Trading Companies & Distributors

Driving forces
Trading companies and distributors represent companies operating in the wholesale and distribution of a wide range of goods and services. Due to their diverse and complex business lines, these companies rely heavily on strong corporate governance and management structures to operate successfully. It is a knowledge-intensive industry, so fair labor practices, talent attraction and retention and human capital development are key to productivity and business success. Operating across a diverse range of business areas and geographies, companies in this industry can face considerable environmental and social risks, either directly through their own emissions-heavy transportation services, through the products they sell or in their supply chains. As a result, defining clear policies and risk management processes remains important for long-term value creation, and is essential in tackling systemic shocks to supply chains such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Environmental and social impact assessments and transparency with stakeholders are key to mitigate future operational and reputational risks.

Highlighted criteria & dimension weights
Environmental Dimension.. 19%
  – Climate Strategy
  – Environmental Policy & Management Systems
  – Operational Eco-Efficiency
Social Dimension ............. 38%
  – Labor Practice Indicators
  – Occupational Health and Safety
Governance & Economic Dimension .................. 43%
  – Codes of Business Conduct
  – Corporate Governance
  – Customer Relationship Management
  – Supply Chain Management

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Ferreycorp S.A.A.* Peru 61
W.W. Grainger, Inc. United States 55

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