# AllianzGI receives highest possible ESG Strategy & Governance score from PRI for third year in a

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## Summary

Allianz Global Investors, one of the world's leading active investment managers, has received an 'A+' from the PRI Association for its overarching approach to ESG Strategy and Governance for the third year in a row. This category encompasses ESG policies, objectives, memberships and considers how the firm promotes ESG efforts internally and externally.

## Key takeaways

- AllianzGI awarded (A+) for its overarching approach to ESG Strategy and Governance
- Receives A+ for "Listed Equity Incorporation" for the first time
- Scores underline AllianzGI's position as a sustainable investing pioneer

Overall, AllianzGI achieved the highest possible, 'A+' score for three categories: Strategy & Governance, Infrastructure Equity and, for the first time, Listed Equity – Incorporation. All other categories remained unchanged with an 'A' score.

In its individual, annual assessment reports the PRI Association ('Principles for Responsible Investment') looks at how signatories are progressing in incorporating ESG factors into investment decisions, and aims to provide feedback to signatories to support the ongoing development of their ESG credentials.

Module Name	AllianzGI score 2019 (2018)	All signatories median score 2019 (2018)
Strategy & Governance	A+ (A+)	A (A)
Listed Equity - Incorporation	A+ (A)	B (B)
Listed Equity - Active Ownership	A (A)	B (B)
Fixed Income - SSA	A (A)	B (B)
Fixed Income - Corporate Financial	A (A)	B (B)
Fixed Income - Corporate Non-Financial	A (A)	B (B)
Fixed Income - Securitised	A (A)	C (C)
Infrastructure Equity	A+ (A+)	A (A)

Commenting on the results, Beatrix Anton-Grönemeyer, Chief Sustainability Officer at AllianzGI, said: "These results are a significant achievement, reflecting a sustained team effort across the firm and further cement our position as one of the industry's responsible investment pioneers. It is particularly pleasing to see our efforts to integrate ESG in equities being recognised, showing that our work to integrate ESG across all asset classes on our global investment platform is bearing fruit."

"More and more clients share our conviction that ESG factors influence investment performance and that as active manager we are better placed to act as stewards of their assets than passive index trackers. The global, technology-enabled collaboration among our investment professionals continues to grow our  $institutional\ knowledge\ about\ material\ E,\ S\ \&\ G\ risks,\ benefitting\ our\ clients'\ portfolios."$ 

AllianzGI is a pioneer in sustainable investing and has been a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) since 2007. The PRI is one of the most important and powerful global initiatives to promote responsible investing with more than 2,300 signatories representing more than USD 80 trillion of assets.

AllianzGI is the official carbon offsetting partner of this year's PRI in Person, the world's leading responsible investing conference. The PRI expects 1,500 delegates to gather in Paris 10-12 September. AllianzGI's ESG and sustainability experts attend and speak at the event, including on the topic of integrating ESG factors in developed and emerging market sovereign debt.

More information on AllianzGI's sustainability approach, including the PRI Transparency Report 2019 which formed the basis for the PRI's assessment, can be found on AllianzGI's website

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