# Building Trust with an effective Corporate and IR Website

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# WHO'S SPEAKING?



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# WHAT WE'LL COVER

Insights from the largest international survey of corporate & IR websites

Practical advice and examples from companies that are <u>building trust</u> through their **online presence**, websites and social channels.





# invd.co/buildingtrust

# If your story doesn't connect, someone's will.

Would you rather investors learn about your vision and leadership from you or from analysts, biased by their own online research?

You have ESG initiatives in place, but does anyone know they exist?

Your investment thesis is strong, but has anyone seen it?

# THEY ARE

# ONLINE

increase in online media consumption\* mainly to established media sites – partisan sites have seen very minor increases by comparison\*\*

\*Neilsen \*\*New York Times

# THEY ARE

# BOMBARDED

# 240m

daily spam email messages related to COVID-19, alone.

18m were malware or phishing.

\*Google

# THEY EXPECT

# D VERSITY & INCLUSION

of companies globally have a board diversity policy on their website in 2019.

\*IR Magazine, 2019

# THEY EXPECT

# SUSTAINABILITY

**BlackRock votes against or withheld from directors** where companies and boards are not producing effective sustainability disclosures or implementing frameworks for managing these issues.

\*BlackRock

# THEY EXPECT

# SOCIAL COMMITMENT

of consumers under age 35 surveyed in June 2020 said they will be "doing more research on brands and their inclusivity practices before purchasing."

\*DeVries Global, S&P Global

# THEY ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR

# PURPOSE

34%

of the NYSE & NASDAQ 100 explain their purpose, but only 1% quantify it, now 2 years after the "purpose over profit" letter from Larry Fink and 1 year after 181 American CEOs signed of the Statement on the Purpose of a Corporation.

\*Investis Digital, Connect.IQ

# **THEY**

# TRUST SEARCH

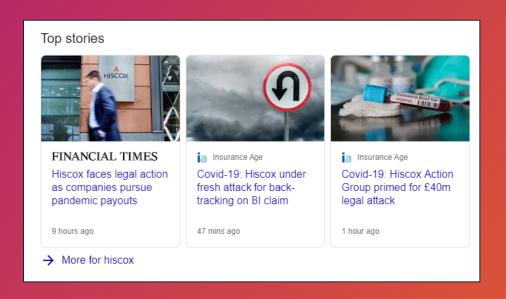
65%

of respondents choose search as the most trusted source for general news and information.

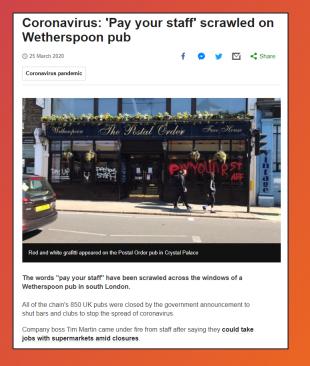
\*Edelman

# WHAT WILL THEY FIND WHEN THEY SEARCH FOR YOU?

95% of respondents argued that
brands should "do something" to
assist with COVID relief, another
67% agree that brands have a role
to play in speaking out about
racial injustice.

