

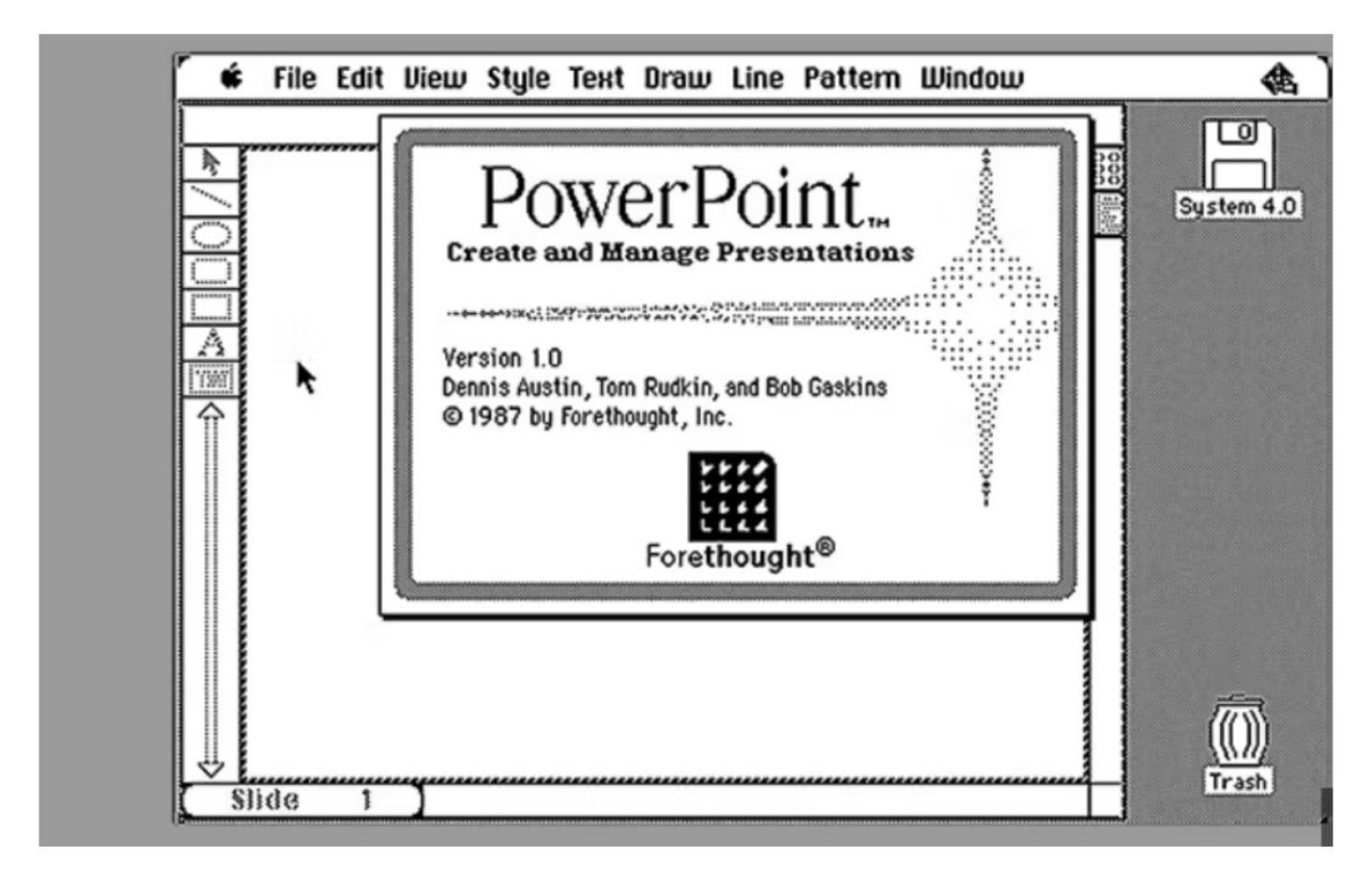
# SIX IR best practice roundtable - food for thought from an IR perspective

