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2021 **BEST**
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COMPANIES

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This is IBD's list of the 100 Best ESG Companies of 2021. Finding companies with strong stocks and growth needn't be a tradeoff with environmental, social and governance values. All of these companies mix profitability with ethical and social responsibility. To come up with this list, we first screened Dow Jones' ESG data, which include more than 6,000 companies. We

looked for the top 15% of the 2,360 companies whose stock price was \$10 or higher and are traded in the United States. Then, we screened for companies with IBD Composite Ratings of 85 or better, reflecting broad strength in fundamental and technical areas linked to stock price performance. Finally, we ranked them by Dow Jones' ESG data.*

Rank	Company	Symbol	Industry	ESG Score	Composite Rating	Relative Strength Rating	EPS Rating	SMR Rating	3-yr EPS growth rate	ROE	Last qtr sales % change	Last qtr EPS % change	Dividend yield
1	Microsoft	MSFT	Computer Software-Desktop	76.30	99	84	94	A	25%	47%	21%	49%	0.7
2	Linde	LIN	Chemicals-Specialty	76.00	94	66	85	B	16	9	19	42	1.3
3	Accenture	ACN	Computer-Tech Services	75.95	97	84	81	A	9	33	21	26	1.0
4	J.B. Hunt	JBHT	Transportation-Trucking	74.14	89	68	81	B	6	21	36	41	0.7
5	Xylem	XYL	Machinery-Tools & Resources	73.89	87	87	79	B	-8	13	16	65	0.8
6	Texas Instruments	TXN	Electronics-Semiconductor Mfg	73.14	88	57	90	A	6	58	41	78	2.1
7	Salesforce.com	CRM	Computer Software-Enterprise	72.92	94	56	87	A	33	12	23	3	n.a.
8	Gildan Activewear	GIL	Apparel-Clothing Mfg	72.84	87	88	65	C	n.a.	-2	225	169	n.a.
9	Metropolitan Bank	MCB	Banks-Northeast	72.68	96	96	93	A	23	12	18	21	n.a.
10	IHS Markit	INFO	Financial Services-Specialty	72.60	93	84	75	A	11	13	15	17	0.7
11	STMicroelectronics	STM	Electronics-Semiconductor Mfg	72.37	96	79	96	B	1	14	43	340	0.3
12	Nvidia	NVDA	Electronics-Semiconductor Fabless Mfg	72.19	99	93	97	A	27	43	68	89	0.1
13	Rogers	ROG	Electronics-Semiconductor Mfg	72.08	93	85	82	B	-1	10	23	52	n.a.
14	Oracle	ORCL	Computer Software-Database	71.14	93	86	83	A	14	163	8	28	1.4
15	Motorola	MSI	Telecommunications-Consumer Products	70.81	89	87	88	n.a.	9	0	22	49	1.2
16	Qualcomm	QCOM	Electronics-Semiconductor Fabless Mfg	70.53	91	51	76	A	25	92	65	123	1.9
17	Sherwin-Williams	SHW	Chemicals-Paints	70.45	91	76	87	A	17	58	17	12	0.7
18	TE Connectivity	TEL	Electronics-Parts	70.38	94	79	78	A	-5	14	51	203	1.3
19	Hewlett Packard	HPE	Computer - Tech Services	70.26	87	76	72	C	7	12	12	70	3.1
20	Exponent	EXPO	Commercial Services-Consulting	70.12	95	86	89	A	7	20	30	66	0.7
21	Adobe	ADBE	Computer Software-Desktop	70.06	98	87	94	A	26	41	23	24	n.a.
