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The Fiduciary Case For Faith-Based ESG Investing



Disclosures

- ESG: Environmental, social and governance
- BRI: Biblically responsible investing
- SRI: Socially responsible investing
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Inspire Investing

INSPIRING TRANSFORMATION WITH FAITH-BASED ESG INDEX INVESTING

- Founded: 2015
- Headquarters: Silicon Valley, CA
- **Distinctives**: Innovative, faith-based ESG index strategies combining competitive cost, factor investing and positive impact.
- Accolades: Nominated finalist ETF.com Awards: "Best New ESG ETF 2017","Best New ETF Issuer 2017" and "Thematic ETF of the Year– 2018"
- Thought Leadership: FOX Business, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, New York Times, Bloomberg, Yahoo! Finance, Thomson Reuters, Huffington Post and other major media.
- Clients: Global client footprint of institutions, foundations, family offices and individual investors

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Biblical investing makes a splash with the media



"This will be an interesting company to watch..." —ETF Advisor Magazine

"The Chick-fil-A of investments."

THE HUFFINGTON POST

"Biblically responsible investing is booming."

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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The Fiduciary Case for Faith-Based ESG Investing

And how Inspire's innovative faith-based approach to ESG can potentially improve investor outcomes.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Inspire's Investment Philosophy Wise close Spor Cost

We believe that cost efficient, index-based portfolios constructed using biblically aligned ESG factors can potentially enhance investor outcomes by offering quality tilt opportunities, systemized risk mitigation , and differentiated alpha, and thus should be considered for all portfolios, including those without faith-based or ESG mandates.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



Quality Tilt

We seek to explain the gap between market value and book value which now, on average, represents 80%+ of company value...This is a gap where ESG factors are either a significant contributor to or defined risk for both intangible asset performance and earnings growth trajectory.

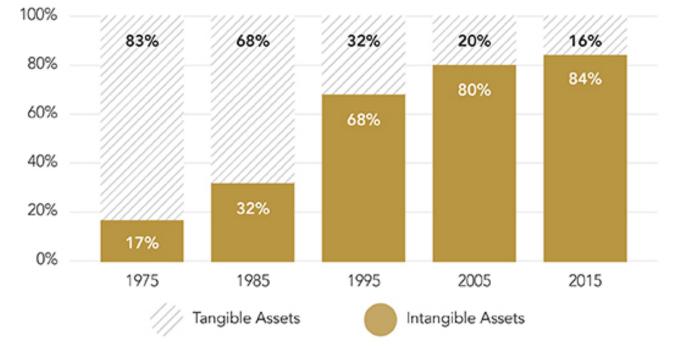
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Intangible Value

COMPONENTS of S&P 500 MARKET VALUE



SOURCE: INTANGIBLE ASSET MARKET VALUE STUDY, 2017

Quality Tilt

The results tell us that ESG is a quantitative measure of quality, but it's a different flavor of quality: It captures a set of hard-to-measure corporate characteristics that are reflective of a management quality not reflected in traditional quality measures. Our research showed that capturing these characteristics, in turn, reduces a portfolio's risk relative to one produced by a model without ESG. And this effect is particularly pronounced in "risk-off" markets, further buttressing the quality and counter-cyclical argument for ESG.

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Figure 3: MSCI All-Country World Index Return on Equity By ESG Rating



Source: MSCI as of August 31, 2014.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. Index returns reflect all items of income, gain and loss and the reinvestment of dividends and other income.

AAA is the highest MSCI ranking for ESG. CCC is the lowest MSCI ranking for ESG.

Risk Mitigation

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Institutional investors increasingly observe that risks related to ESG issues can have a measurable effect on a company's market value, as well as its reputation. Companies have seen their revenues and profits decline, for instance, after worker safety incidents, waste or pollution spills, weatherrelated supply-chain disruptions, and other ESGrelated incidents have come to light.