Marcus Händel, Cembra 28 May 2024

### Powerpoint has been here since. ...?



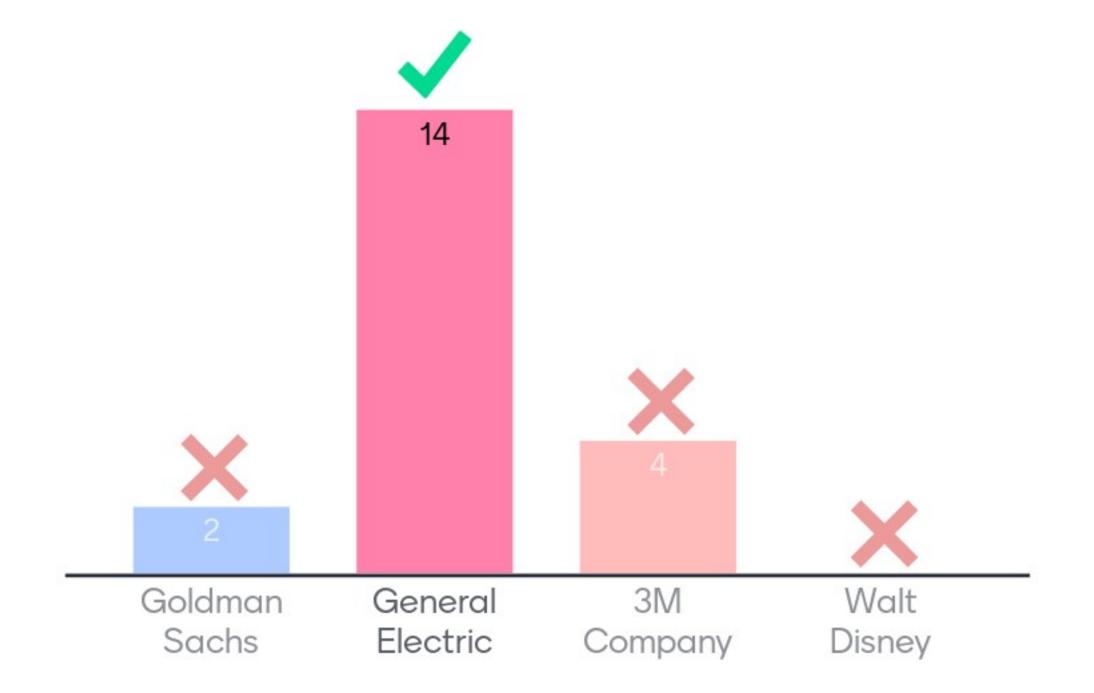




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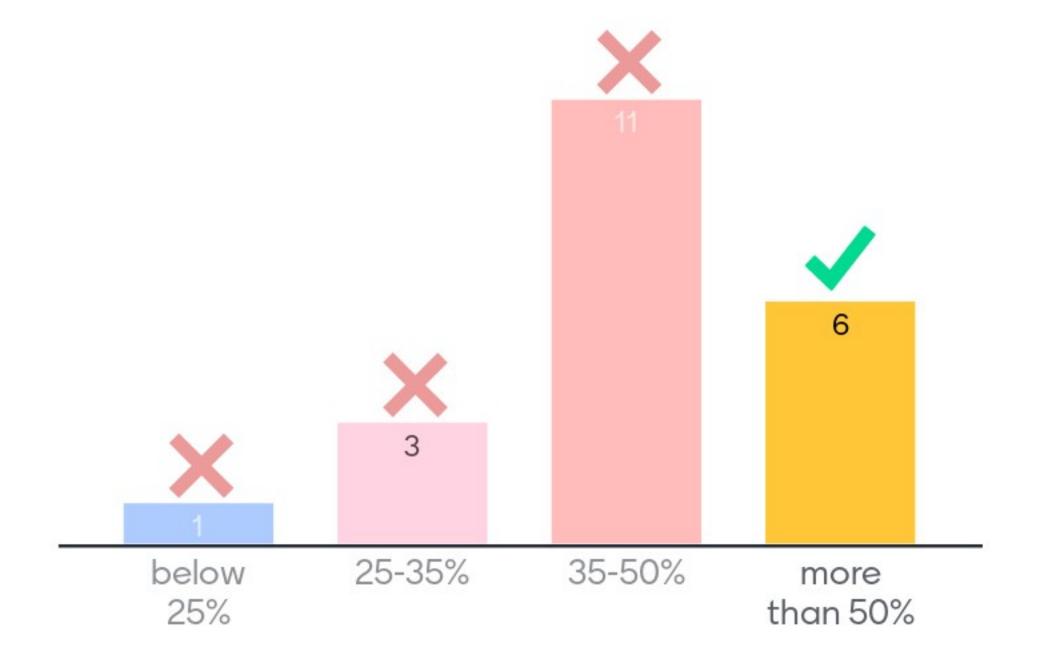


# IR history - which US company invented the "Investor Relations" role?





# Estimate the share of passive funds worldwide!

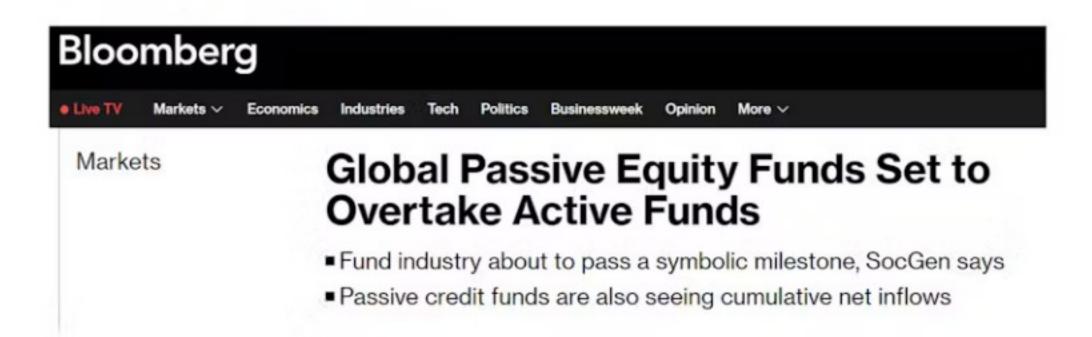


#### Active vs passive funds 1993-2023



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#### It's Official: Passive Funds Overtake **Active Funds**