22	Matson	MATX	Transportation-Shipping	69.68	99	87	95	A	44	22	67	388	1.5
23	Stellantis	STLA	Auto Manufacturers	69.22	89	87	73	B	-13	16	291	275	n.a.
24	Crown Holdings	CCK	Containers/Packaging	68.66	89	66	88	A	11	41	34	61	0.7
25	Deere	DE	Machinery-Farm	68.58	91	83	97	A	14	23	29	107	1.1
26	ASML	ASML	Electronics-Semiconductor Equipment	68.41	98	94	96	A	26	27	28	49	0.3
27	West Fraser Timber	WFG	Building-Wood Products	68.38	92	77	74	A	n.a.	30	310	1,183	1.0
28	Cabot	CBT	Chemicals-Specialty	68.10	86	51	73	B	-11	14	77	2,029	2.6
29	Moelis & Co.	MC	Finance-Investment Banks	67.76	93	91	81	A	3	45	126	1,182	3.9
30	Advansix	ASIX	Chemicals-Plastics	67.76	89	95	73	B	-11	11	88	273	n.a.
31	Advanced Micro Devices	AMD	Electronics-Semiconductor Fabless Mfg	67.67	99	84	99	A	82	36	99	250	n.a.
32	Nike	NKE	Apparel-Shoes & Related Mfg	67.34	90	82	69	A	-2	55	96	282	0.7
33	Artisan Partners	APAM	Finance-Investment Management	67.10	95	56	88	A	11	168	50	80	7.1
34	Ball Corp.	BLL	Containers/Packaging	67.05	91	60	85	A	15	32	23	32	0.8
35	Eaton	ETN	Diversified Operations	66.95	85	85	75	B	-4	12	35	98	1.8
36	Tradeweb Markets	TW	Financial Services-Specialty	66.90	96	82	87	A	21	8	23	30	0.4
37	Applied Materials	AMAT	Electronics-Semiconductor Equipment	66.89	94	88	91	A	12	41	41	79	0.7
38	Fabrinet	FN	Electronic-Contract Mfg	66.86	91	84	83	B	12	17	26	36	n.a.
39	Vista Outdoor	VSTO	Leisure-Products	66.80	89	90	72	A	953	37	38	241	n.a.
40	Qiagen	QGEN	Medical-Products	66.73	92	64	89	A	26	19	28	22	n.a.
41	ASGN	ASGN	Commercial Services-Staffing	66.73	90	82	77	B	3	17	17	25	n.a.
42	Dover	DOV	Machinery-General Industrial	66.65	96	86	92	A	11	26	36	82	1.1
43	Thermo Fisher	TMO	Medical-Research Equipment & Services	66.65	95	79	94	A	33	24	34	44	0.2
44	American Financial Group	AFG	Insurance-Property & Casualty	66.54	91	93	87	B	0	10	6	257	1.4
45	CNH Industrial	CNHI	Machinery-Construction/Mining	66.53	85	85	76	A	-17	0	60	700	n.a.
46	Jabil	JBL	Electronic-Contract Mfg	66.52	95	89	97	B	19	24	14	251	0.5
47	Lam Research	LRGX	Electronics-Semiconductor Equipment	66.47	90	75	94	A	12	71	48	69	1.0
48	Eli Lilly	LLY	Medical-Diversified	66.43	94	92	88	A	16	163	23	29	1.3
49	ON Semiconductor	ON	Electronics-Semiconductor Mfg	66.27	98	88	91	B	-22	10	38	425	n.a.
50	Altair Engineering	ALTR	Computer Software-Design	66.27	94	85	86	B	-6	9	22	75	n.a.
51	Apple	AAPL	Telecommunications-Consumer Products	66.15	97	76	95	A	17	74	36	100	0.6
52	ArcelorMittal	MT	Steel-Producers	66.15	92	93	65	C	n.a.	-2	76	1,253	n.a.
53	Fortinet	FTNT	Computer Software-Security	66.07	98	97	92	A	39	51	30	14	n.a.
54	Alphabet	GOOGL	Internet-Content	65.76	99	91	98	A	15	17	62	189	n.a.
55	Simon Property Group	SPG	Finance-Property REIT	65.40	85	88	56	B	-23	40	18	127	4.5