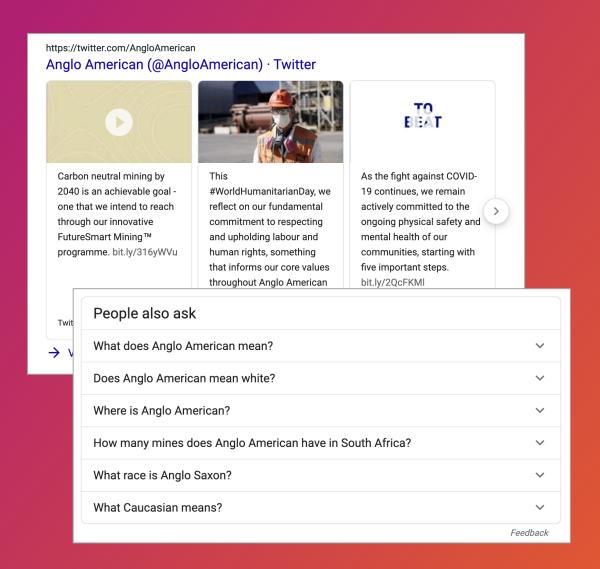


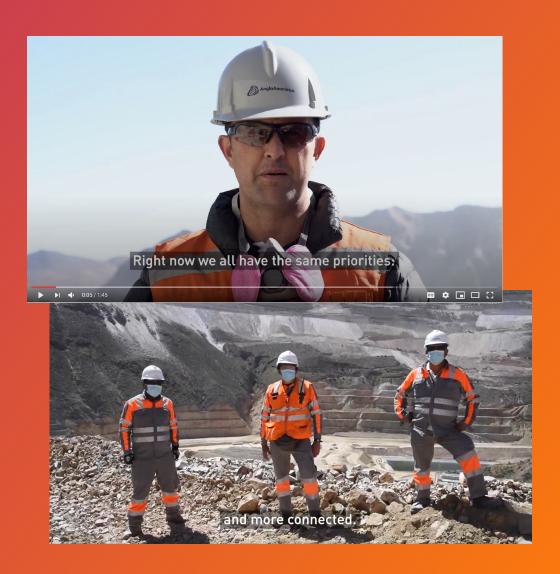






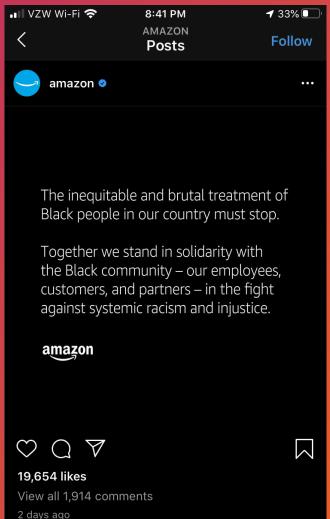
# WHAT WILL THEY FIND WHEN THEY SEARCH FOR YOU?





# WHAT WILL THEY FIND WHEN THEY SOCIALIZE WITH YOU?





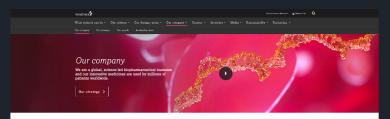


# WHAT THIS MEANS

To build trust, IROs need to expand their focus past the balance sheet to the fundamentals that connect with, and influence audiences.

And it starts online.





#### Our purpose and values

We push the boundaries of science to deliver life-

We follow the science. We put patients first. We play to win. We do the right thing. We are entrepreneurial

#### Our people













View our Senior Executive Team >





See more about Sustainability >

#### Key information







### **Corporate Video**

Make it easy for new audiences to get to know you.

#### AztraZeneca





#### About Anglo American

Anglo American is a leading global mining company and our products are the essential ingredients in almost every aspect of modern life. Our portfolio of world-class competitive mining operations and undeveloped resources provides the metals and minerals that enable a cleaner, greener, more sustainable world and that meet the fast growing consumerdriven demands of the world's developed and maturing economies.

With our people at the heart of our business, we use innovative practices and the latest technologies to discover new resources and mine, process, move and market our products to our customers around the world - safety, responsibly and sustainably.

As a responsible miner - of diamonds (through De Beers), copper, platinum group metals, iron ore, steel making and thermal coal, and nickel - we are the custodians of what are precious natural resources. We work together with our business partners and diverse stakeholders to unlock the sustainable value that those resources represent for our shareholders, the communities and countries in which we operate, and for society as a whole. Angle American is re-imagining mining to improve people's tives.

Our business at a glance

\$10 bn

90,000

\$2.3 bn

In underlying EBITDA in 2019

People worldwide

Attributable free cash flow in 2019

FACTSHEET

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### Strategy, Visualized

Enhancing GSK's quantified strategy creates value for all stakeholders seeking to understand your business and how it will continue to be successful and sustainable in the long-term.

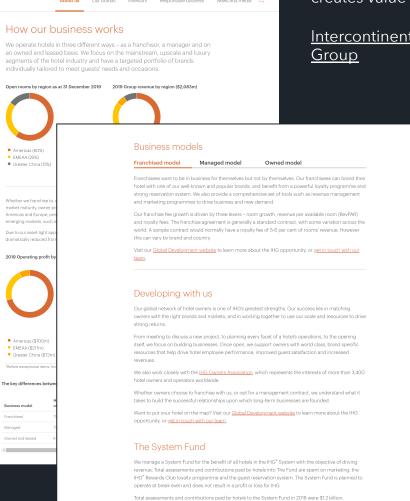
<u>Coca-Cola Company</u> <u>Heineken</u>

#### **Business Model**

Details how a company creates value to its audience.

<u>Intercontinental Hotels</u>







#### **Market Environment**

Analysts and investors go to great lengths to get ahead of the market, they want to know a company is well positioned to respond to changing market conditions.

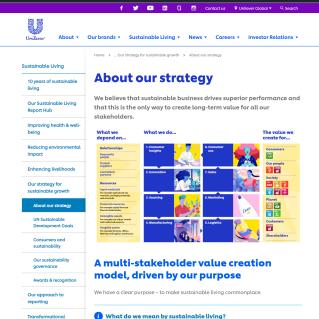
Carlsberg Group



# SUSTAINABILITY

28% of companies communicate their sustainability strategy, but only 18% quantify it.

Source: NYSE 100 Connect.IQ Ranking Report



What matters to you

We want to help create a world where everyone can live well within the natural

within and beyond Unilever, and our partnerships and advocacy efforts - which

are driving transformational change across our value chain, and beyond.

We're convinced that businesses that thrive in the future will be those that are driven by purpose for the benefit of stakeholders. That's why our multi-stakeholder value creation model serves a range of stakeholders - from consumers and customers to

sourcing, to the way consumers use and dispose of our products. The Plan, launched in 2010, is built ground three big goals and nine pillars. It embraces the strategic

priorities we identified through an annual materiality analysis.

