
Towards a cleaner, safer world

Driving business value
through sustainability



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The story so far

Businesses are facing diverse and growing pressures:

- Stakeholders demanding transparency and responsible conduct
- Business environment requiring companies to be more efficient and innovative
- Peer pressure requiring change in business models (new products and markets)

Proactive businesses and leaders are pushing the envelope to include broader aspects beyond just financial performance, to stay ahead of the pack. Most businesses are integrating innovative, decisive and long-range sustainability metrics into overall corporate goals. They are seeking sustainable financial and operational performance simultaneously—the prudent choice.

Key sustainability trends are shaping the business environment:

- Stakeholder inclusiveness
- Product stewardship
- Innovation
- Transparency and governance
- Responsible supply chain

We are well-positioned to advise clients on these and other aspects, all through a sustainability lens.

Our multidisciplinary and experienced sustainability team helps companies understand their challenges, associated business impacts and the opportunities that arise from embracing sustainability.

We establish environmental, health, safety, social and economic risks, recommend and develop strategic value-added solutions and help implement organisational change and process improvements.

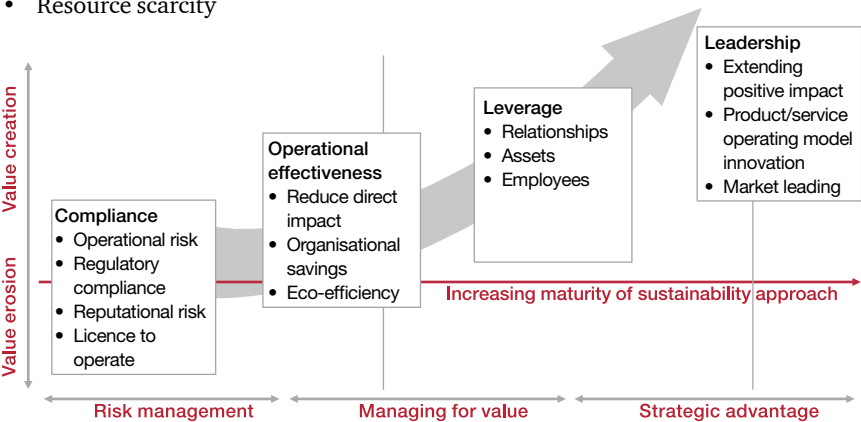
Towards leadership

Sustainability is a logical journey which allows us to work with you across a number of issues:

- International development
- Climate change
- Green growth
- Sustainable finance
- Resource scarcity

Leadership through innovation

Companies are increasingly seeking to embed sustainability in an innovative way.



How we can help



Governance, Risk and Compliance

This includes setting up or realigning your governance structure, policies and procedures to reduce environmental, social or governance related risk and ensuring compliance. We also assist in interpreting regulatory statutes and policy directives for your business and qualifying your sustainability position.



Sustainability Strategy and Performance Management

This helps generate, assess and align your sustainability strategy to make your company future ready through demonstrable best practices.



Sustainability Reporting and Disclosures

Our expertise in writing contemporary reports as per leading standards—GRI G4, BRR, UNGC, NVG-SEE places in your hands a detailed insight into your company's performance and serves as a strategic overview for management.



Assurance

We can assist you in identifying and prioritising material non-financial information, performance assessment, assurance to enhance reputation and stakeholder trust.



Supply Chain and Operations

Understanding and addressing sustainability impacts in the supply chain helps improve your performance and meet customer expectations.



Stakeholder Engagement and Materiality

We can assist you to map your stakeholders, develop methodologies and tools to engage them and determine through accurate assessment and forecasting, the sustainability issues material to your company and sector.



Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

We develop tailored CSR solutions in sync with the Companies Act, 2013, and also the needs of our clients. We are uniquely positioned to assist you across the entire CSR project lifecycle. This ranges from CSR strategy and framework development to implementation support and monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment.



Social Innovation and Brand

Companies call upon our expertise to assist in identifying and building innovative models inclusive to society and actors therein. We help enhance the brand proposition through focussed impact and outreach reports including topical case studies.

What CEOs are saying

46% CEOs put resource scarcity and climate change in their top three megatrends

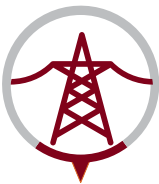
CEOs recognise that these big issues have repercussions for their business and that they'll need to do something about them

CEOs' concerns



63%

Availability of key skills



56%

High or volatile energy costs



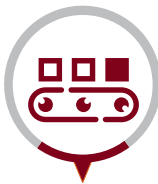
55%

High or volatile raw material costs



52%

Shifts in consumer spending and behaviour



41%

Supply chain disruptions

Where we have done this

We have worked with the most admired companies and institutions across different sustainability disciplines. We create value in your sustainability journey.



Conducting water risk assessment and developing a watershed management framework for a large international beverage company in India

We evaluated water management practices, local government policies, programmes, various government department roles in water management, mapped water usage availability, recommended options to improve water efficiencies and reduce existing water usage through water conservation measures at the watershed level with participation from government, NGO and community programmes. We also recommended action steps for creating groundwater recharge potential in excess of plant water usage to remain water positive all the time.