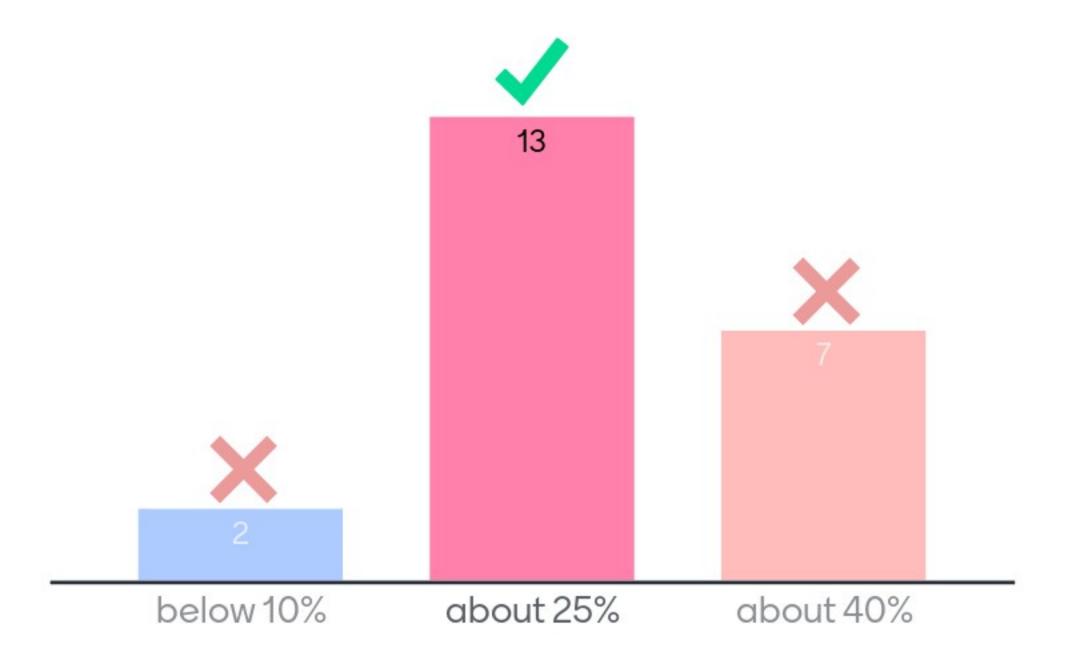
#### Also relevant for IR:

... many global active funds added a governance & ESG layer to their investment process





# Estimate the expected share of ESG assets in 2030 (2023: 5%)





#### Global ESG assets estimated >25% of total assets by 2030



### Global ESG assets predicted to hit \$40 trillion by 2030, despite challenging environment, forecasts Bloomberg Intelligence

February 08, 2024

- Despite geopolitical and macro challenges, the ESG market matures and anchors capital markets - exceeding 25% of projected global assets under management
- Enhanced scrutiny and regulations to bolster the ESG market credibility
- Europe is set to remain the largest in ESG assets with over \$18 trillion in 2030
- Investor appetite remains resilient as asset managers plan to boost ESG AUM

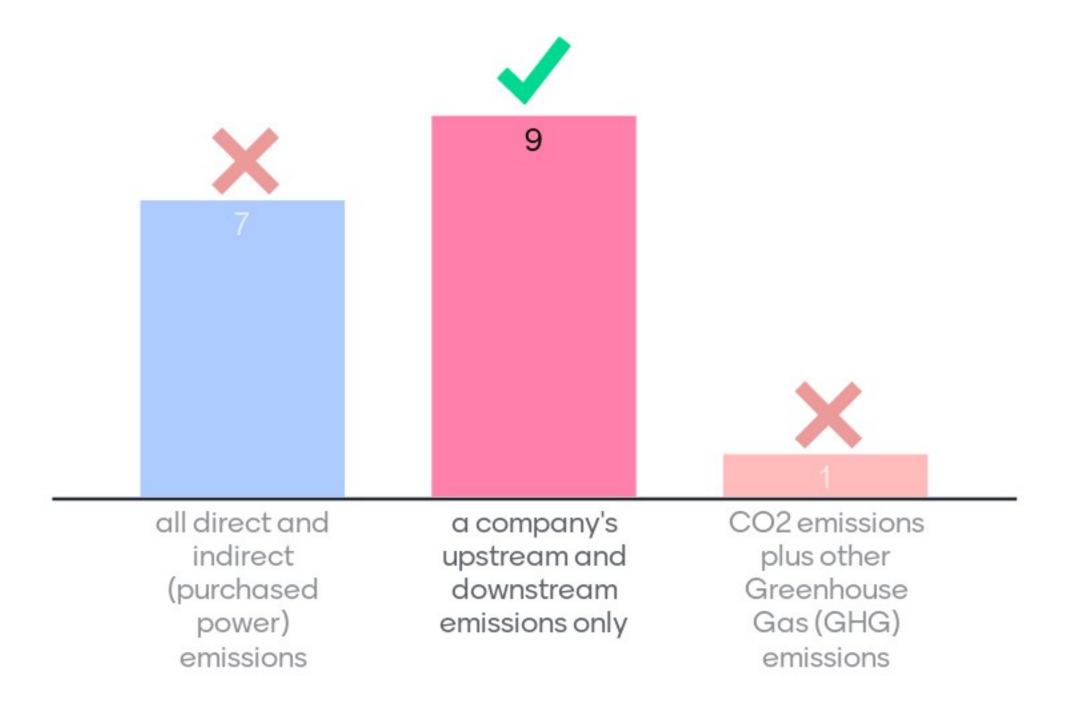
London, 8 January 2024 - Global ESG assets surpassed \$30 trillion in 2022 and are on track to surpass \$40 trillion by 2030 — over 25% of projected \$140 trillion assets under management (AUM) according to a latest ESG report from Bloomberg Intelligence (BI).