The business case for sustainability

We have long known that growth and sustainability are not in conflict. Each year

Transformational change beyond our

we're gathering more evidence of the benefits our USLP is bringing to our business,

Our blueprint for sustainable growth The Unilever Sustainable Living Plan (USLP) is at the heart of our multi-stakeholder model. It covers 

✓ all aspects of our business and value chain (PDF | 2MB), incorporates all our brands and Divisions, and covers every country we work in. It aims to create change across our value chain – from our operations, to our

our people, society, the planet and shareholders.

as well as to society and the environment.

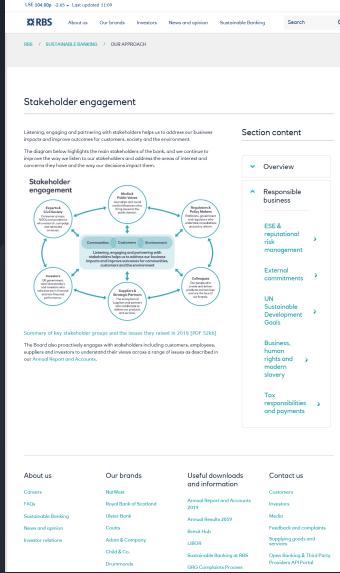
**business** 

limits of the planet. We're putting sustainable living at the heart of everything we do. That includes our brands and products, our standards of behaviour

### Strategy

Join the dots between purpose and action with an overarching explanation of your sustainability strategy

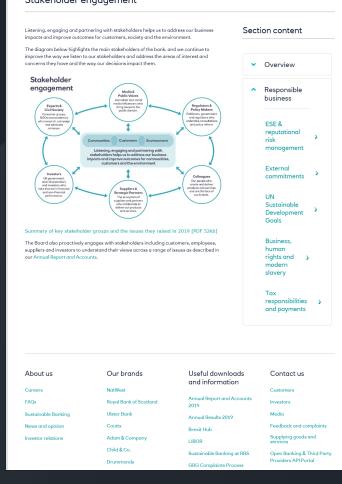
Unilever



### Stakeholder **Engagement**

Company's stakeholders includes employees, customers, society and the environment. It has to protect all of their interests by understanding different perspectives, concerns and ideas.

RBS



#### We know that the biggest challenges facing the world cannot be addressed by one company alone. We are changing ourselves as a business. But we also want to help

#### investisdigital



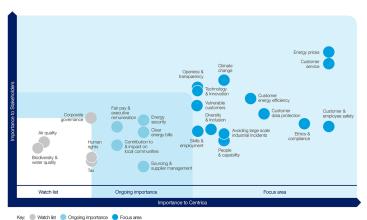


### **Materiality Matrix**

#### Responding to issues that matter most to our business

To make sure that we tackle the issues that really matter, we prioritise them by assessing their 'materiality' – i.e. the extent to which they impact our business and society. We do this by using what we call our 'Materiality Matrix'.

#### **Our Materiality Matrix**



As part of this process, we prioritise key issues and aim to fully understand the risks and opportunities facing our business in the immediate and longer term. This involves:

- · understanding issues of greatest concern from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals alongside insight from key external stakeholders including our customers, colleagues, politicians, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), suppliers and wider society
- engaging internal experts from across the business to understand how the issues may affect our operational or financial performance such as our reputation or growth.

Prioritising issues through this process, enables us to focus our efforts on effectively managing our impact as well as our stakeholder

Our materiality assessment is carried out every two years, with the above assessment undertaken in 2018/19. This allows us to reflect any significant changes within our business or the external environment, in order to inform the development of our Responsible Business Ambitions and activities undertaken within our Responsible Business Foundations.

Find out more about how we engage our stakeholders.

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# Corporate Factsheet

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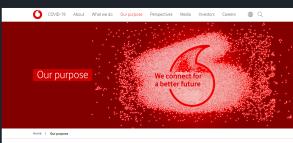
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### **Materiality Assessment**

Non-financial risks are a key topic - show how you approach their identification and mitigation. (currently only exists within a PDF report).

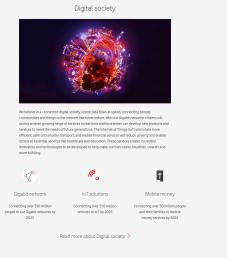
#### **Centrica**











Inclusion for all

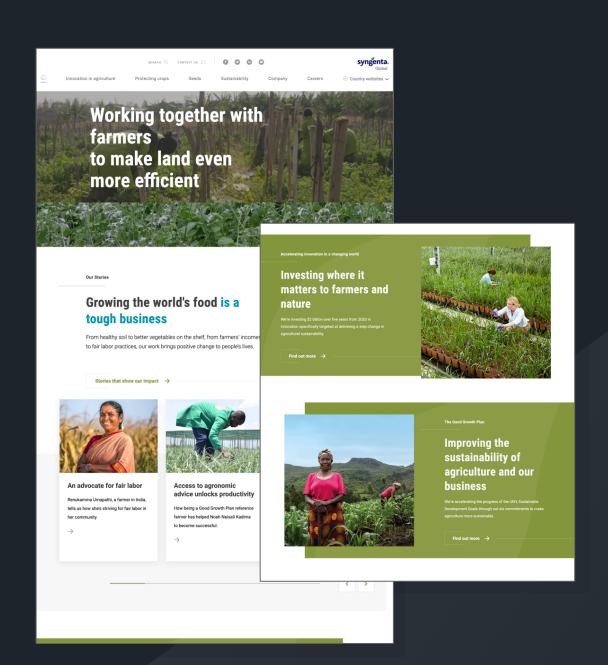
### Purpose, Shared.