Assisting a global pharma player in utilisation of hazardous and mixed waste for agricultural and other applications

Disposal of waste is seen as the last option as it is both expensive and a burden on society as well as overflowing landfills. We helped a pharma sector client evaluate the characteristics of the waste and in consultation with the regulatory authorities, found vendors who would recycle and reuse this waste in an environmentally sound manner. Our experts determined the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of the waste and helped the client choose a cost-effective option of converting this waste to useful products.



Developing environmental and social risk management guidelines and sector guidance for an international financial institution

We helped revise the guidelines for an institution for its operations in a developing country primarily to include social and climate change risks. We have also developed sector policy guidelines and E&S risk scoring tools for quantitative risk assessment for major polluting sectors including power, textile, steel rolling, cement, tannery, pharmaceuticals, ceramic, shipbreaking, chemicals, pulp and paper.



Developing the regulatory framework for rehabilitation of polluted sites and hazardous waste management

The work involves developing the legal, institutional and policy framework for the National Program for Rehabilitation of Polluted Sites (NPRPS). As a part of the legal framework, we have drafted the amendments of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to bring in the concepts of polluter pays, reversal of burden of proof, absolute liability and administrative adjudication.



Reviewing CSR programme for a global consumer technology company

We assisted a large global consumer technology company in reviewing the CSR framework, policy and activities in line with the requirements of section 135 of the Companies Act. We also conducted a review of the proposed CSR activities, underlying costs and accounts and the partner evaluation and due diligence guidelines adopted.



Supply chain assessment for a large engineering and construction company

We helped a large engineering and construction company develop an environmental roadmap addressing all aspects related to its operations including moving towards a more responsible product portfolio as well as for implementing sustainability in the supply chain. We helped them develop a framework to consistently risk-rank all suppliers in the selected base.



Developing stakeholder engagement framework and conducting materiality assessment for a large steelmaker

We assisted a large steelmaker in developing its stakeholder engagement framework in line with globally recognised stakeholder engagement standard (AA1000SES). We also engaged with internal and external stakeholders for conducting the materiality assessment — identifying sustainability issues that entail significant impact on businesses and issues that are of high concern for external stakeholders.



Developing sustainability strategy for a global IT and outsourcing company

We assisted a global business process outsourcing leader to develop its sustainability strategy and its sustainability disclosure and communications. The work involved extensive internal and external stakeholder engagement, developing sustainability manuals for key functions and developing a sustainability maturity scorecard. We also assisted the company in streamlining its sustainability data management systems and developing sustainability specific communication tools.



Developing the first GRI sustainability report for a large oil and gas player

We assisted one of the largest oil and gas companies in the world in developing its first sustainability report. We set up sustainability data collection and management systems and conducted awareness sessions across several sites. We worked closely with the senior management in articulating the sustainability vision for the company and the management approach across various material issues.

Our Sustainability and Climate Change practice in India

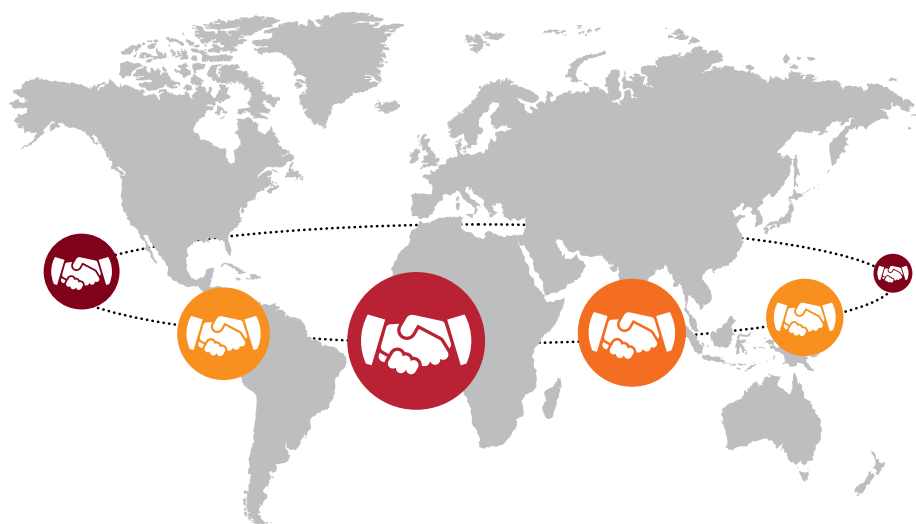
Our team is founded on a vision of convergence between environmental and financial disciplines where sustainability has emerged as one of the most important political and business issues of our time.



We combine the expertise of our Sustainability and Corporate Finance teams to assist our clients in protecting and enhancing their shareholder value by integrating climate change risks and opportunities into core strategy and operations.

We help our clients understand the environmental, health and safety impact, regulation compliance, risks and opportunities facing their organisations, and define their strategic vision, planning and implementation of various management systems related to climate change, environment, health, safety, social and economic aspects.

PwC Sustainability works with businesses all around the world as they respond to the drivers of transformational change



We help quantify how these issues impact business, we discuss options available and assist in implementing change.

We believe sustainability is at the core of the business success—talk to us.

How we can help

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