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From 'why' to 'why not': Sustainable investing as the new normal. October 2017

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When companies externalize the price of environmental and social issues upon the communities in which they operate, they are by definition over-monetized—earning excess profits because the costs of externalities are not borne by the company. Investors risk paying the price when such excess is corrected and environmental and social costs are internalized to the company's income statement.

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Risk Mitigation

DISPLAY 2 Stock price performance one year following ESG risk event

ESG RISK EVENT	DATE	1 YEAR (%)
Energy accounting scandal	8/14/01	-99.6
Telecommunications accounting scandal	3/11/02	-98.6
Upper Big Branch Mine explosion	4/5/10	-52.7
Deepwater Horizon oil spill	4/20/10	-28.2
Automobile airbag recall	1/21/14	-53.5
Pharmaceutical accounting scandal	8/5/15	-91.5
Automobile emissions scandal	9/20/15	-26.4
Average loss to shareholders after 1 year		-64.4

Source: Bloomberg. Data as of November 30, 2016. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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Risk Mitigation



Retailer stock drops 20% on bathroom controversy



Continuing to Stand for Inclusivity

"we welcome transgender team members and guests to use the restroom or fitting room facility that corresponds with their gender identity."



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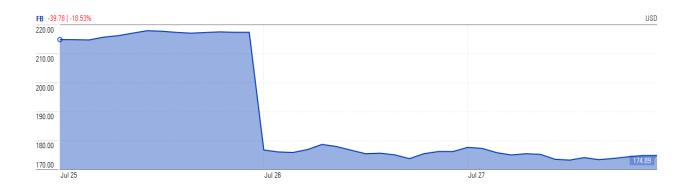
April 19, 2016 - <u>https://corporate.target.com/article/2016/04/target-stands-</u> inclusivity

Risk Mitigation





Social network giant falls 20% due to user data breach



Largest one-day loss of market cap ever on record (\$120B)

Facebook 'puts privacy first' and stock plunges 20%

"Facebook's stock plunged 20% Thursday morning after the company said it expects revenue growth to slow as it "puts privacy first" and rethinks its product experiences."





Risk Mitigation

ESG Related Bankruptcies









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Risk Mitigation

Issuers with the lowest QESG Scores tended to have the **highest median CDS spreads**...

...the distribution of observed annual average CDS spreads was also **widest among the lowest QESG deciles**...

...This implies that firms with lower ESG scores produce more unpredictable investment returns. Conversely, issuers with the highest QESG Scores tend to have the lowest CDS spreads and the narrowest distribution of spreads, which should result in a more stable return profile...

...companies with higher QESG Scores tend to have lower CDS spreads.

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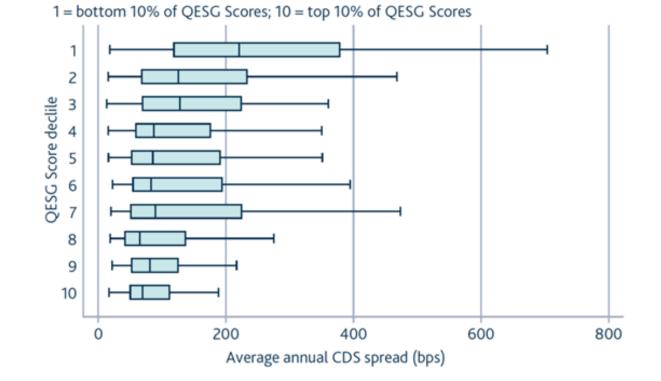
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CDS: Credit default swaps QESG: Quality ESG

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Risk Mitigation

Figure 2: CDS spreads by QESG decile, 2012-2016



Source: as at February 2017. Data sourced from Hermes Global Equities and Bloomberg. Corrected for outliers.

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Broad Applications

Not just for faith-based/ESG mandates.

Consideration of environmental, social and governance criteria was once driven by ethical forces. Now investors are discovering how it plays a key role in broader financial performance and managing volatility...

Once seen as vague and peripheral, ESG is progressively becoming a **core tenet to the riskreturn equation and to goals-based investing**.