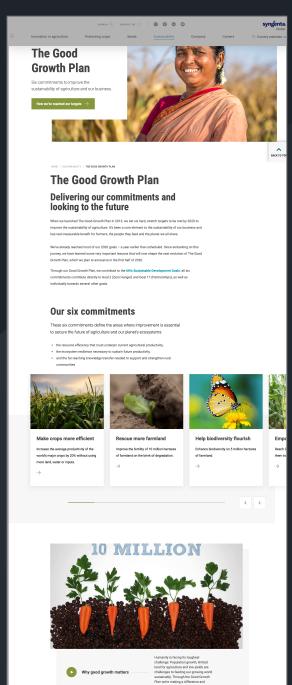
Your reason for being that underpins all that you do. Demonstrate it's a reality with clearly defined goals and report on your progress in achieving them.

Ensure that purpose goes beyond a simple statement: show it in action and back it up with data and insights.

<u>Vodafone</u> <u>BP</u>







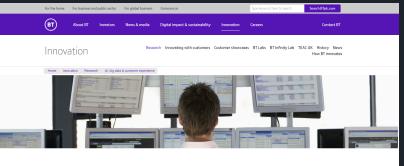
### **Purpose-Led Narrative**

Moving beyond telling audiences about purpose and using that as a golden thread to create a coherent, consistent and compelling narrative. Support this narrative by showing what it means with stories, insights and more.

Join the dots between your purpose and key areas such as sustainability.

#### **Syngenta**

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#### Al, big data & customer experience

Turning data into a superior customer experience Paul O'Brien, Director, Service, Security and Operations Lab

While tremendously exciting, the data explosion we're seeing all around us comes with a significant challenge.

Namely, 'how can we make the best use of it all?'

Finding the answer to this question is the driving force behind much of the research and development work being carried out by me and my team.

Our aim is to help the company become more efficient in the way we use data and information to manage our business and deliver products and services to our customers.

We want to better understand how to store data and how to harvest the vast quantities of information being collected.

We're also big into analytics and data science because we know we need to make sense of all the information and extract patterns which will give us valuable insights.

And then there's the research we're doing into artificial intelligence (AI). This, if you like, represents an added layer of smartness on top of the traditional data science techniques. We are exploring how AI can analyze data to help us better predict future trends.

Mine and define

One of the stand-out projects we've been involved in has seen us gather data from 20,000 BT and Openreach engineers together with information from weather feeds, network performance indicators, workstack patterns and more.

We then apply the latest in emerging technologies, for example AI or machine learning, to that data so that we can predict where engineers with the right skills will be needed, and when.

So far, by using this technique we have improved our forecasting ability by between two and three per cent. With a workforce of tens of thousands, this equates to savings of many millions of pounds.

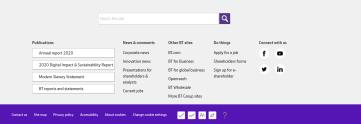
This is a great example of BT increasing automation across its estate so that we can drive down costs, cut wastage, boost efficiency and, most importantly, deliver a better experience for our customers.



#### Protecting customers from nuisance calls

Data science research carried out by BT has been key to the development of Call Protect – a service for consumer customers which helps to filter out illegal cold callers. Call Protect works by identifying the patterns and tell-tale signs of an illegal cold caller.