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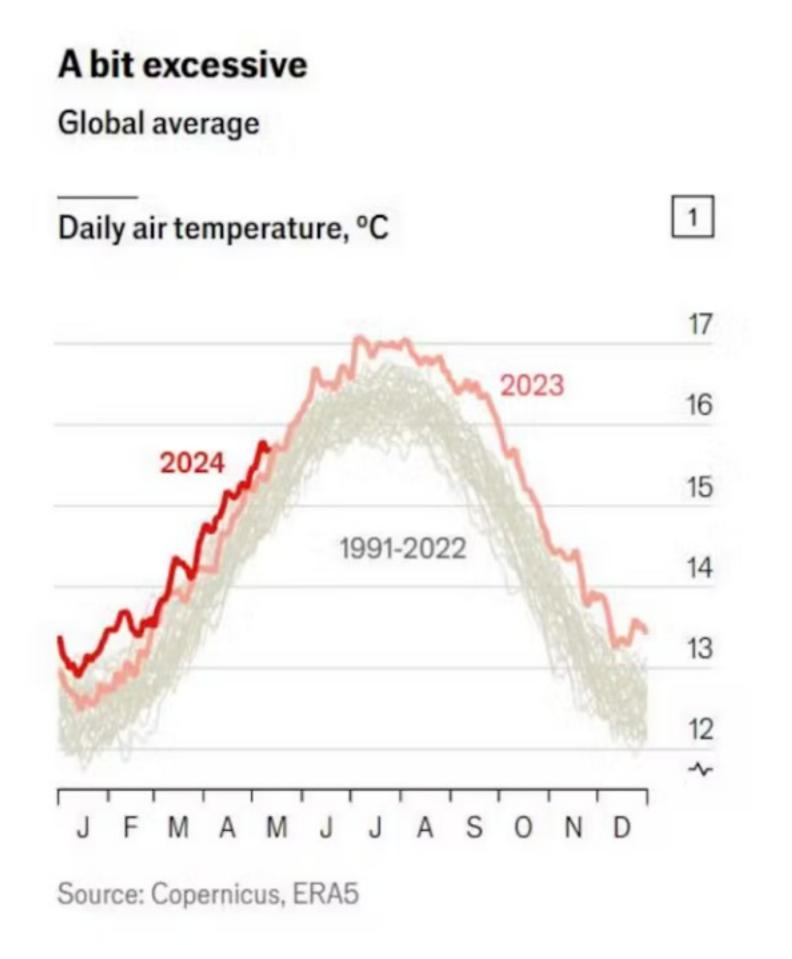


# Sustainability: "Scope 3 carbon emissions are defined as..."



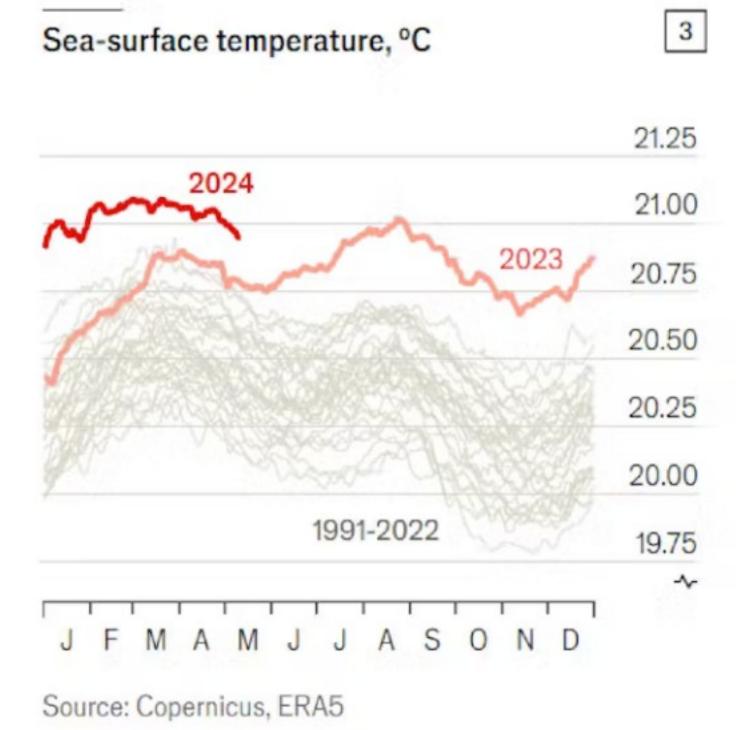
#### Climate change gets more real than ever...