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We believe that ESG factors are integral to assessing the quality of a company and thus are a vital part of our investment process.

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ESG is Essential for <u>ALL</u> Portfolios

Non-ESG Portfolios



You may be PROFITING from the following:

ESG Portfolios



Emphasis on the follwoing:

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In reviewing the experiences of leading institutions, one theme stands out: sustainable investing is more effective when its core activities are integrated into existing processes, rather than carried out in parallel...

More institutional investors recognize environmental, social, and governance factors as drivers of value. The key to investing effectively is to integrate these factors across the investment process.

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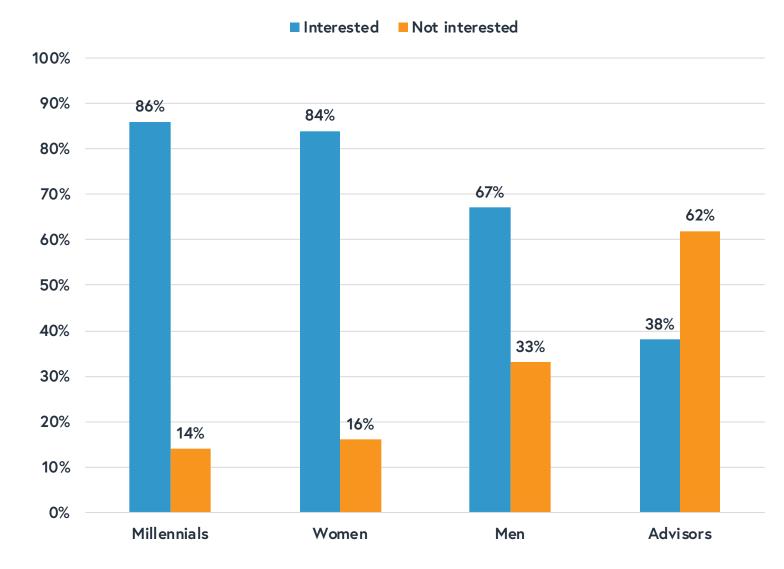
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Advisor Perception Vs. Reality

ESG INTEREST OF INVESTORS -VS- ADVISORS



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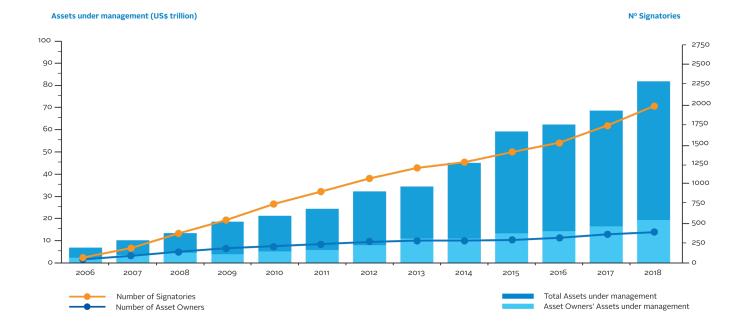
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Methodology: Total AUM includes reported AUM and AUM of new signatories provided in sign-up sheet that signed up by end of April of that year. Total AUM for the past three years excludes double counting resulting from subsidiaries of PRI signatories also reporting and external assets managed by PRI signatories. AUM for previous years include some element of double counting.