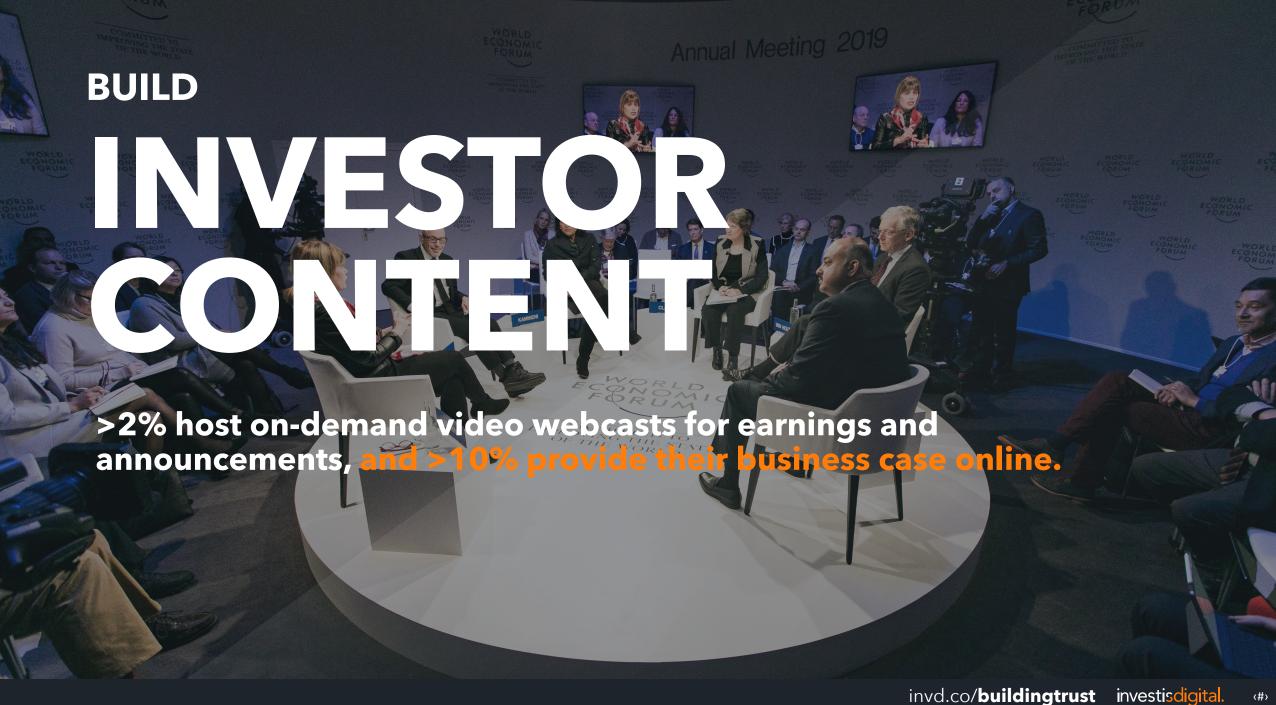
The algorithm that the system uses to analyse the vast amount of data was created at BT's laboratories.

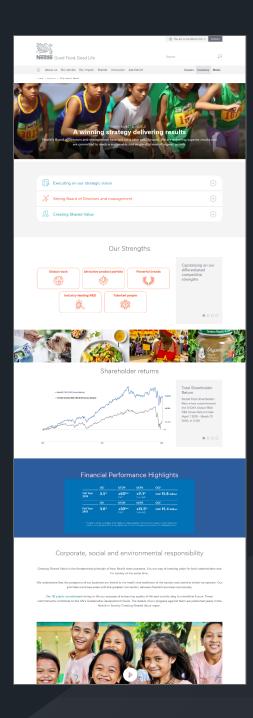


## Digitalization

Digital has transformed everything from grocery shopping to how we travel and what we listen to. Embrace, disrupt or disappear.

BT

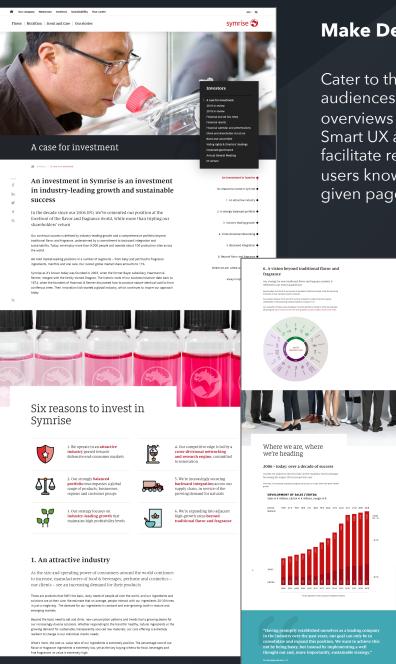




#### **Investment Case**

Adding an investment case engages investment interest by promoting a company's story and making clear what sets you apart, why you are a long-term option and how you are positioned to capitalize on opportunity.

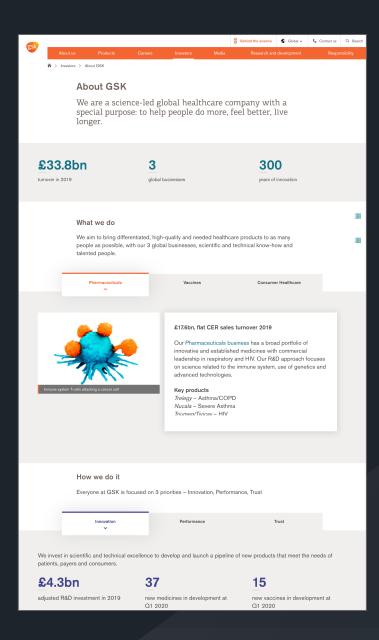
<u>Nestle</u>



### **Make Detail Manageable**

Cater to the needs of different audiences by offering bite-sized overviews and detail to dive into. Smart UX and navigation can help facilitate reading and ensure users know what to expect on any given page.