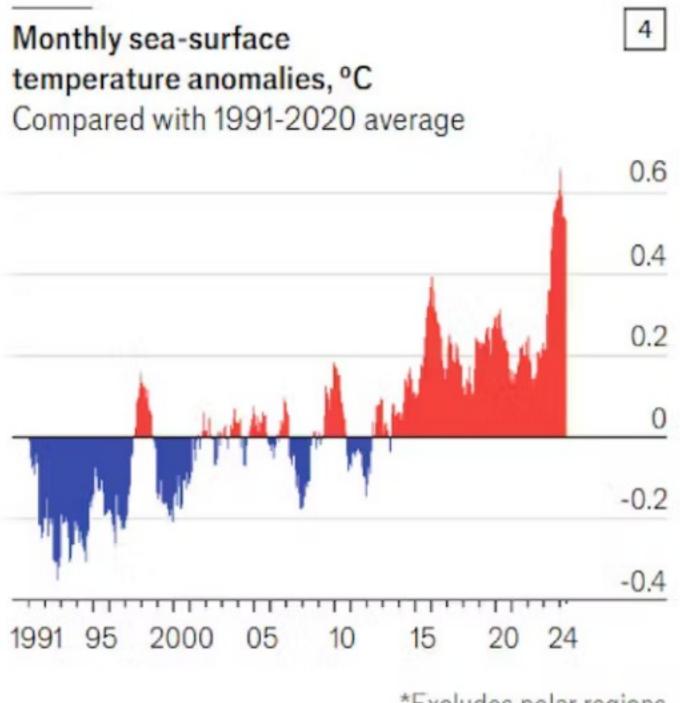
#### The Economist, May 2024



#### Sea's on fire

Global average\*

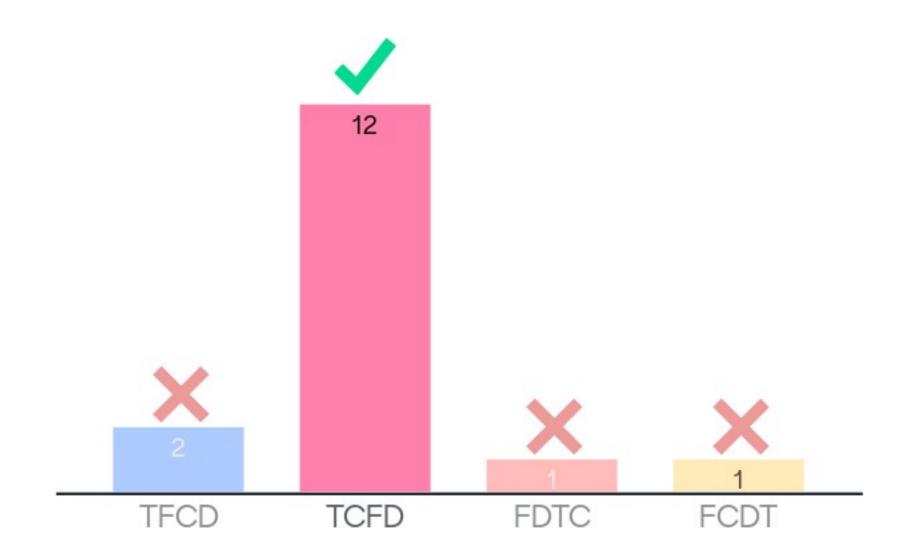








# Sustainability: What's the Swiss reporting requirement for climate-related disclosures from 2024 on?



#### Sustainability and ESG: history

#### Sustainability – ability to continue over a long period of time

Origins: forestry industry 1987 Brundtland Report and 1992 Rio Conference

#### ESG - Environment Social Governance

Origins: The term «ESG» was first introduced by Goldman Sachs research in ~ 2005

#### ESG ratings – leading quality rating S&P Global CSA / Dow Jones Sustainability Index

Origins: SAM, Zurich  $\rightarrow$  Robeco SAM (~2005), Amsterdam (~2015)  $\rightarrow$  S&P Global, US (today)



#### Sustainability at a glance

#### **Sustainability performance**

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- Reduced Scope 1+2 emissions intensity significantly since 2014
- 100% of electric power from renewable hydro sources
- Opportunity financing electric vehicles

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- NPS of 21<sup>1</sup> and providing loans under some of the strictest consumer finance laws in Europe
- Diverse workforce with >40 nationalities
- GPTW trust index of 71%<sup>2</sup> and certified equal pay for equal work

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- Strong governance structure since the IPO<sup>3</sup>
- Sustainability linked to variable executive compensation since FY 2020
- Sustainability committee chaired by CEO

#### Selected targets

Reduce Scope 1+2 carbon emissions by 75% by 2025 (basis: 2019)

Customer net promoter score of at least +30<sup>1</sup>

Employee GPTW<sup>2</sup> trust index of at least 70%

Independent limited assurance of Sustainability Reports (since FY 2021)

#### **External recognition**



Corporate Sustainability Assessment

S&P Global



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#### Low ESG risk

Top 8% (score 16.1) among >200 consumer finance peers, Oct 2023

**Top 10%** 

in diversified financial services (Score 45), September 2023

#### AAA

Rated 1<sup>st</sup> among listed consumer finance worldwide, May 2023

#### Inclusion

in the 2023 Bloomberg Gender Equality index as one of 11 Swiss companies, January 2023



