

## Sustainable Investment: Opportunities for Pension Investors

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### Sustainable Investment

- Investment approach driven by long-term economic, environmental and social risks and opportunities facing the global economy.\*
- Potential new sources of alpha and risk reduction
- Consistent with pension investment horizons
- Allocation and Integration options



\*Sustainable Investing the Art of Long term Performance - Krosinsky & Robins

<sup>\*</sup> Krosinsky and Robins, Sustainable Investing – The Art of Long Term Performance



### Growing Institutional Interest

#### **UNPRI – \$18 trillion (2009 Progress Report)**

- More than 700 Asset Owners, Asset Managers, Service Providers in 2010
- Assert intention to integrate Environmental, Social and Governance Factors into investment process
- Implementation Challenges

## Booz & Co/Robeco – Growing to \$25 trillion by 2015

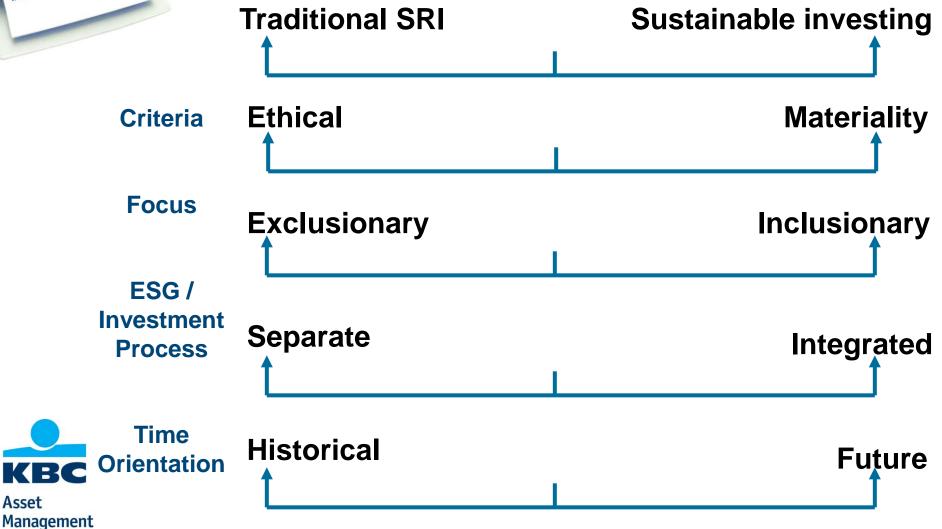


Europe \$14.2 trillion/US \$9.5 trillion



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## SRI ↔ Sustainable Investment





# Sustainable Investment Strategies

#### **Thematic**

- Direct Investment in sustainable solutions
- Listed Equities, Private Equity, Venture Capital
- Renewable Energy, Water, Climate Change, Forestry, Agriculture, Waste, Efficient Transport

#### **ESG** Integration

- Material risks and opportunities related to Environmental, Social and Governance factors are an integral part of investment analysis
- Strong sustainability and financial profiles





# Trends Driving Sustainable Solutions

Worlds Changing Demographic Profile

Natural Resources
Supply/Demand
Imbalance

**Climate Change** 

**Investment Solutions** 

#### Regulation

- Emissions Targets
- Renewables Targets
- Tax Incentives
- Water Standards

#### Infrastructure

- Water Delivery
- Energy Grid
- Energy Efficient Building
- Transportation
- Irrigation

#### Clean Technology

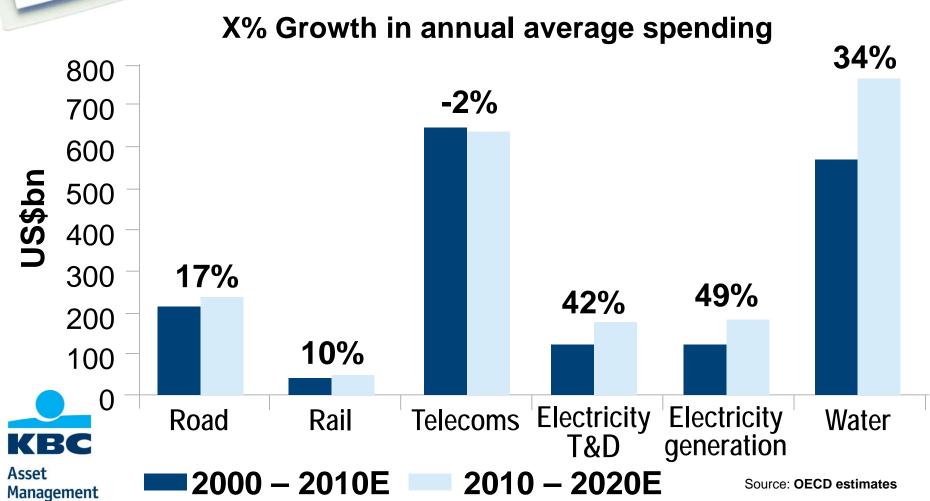
- Energy Generation
- Energy Storage
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Quality
- Crop Yields