<u>Symrise</u>

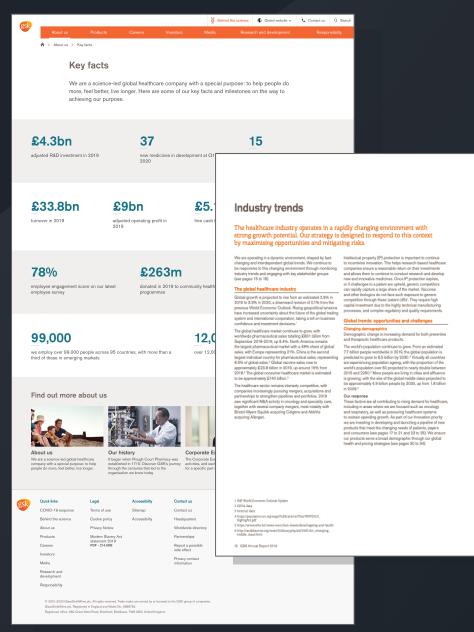


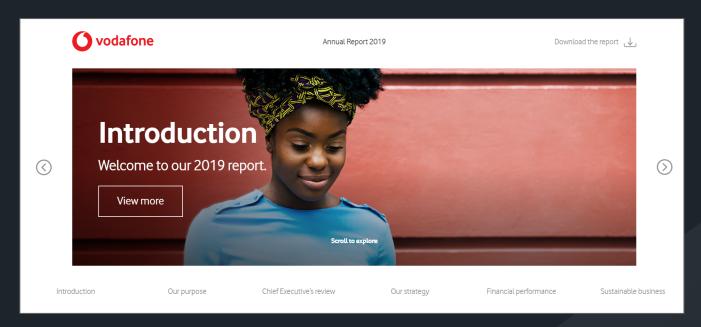
# Filmed statement or interview discussing latest results, strategy or vision for the future

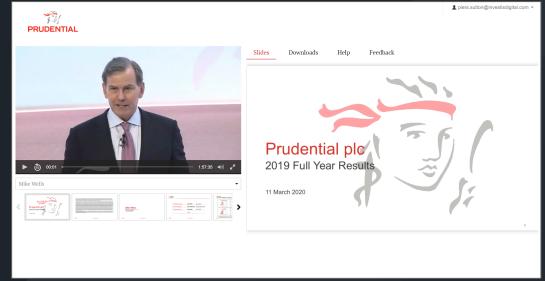
You share webcasts of your latest results and links to various senior figures speaking at events, but little to no content is shared on your strategy or vision for growth (beyond simple statements), and no discussion of results is shared. Content is largely backward looking,

#### **Greater Context**

Key facts are shared with little or no context. More could be done to relate these to targets, your strategy and to the industry as a whole. There is also an opportunity to integrate story content to give greater context.







### **Annual Report Site**

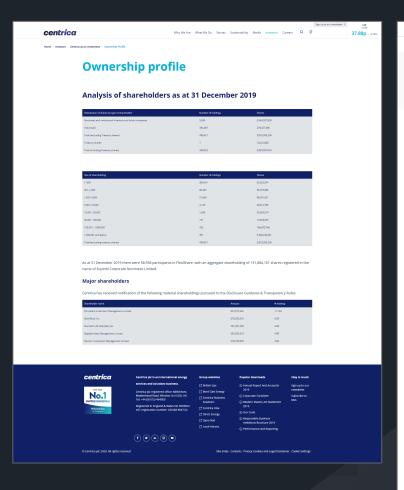
ESEF, while supported in the EU, is a usability / UX best practice, that like other measures set in place to build stakeholder trust are bound for the US in the future. Embedded and XHTML Annual Reports will improve accessibility, analysis and comparability of financial statements for stakeholders.

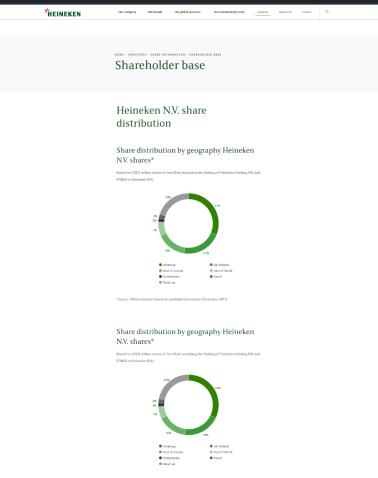
#### <u>Vodafone</u>

#### **Video Webcasts**

By adding a video webcast it gives more engagement with key audience, especially in the current climate