#### Sustainability

#### Improving external recognition



#### Low ESG risk

Top 8% (score 16.2) among 245 worldwide peers, May 2023

#### Dow Jones Sustainability Indices S&P Global

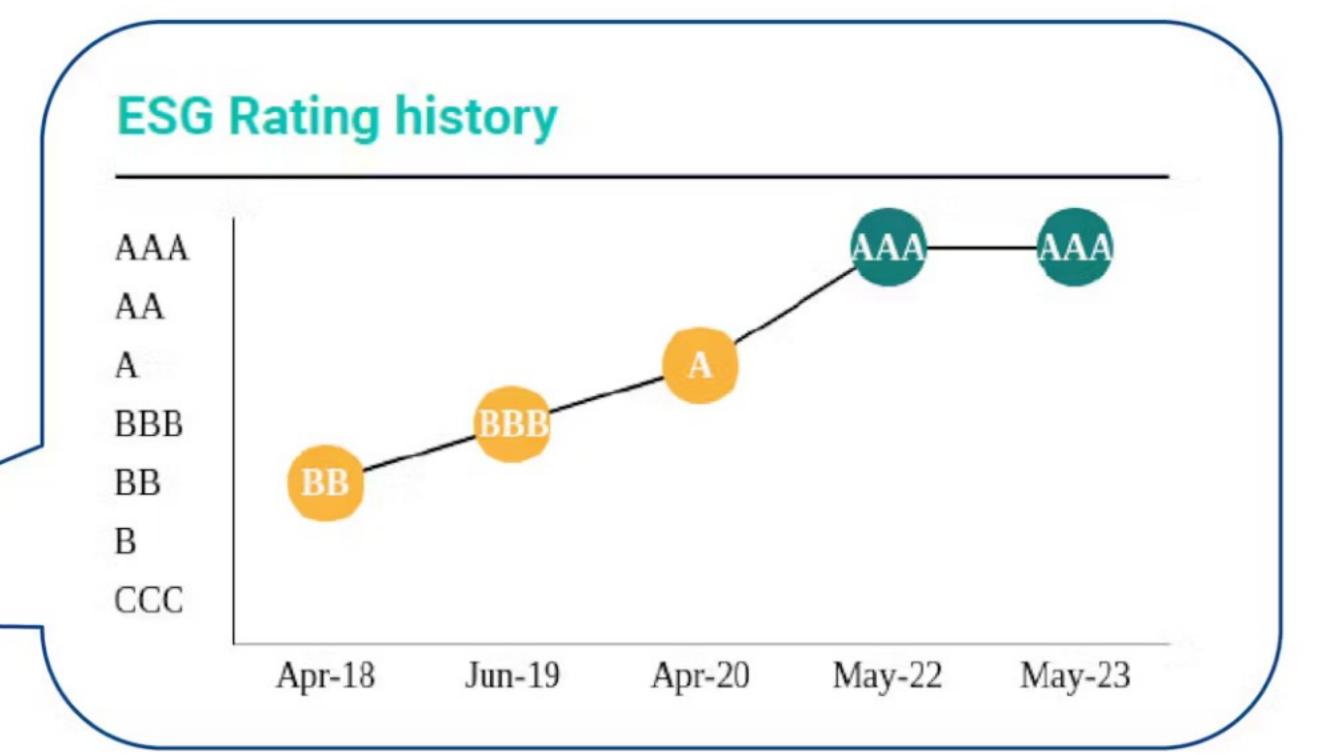
#### **Top 10%**

in diversified financial services (Score 43), September 2023



#### AAA

Top-rated among 68 peers, May 2023. MSCI ESG Leaders 2022 Indexes Constituent





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#### Sustainability content

- → Disciplined, fact-based, transparent, relevant
- → Story is less relevant

Most relevant
sustainability
topics

#### Customer orientation

Providing high customer value and setting ourselves apart through our outstanding and transparent services as well as our operational excellence

### Quality and integrity of products and services

Responsible provision of financing products and services that adhere to strict safety standards

#### People and development

Recruitment, education and training, personal development, wellbeing, work-life balance, diversity and embedding Cembra's corporate values

#### Environmental stewardship

Optimising processes and outputs that have an environmental impact. This is relevant both within the operations and in the area of financing.

#### Business integrity

Compliance with laws and regulations, as well as governance, risk management practices, and ethical business conduct

Commitment	We strive for satisfied customers who reward us through high retention and loyalty	We are a responsible provider of financing products and services	We are a Great Place to Work (GPTW) <sup>1</sup>	We reduce our environmental footprint per employee	We take a zero tolerance approach to non-compliance
Key performance indicators	Net promoter score of at least +30 on a scale from -100 to +100	Qualitative assessment of lending portfolio quality metrics	GPTW employee trust index of at least 70%	Reduce Scope 1+2 emissions until 2025 by 75% (basis 2019)	Qualitative assessment of reported complaints and cases
Assessment 2023	Net promoter score of 21 (2022: 26)	Continued solid asset quality metrics	Employee trust index of 71% in 2022 (2020: 71%), measured every two years	Reported scope 1+2 emissions on track to reach 2025 target	No reportable cases



#### Sustainability reporting process

#### Annual end-to-end improvement process

Q2 Q3 Q4 Improvement Listen & learn Consolidate Improve Disclose process Complete ESG ratings Collect data Consolidate data Approve Annual Report Main steps Integrate new standards Work with experts Reduce redundancies Publish improved documents Interact with ESG analysts Request improvements Main outputs Sustainability Report and Investor feedback Project results **Draft Sustainability** related disclosures Report AGM voting



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**ESG** ratings

#### Sustainability governance Quotes

«Nachhaltigkeit ist eine Führungsaufgabe, die man nicht delegieren kann. Mit Stabsstellen haben wir schlechte Erfahrungen gemacht.»

