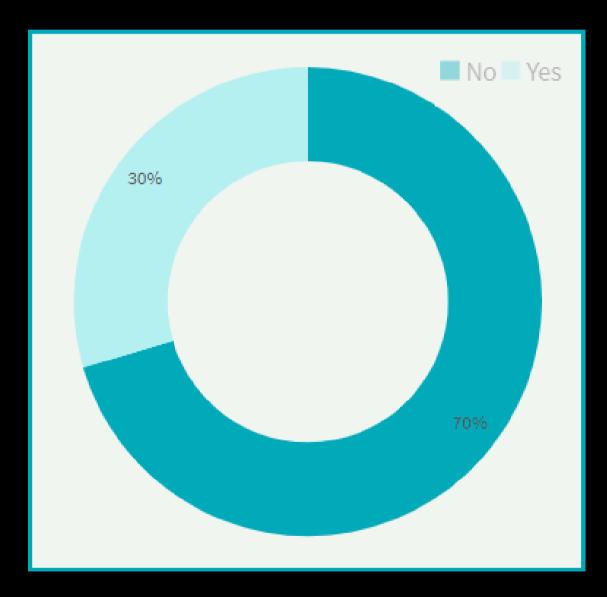
24% of German companies targeted new markets



All things ESG

Additional staff to address growing ESG requirements

- Germany







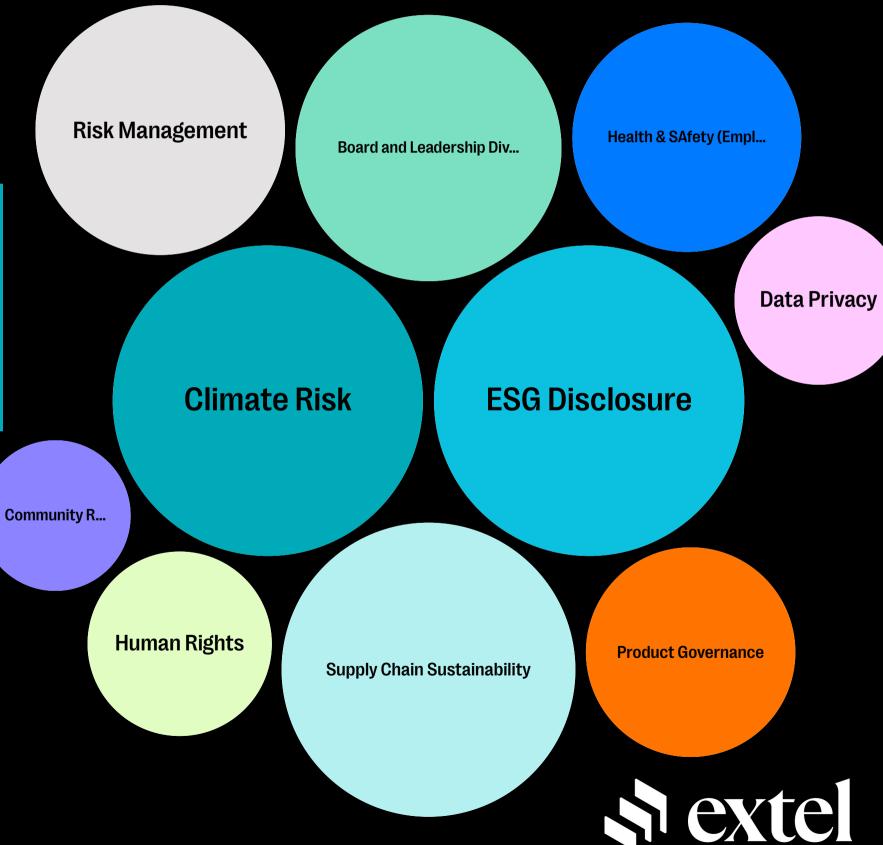


Most pressing ESG topics - Germany

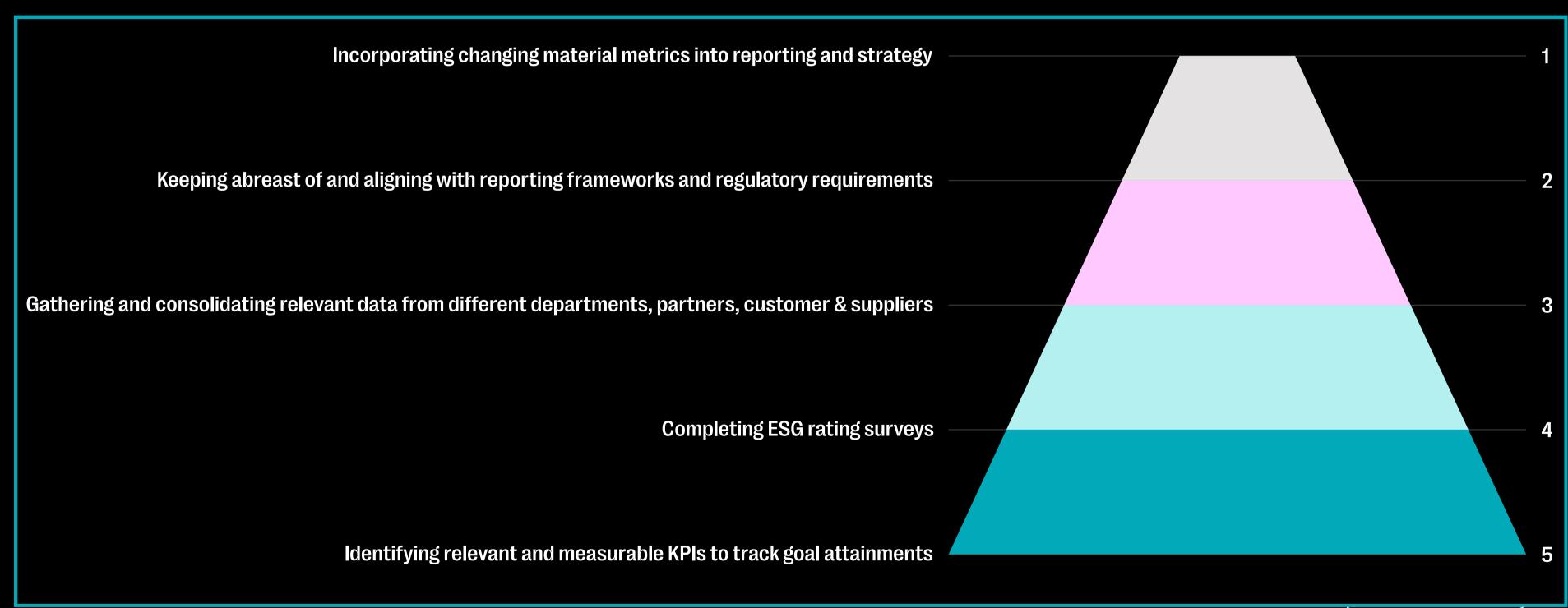




■ Germany