## Infrastructure Spending

Annual average infrastructure spending 2000–10E & 2010–20E





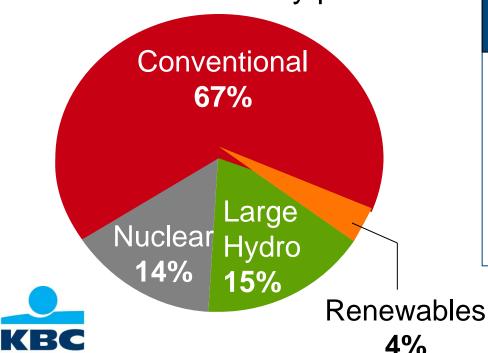
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## Renewable Energy Targets Vs Supply

Renewable electricity capacity, share of

2007 electricity production



Renewable Targets
<b>25%</b> by 2025
<b>20%</b> by 2020
<b>15%</b> by 2020
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\*Proposed targets

Source: IEA Key World Energy statistics 2008



# ESG Integration: Opportunities and Challenges

#### **Opportunities**

- Capture sources of Intangible Value
  - Approximately 80% of market value driven by intangibles -Baruch Lev, NYU Stern School of Business
- Risk reduction
- Opportunities and Risks that are under priced in market

#### **Challenges**

- Assessing materiality over time
- Assessing materiality across industries / sectors / regions
- Quantification and measurement





## **ESG** Integration

#### **Environment**

Eco Efficiency
Environmental Liabilities
Water Consumption

#### Governance

Executive Comp Board Structure Transparency

#### **Social**

Human Capital
Consumer Markets
Supply Chain Management







#### **Investment Analysis**

- Costs and Revenues
- Cost of Capital
- Balance Sheet Risk

- Brand and Reputation Risk
- Competitive Advantage
- Valuation

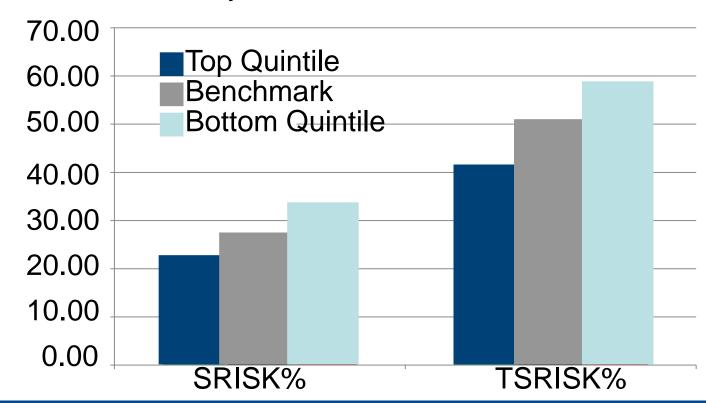


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## Can ESG integration lower Risk?

- Companies with lower ESG Scores carry significantly more risk.
  - Research by Advanced Investment Partners







# Performance Studies – Definitional Challenges

SRI vs Sustainable Investment

- Time period, market conditions, geographic markets, risk characteristics
- Performance impact of specific ESG factors





## Distinguishing Sustainable Investment

- Cary Krosinsky <u>Sustainable Investing the Art of Long</u>
   <u>Term Investing</u> 2008
  - 135 mutual funds 2002-2007

Sustainable Investing	18.7%
Ethical	13.8%
Style Drift SRI	11.6%
MSCI World	17.0%

 Statman and Gluskov – <u>The Wages of Social</u> <u>Responsibility</u> –FAJ 2009





### Performance Review

#### <u>Demystifying Responsible Investment Performance</u>

- 2007 UNEP-FI Asset Management Working Group / Mercer Consulting
- 20 Academic Studies and 10 Broker Research Reports
  - 13 positive
  - 10 neutral
  - 4 neutral / positive or neutral / negative
  - 3 negative





### Conclusion

## As with all investment management, what matters most:

- Rigorous Investment Process
- Unique Insights
- Innovation and Vision





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