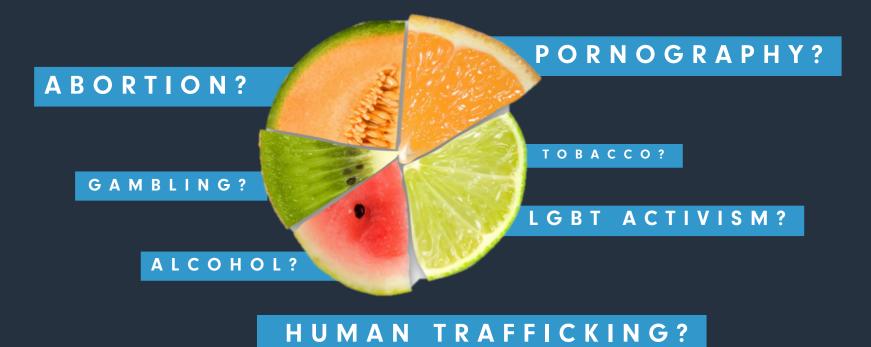


Inspire Impact Score Methodology

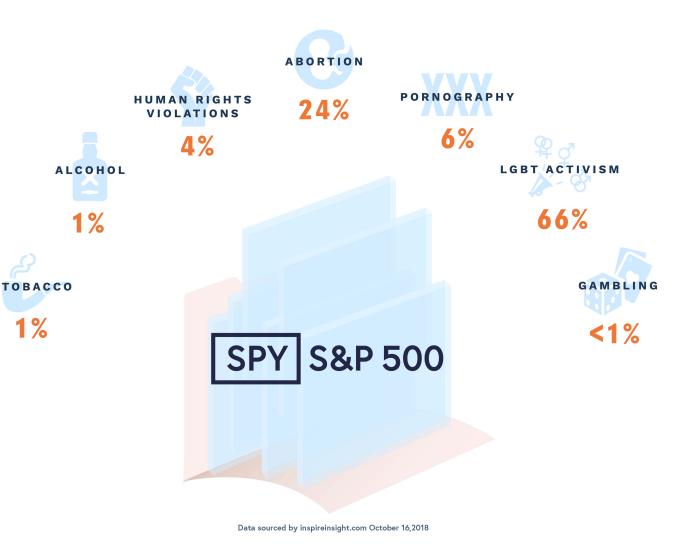
Our unique faith-based ESG factor investing process.



What are you really invested in?



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Inspire's Investment Methodology

Inspire impact score:





- \checkmark Identify the most inspiring companies
- ✓ Range from -100 to +100
- \checkmark Invest in companies closest to +100
- \checkmark Proprietary database of thousands of company scores

The Inspire Impact Score®, is a proprietary selection methodology that is designed to assign a score to a particular security based on the security's alignment with biblical values and the positive impact, that company has on the world through various environmental, social and governance criterion. There is no guarantee that any investment will achieve its objectives, generate positive returns, or avoid losses.

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Screening Flowchart



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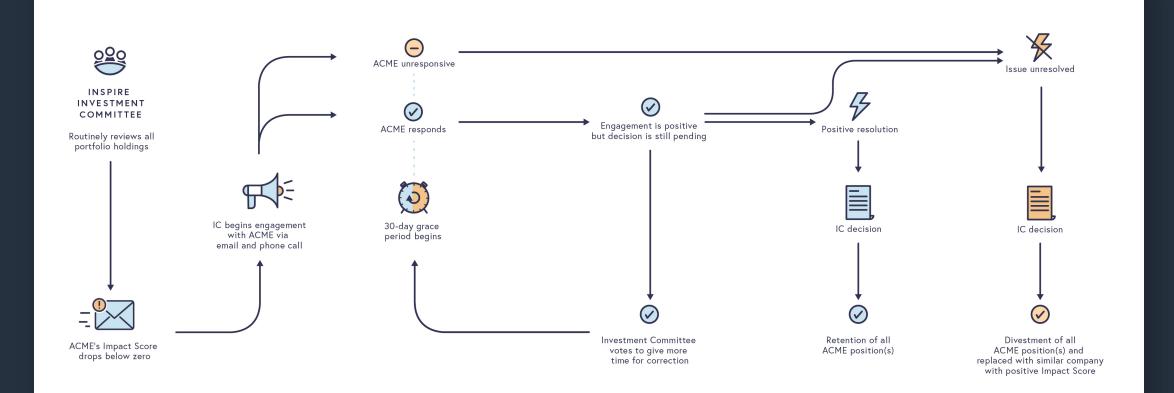
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Company Spotlight





Engagement Process and Sell Discipline



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