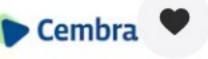
> Nora Teuwsen CEO ABB Schweiz

"Our employees understand much more about sustainability than the Board."

André Hoffmann Chairman Roche

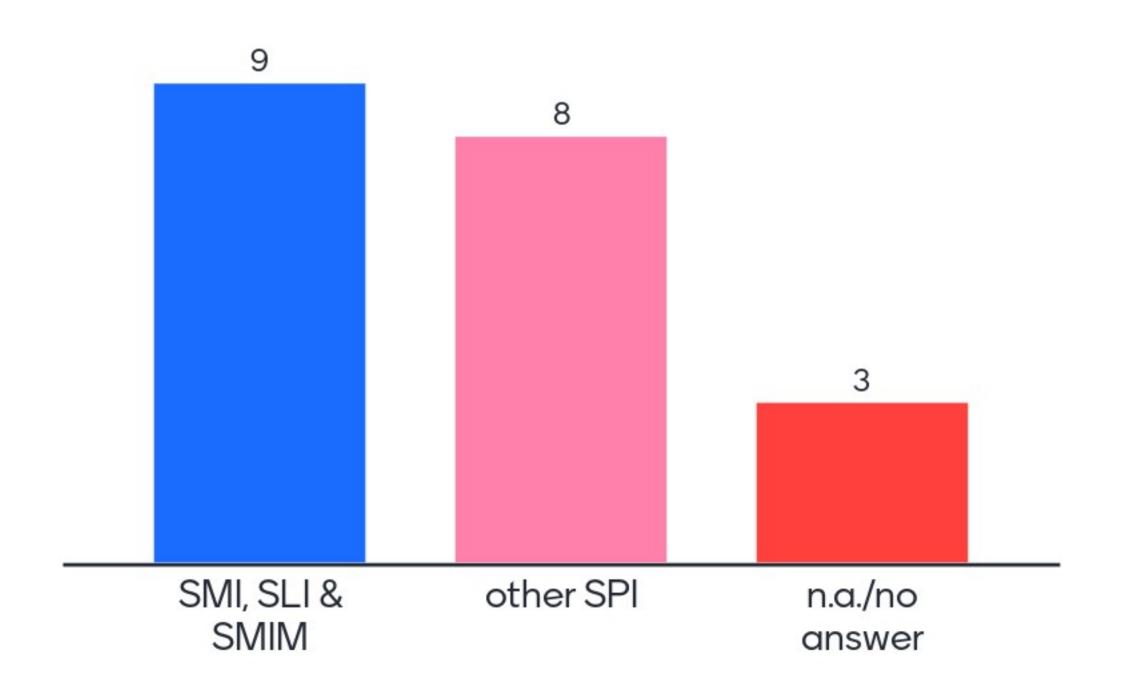
«ESG will be gone in 5 years. Sustainability will remain - everywhere.»

Felix Weber, former Chairman Cembra, 2023



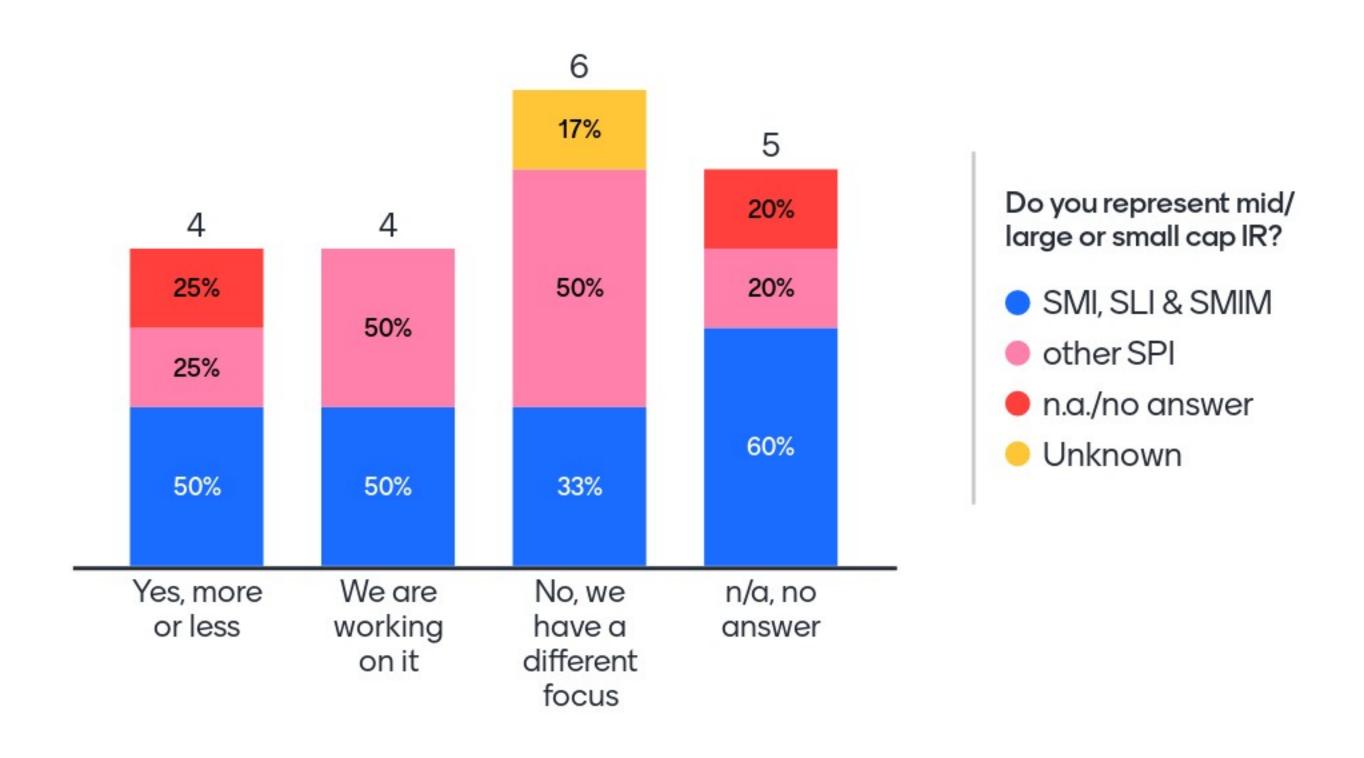
### Now we come to your IR best practices...