#### **Prudential**

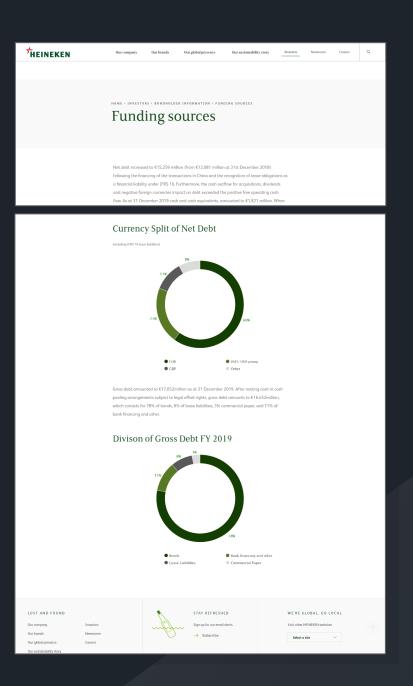


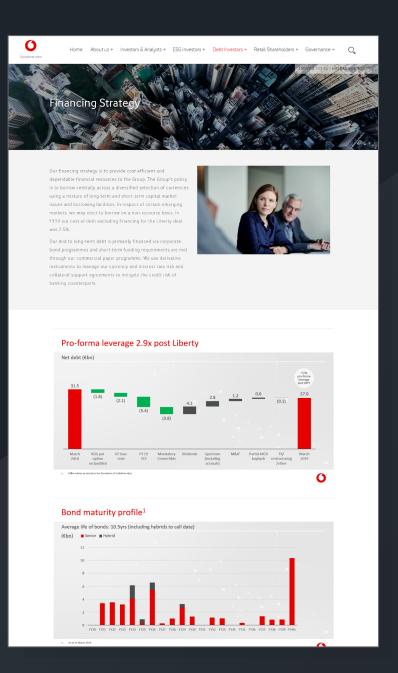


## **Major Shareholders**

Listings by shareholder category, holding size and geographical distribution are common.

<u>Centrica</u> <u>Heineken</u>



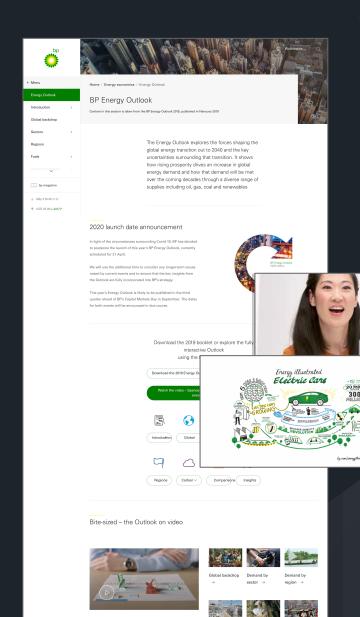


## **Capital Structure & Debt**

Details of funding sources, debt maturity and bonds issued.

<u>Heineken</u> <u>Vodafone</u>

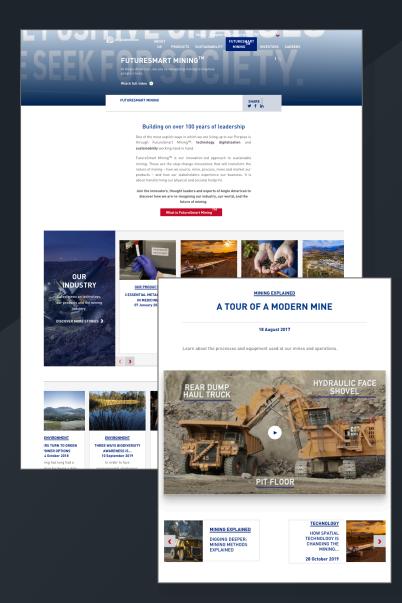




### **Thought Leadership**

Move beyond copy and explore different ways of bringing your experts to the fore through film, animation and more.

<u>BP</u>



# Context & Prominence

Bring expertise to the forefront: siloed thought leadership assumes that users will find your most relevant content by actively searching for it. Bring it to the forefront, encourage exploration through linked content and by putting stories in context.

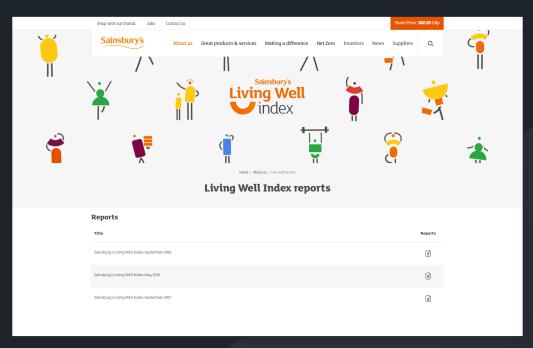
Position expertise in context of the wider industry to show your pioneering approach.

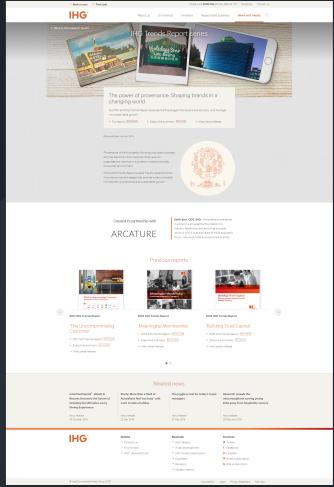
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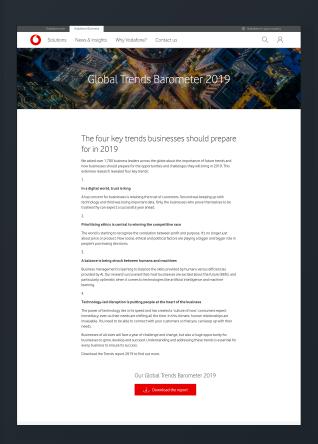
### **Research Sharing**

By sharing proprietary research and insights, companies position themselves as leaders in the industry and as those who are looking to the future. Such content can also feed into sustainability messaging and shows a desire to engage with wider viewpoints, trends and the communities they operate in.

Vodafone
Sainsbury's
Intercontinental Hotel Group







**DIVERSIFY** 

# CHANNEL MIX

77% companies utilize Twitter, 73% companies utilize LinkedIn, yet only 55% use Instagram, despite growing popularity.





