

Member of DJSI World, DJSI North America

Company Information

Country: United States

Index market cap*: 200,381

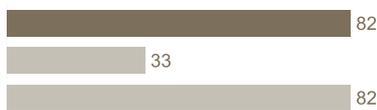
*USD millions

Source: S&P Global BMI, 30 August 2019

2019 Assessment Results

Source: SAM CSA, 13 September 2019

Total Scores



Economic



Environmental



Social



■ Cisco Systems Inc
■ Industry Average Score
■ Industry Best Score

Industry Overview	Maximum Score	Average Score
Total	82	33
Economic Dimension	78	32
Environmental Dimension	95	41
Social Dimension	74	26

DJSI World	Maximum Score	Average Score
Total	82	82
Economic Dimension	78	78
Environmental Dimension	95	95
Social Dimension	74	74

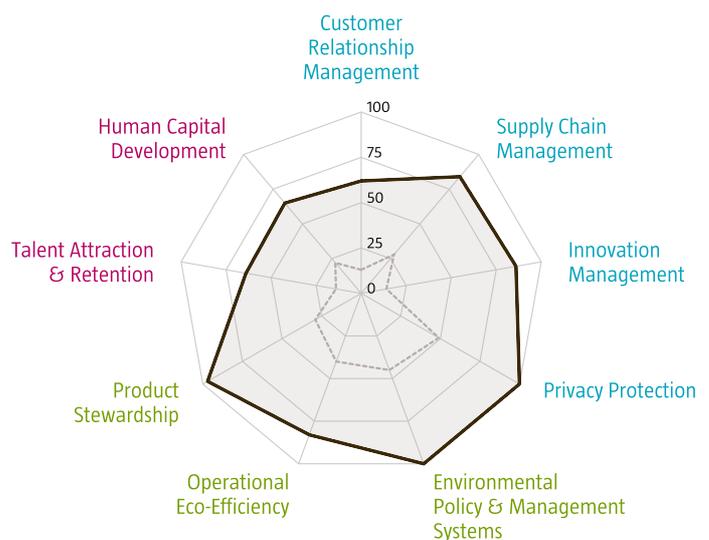
Cisco Systems Inc leads the Communications Equipment industry in SAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment based on its Total Sustainability Score in 2019. This report provides a broad overview of the performance of the Communications Equipment industry and the relative positioning of Cisco Systems Inc at the dimension and criteria level.

Industry Drivers

Responding to the demands of an increasingly interconnected world, the communications equipment industry delivers infrastructure solutions to meet growing data volume demands and to improve network coverage and access while lowering the costs of network operation. With wireless and mobile data traffic growing twice as fast as fixed internet, the deployment of 4G/5G networks will accelerate digital transformation across many industries, leading to new applications using the Internet of Things, automation, big data, and Artificial Intelligence. Products must be designed for low energy consumption and responsibly-sourced 3TG minerals, and systems are shifting from predominantly hardware-only to software-defined networking and cloud-enabled solutions. Increased connectivity brings many benefits, but with the transmission of sensitive data via networks, security concerns are paramount. Communications equipment manufacturers are therefore tasked with preventing successful cyberattacks by adopting a consistent approach to security across their infrastructure offerings.

Company Performance

RobecoSAM has selected the most relevant criteria in each sustainability dimension based on their weight in the assessment and their current or expected significance for the industry. The spider chart below visualizes the performance of the industry leader against the best score achieved in each criterion and the median industry score.



— Industry best score - - - - Industry average score ■ Cisco Systems Inc

Corporate Sustainability Assessment

The SAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) is a comprehensive annual evaluation of companies' sustainability practices and performance. Every March, RobecoSAM extends invitations to over 3,500 of the largest, listed companies globally to participate in the assessment by completing an in-depth questionnaire. Assessment results are published in September, following the analysis of companies' submissions complemented by additional research performed by RobecoSAM.

The CSA is one of the longest standing ESG rating methodologies worldwide, dating back to 1999. It assesses companies on the basis of 80 – 120 industry-specific questions across 61 industries focusing on financially material economic, environmental, and social factors that are relevant to companies' success, but that are under-researched in conventional financial analysis. Every year, the CSA undergoes rigorous methodological review in order to ensure that the most current material sustainability topics, as well as emerging, long-term sustainability themes often of interest to investors are reflected, and companies are challenged on topics that lack disclosure today. The ESG Ratings derived from the CSA are used for the annual rebalancing of the iconic Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), as well as the S&P Dow Jones Indices (S&P DJI) ESG Index family and are made available to investors, researchers, and non-governmental organizations through the S&P DJI and Bloomberg data platforms. The results of the CSA are also used for the creation of the SAM Sustainability Yearbook, one of the most comprehensive annual publications on corporate sustainability. Selected ratings are made available to the general public through the Sustainability Yearbook website: <http://yearbook.robecosam.com>

Additional Resources

For more information on the CSA and a complete list of all Dow Jones Sustainability Indices constituents visit www.robecosam.com/CSA

Assessed companies can access their own results and benchmark themselves against their peers directly through the online assessment portal.

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