56	Steel Dynamics	STLD	Steel-Producers	65.39	99	93	95	A	-7	14	113	623	1.5
57	Owens Corning	OC	Building-Construction Products/Misc.	65.36	89	60	91	B	11	13	38	186	1.1
58	Brinks	BCO	Security/Safety	65.34	89	73	90	A	6	119	27	62	1.0
59	NetApp	NTAP	Computer-Data Storage	65.33	89	91	75	A	0	198	12	58	2.2
60	Ternium	TX	Steel-Producers	65.26	99	97	77	B	-21	9	125	4,867	n.a.
61	Gartner	IT	Commercial Services-Market Research	65.20	99	96	93	B	19	43	20	87	n.a.
62	Textron	TXT	Aerospace/Defense	65.06	86	89	81	C	-10	8	29	523	0.1
63	Avery Dennison	AVY	Office Supplies Mfg	64.98	97	87	92	A	12	44	38	77	1.2
64	Five Below	FIVE	Retail-Discount & Variety	64.86	87	86	85	A	3	14	198	190	n.a.
65	Chemours	CC	Chemicals-Specialty	64.58	90	77	73	A	-32	44	51	567	3.0
66	Mattel	MAT	Leisure-Toys/Games/Hobby	64.54	90	82	58	A	n.a.	40	40	112	n.a.
67	Kimco Realty	KIM	Finance-Property REIT	64.38	86	84	53	A	26	19	21	-85	3.1
68	Workday	WDAY	Computer Software-Enterprise	64.30	96	72	95	A	47	25	19	46	n.a.
69	Yum Brands	YUM	Retail-Restaurants	64.30	88	76	86	n.a.	7	0	34	41	1.5
70	Asbury Automotive	ABG	Retail/Wholesale-Auto	64.10	97	81	98	A	30	32	79	209	n.a.
71	Northern Oil & Gas	NOG	Oil & Gas-US Exploration & Production	64.03	90	95	74	B	-30	57	n.a.	338	1.1
72	Alexandria RE Equities	ARE	Finance-Property REIT	63.89	92	76	75	A	26	7	17	43	2.2
73	Crane	CR	Diversified Operations	63.75	89	84	79	B	-10	15	24	205	1.7
74	Mohawk Industries	MHK	Building-Construction Products/Misc.	63.59	91	87	76	B	-9	8	44	1,103	n.a.
75	Costco	COST	Retail-Major Discount Chains	63.52	94	81	87	B	20	26	22	20	0.7
76	Abbott Labs	ABT	Medical-Diversified	63.51	98	66	94	A	16	21	40	105	1.4
77	Arista Networks	ANET	Computer-Networking	63.50	97	85	88	A	9	23	31	29	n.a.
78	First Industrial Realty	FR	Finance-Property REIT	63.25	87	79	81	B	7	11	8	43	1.9
79	Agilent	A	Medical-Research Equipment/Service	63.23	99	91	90	A	13	21	26	41	0.4
80	Waste Management	WM	Pollution Control	63.21	92	80	79	A	3	24	26	44	1.5
81	Danaher	DHR	Medical-Diversified	63.20	98	90	92	A	26	13	36	71	0.3
82	Darling Ingredients	DAR	Agricultural Operations	63.16	95	89	96	A	77	12	41	200	n.a.
83	Keysight Technologies	KEYS	Electronics-Scientific/Measuring	63.07	96	90	93	A	22	29	23	29	n.a.
84	Goldman Sachs	GS	Banks-Money Center	62.93	93	91	94	A	24	13	9	71	1.9
85	Facebook	FB	Internet-Content	62.86	99	83	97	A	20	25	56	101	n.a.
86	Wesco International	WCC	Electronics-Parts	62.81	95	93	89	B	10	10	120	99	n.a.
87	Xilinx	XLNX	Electronics-Semiconductor Fabless Mfg	62.81	94	80	73	A	0	29	21	46	1.0
88	Cadence Design Systems	CDNS	Computer Software-Design	62.69	95	85	93	A	23	34	14	30	n.a.
89	Semtech	SMTC	Electronics-Semiconductor Fabless Mfg	62.56	94	51	78	A	-2	17	28	51	n.a.
90	eBay	EBAY	Retail-Internet	62.46	89	88	76	A	22	75	14	0	0.9
91	American Tower	AMT	Finance-Property REIT	62.32	95	78	95	A	23	37	20	65	1.7
92	Sun Communities	SUI	Finance-Property REIT	62.29	95	84	88	B	14	3	99	61	1.6
93	Centerspace	CSR	Finance-Property REIT	62.27	88	90	53	C	n.a.	1	6	436	2.8
94	Hologic	HOLX	Medical-Systems/Equipment	62.26	98	79	96	A	58	44	42	77	n.a.
95	Flex	FLEX	Electronic-Contract Mfg	62.25	88	71	83	B	13	25	23	100	n.a.
96	Tractor Supply	TSCO	Retail/Wholesale Building Products	62.21	89	78	87	A	27	46	13	10	1.1
97	Chipotle	CMG	Retail-Restaurants	62.12	99	89	98	B	21	16	39	1,765	n.a.
98	Zoetis	ZTS	Medical-Ethical Drugs	62.06	95	80	91	A	14	57	26	34	0.5
99	Gentherm	THRM	Auto/Truck Original Equipment	61.95	92	88	77	A	12	14	96	383	n.a.
100	Ameriprise	AMP	Finance-Investment Banks	61.89	89	84	79	A	2	31	25	100	1.7

Category Leaders

Consumer Goods

1	Gildan Activewear	GIL
2	Nike	NKE
3	Vista Outdoor	VSTO

Retail

1	Five Below	FIVE
2	Yum Brands	YUM
3	Asbury Automotive	ABG

Services (Commercial, Retail)

1	Accenture	ACN
2	IHS Markit	INFO
3	Motorola	MSI

Mining & Materials

1	West Fraser Timber	WFG
2	ArcelorMittal	MT
3	Steel Dynamics	STLD

Health Care

1	Qiagen	QGEN
2	Thermo Fisher	TMO
3	Eli Lilly & Co	LLY

Technology & Communications

1	Microsoft	MSFT
2	Texas Instruments	TXN
3	Salesforce.com	CRM

Financials

1	Metropolitan Bank	MCB
2	Moelis & Co.	MC
3	Artisan Partners	APAM

Industrials

1	Linde	LIN
2	Xylem	XYL
3	Sherwin-Williams	SHW

Transportation

1	J.B. Hunt	JBHT
2	Matson	MATX
3	Stellantis	STLA

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*All data from IBD and Dow Jones is as of 8/31/2021. Note: To break the tie at 100 companies, after looking at Composite Ratings, we looked at Relative Strength Ratings and EPS Ratings.