# Start with a trusted source of truth



12 **YEARS** 

of analysis data on Investor and Corporate Websites



DATA & **DESIGN** 

Data collected for a comprehensive analysis between tools and manual research, not just reliant on one source



1,000+ **SITES** 

Scored every year along with 5 major stock exchanges across the globe and industry specific rank reports

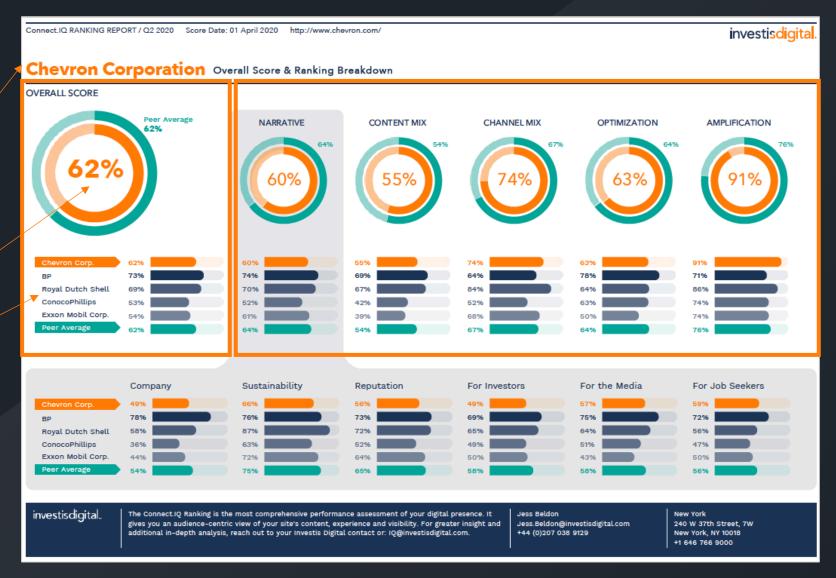


300+ **CRITERIA** 

analysis criteria, checkpoints across a company digital presence

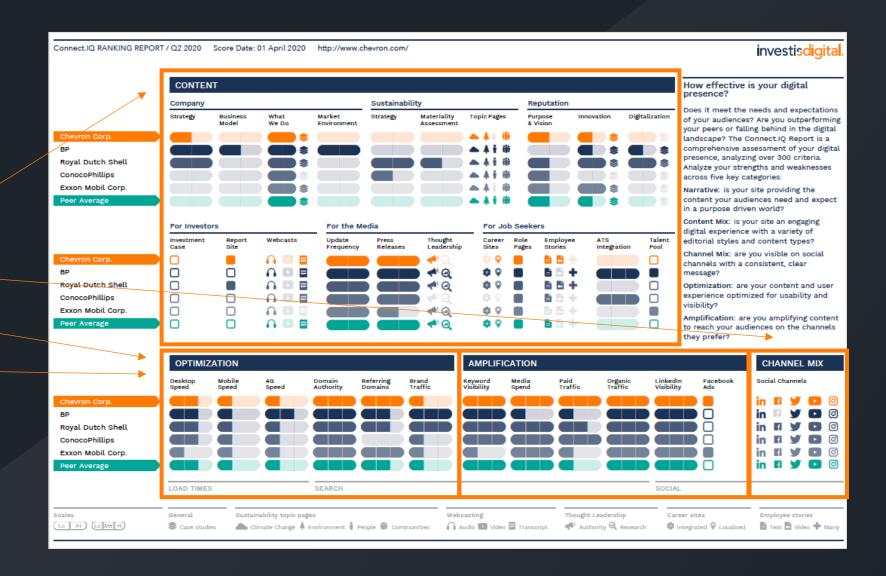
# The more valuable the criteria, the higher the score

- 1 Report
- 1 Company
- 1 Overall Score
- **4 Competitors**



# The most valuable & actionable criteria

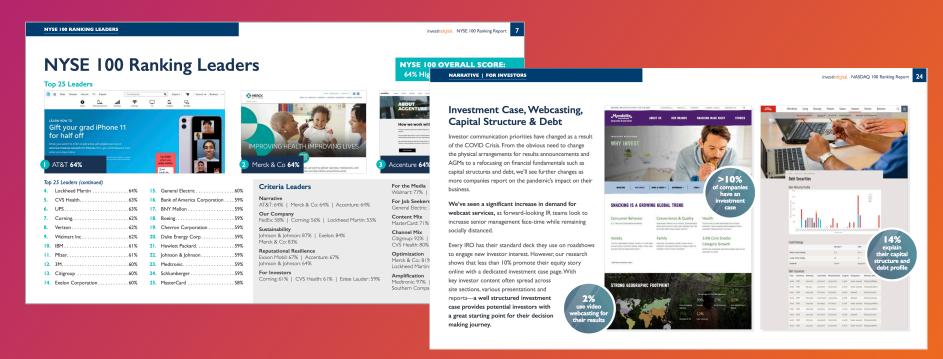
Content Mix
Channel Mix
Optimization
Amplification



# **RESEARCH & INSIGHTS**

Ranking Briefs & Reports:

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