# Do you represent mid/large or small cap IR?





# Have you already reflected the shift to passive investing & ESG in your IR programme?





#### For discussion - extended IR toolbox required?

#### «Traditional» IR instruments are not enough

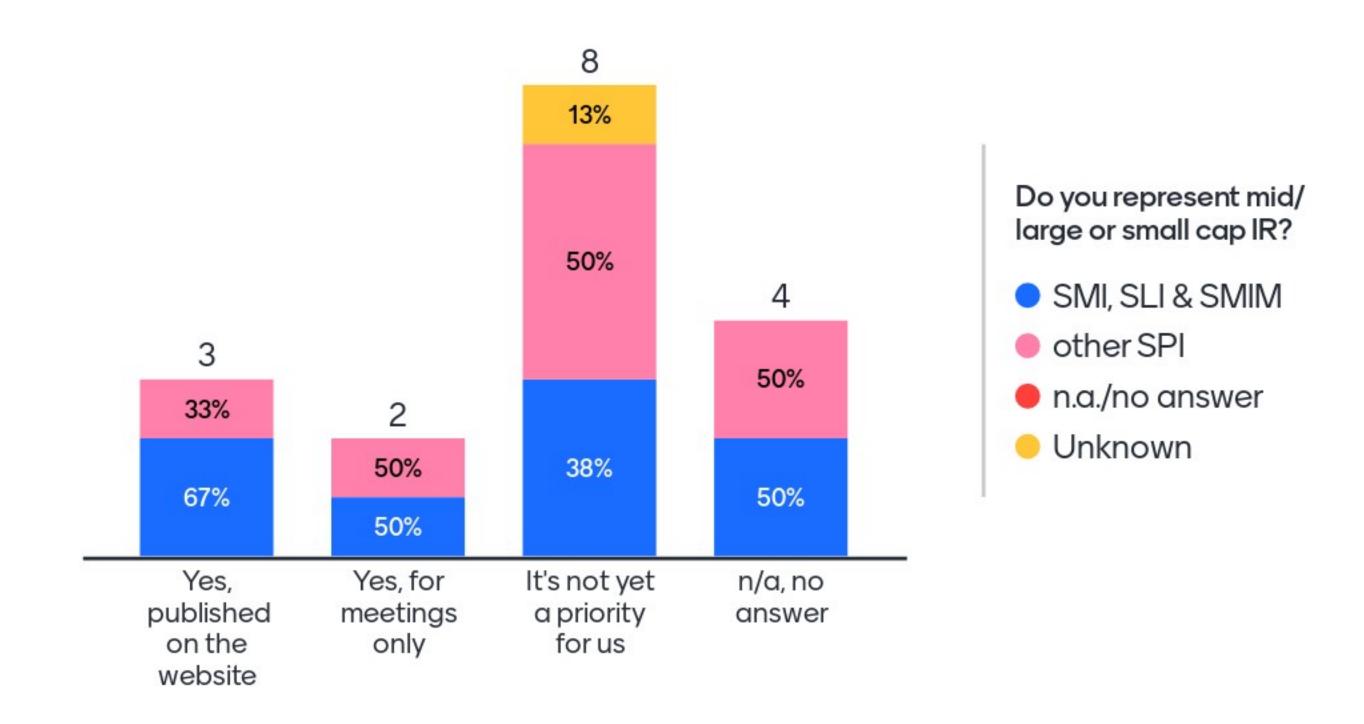
#### IR toolbox

### «Traditional» IR instruments Messaging & equity story Traditional shareholder targeting Roadshows, conferences, one-on-ones Investor presentations, CMD, site visits Analyst reports, sell-side marketing Relations with portfolio & fund managers Managing consensus & external expectations

#### New: IR instruments to address «non-active» and ESG

- Disclosures (Annual & Sustainability Reports, website)
- Improved SH targeting including passive & ESG funds
- Governance roadshows (Chairman), ESG roadshows
- ESG presentation, ESG investor day
- Governance ratings, ESG ratings
- Relations with funds' governance specialists
- Listen to expectations & manage internal improvements

# Example for a quick win: Does your company use a Governance/ESG investor presentation?



### Thank you