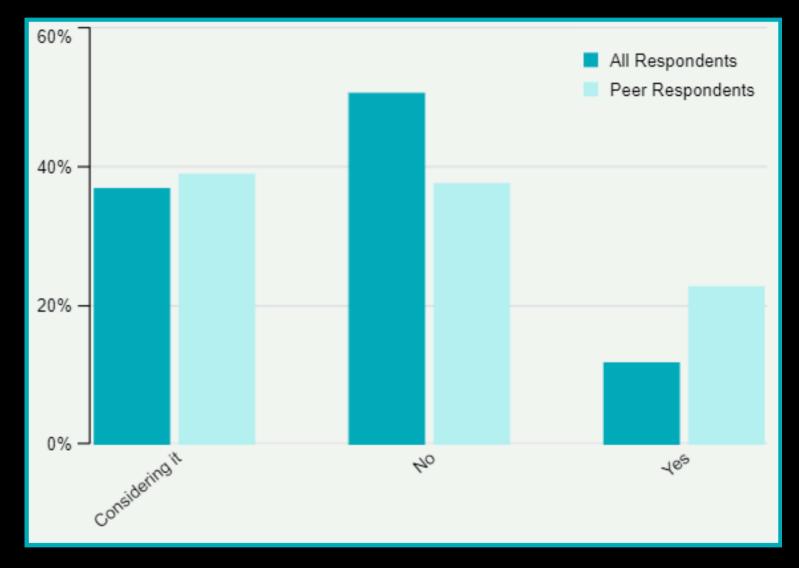
Biggest challenges to ESG



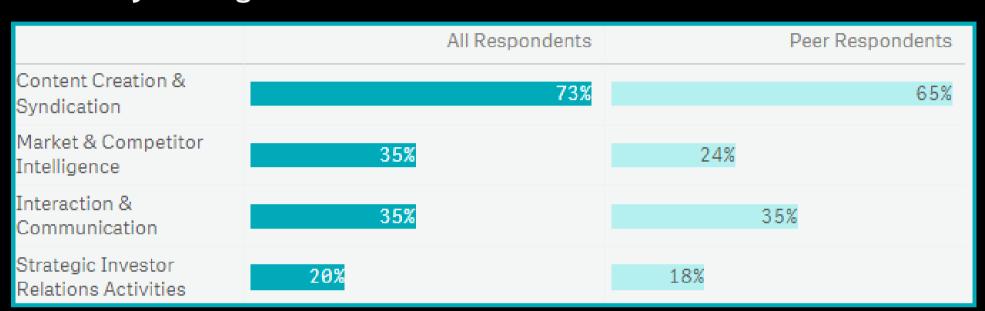


Gen. Al in IR - Germany

Are you using AI in IR?



■ Europe ■ Germany What are you using AI in IR for?



Examples of Content Creation & Syndication







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