



Food Products

Driving forces

Growth in the food industry continues to be driven by the increased wealth and consumption spawned by a growing middle class in emerging economies. In the developed world, a heavy consumer focus on diet and healthy lifestyles has prompted product transformations as well as new innovations centered on clean, natural, wholesome and organic ingredients. In addition, as the pace and intensity of work, life and leisure increases, consumers in all markets are ever-pressed for time, leading to a growing demand for convenient, albeit functional, food. Health, wellness, and nutrition have emerged as major growth categories and will remain in the spotlight for food manufacturers as a growing number of consumers become aware of the relationship between diet and health. The industry's main risks and challenges include rising raw material prices and new packaging solutions, which are both effective and environmentally friendly. Better management and increased transparency of supply chains can help reduce costs and ensure food safety - a key concern for consumers.

Highlighted criteria

- Economic Dimension**
 - Health & Nutrition
 - Innovation Management
 - Supply Chain Management
- Environmental Dimension**
 - Operational Eco-Efficiency
 - Packaging
 - Raw Material Sourcing
- Social Dimension**
 - Human Capital Development
 - Human Rights
 - Occupational Health and Safety

Sustainability leaders 2018

●	RobecoSAM Gold Class	
	Nestle SA	Switzerland
●	RobecoSAM Silver Class	
	Grupo Nutresa SA	Colombia
●	RobecoSAM Bronze Class	
	Ajinomoto Co Inc	Japan
	Charoen Pokphand Foods PCL	Thailand
	Thai Union Group PCL	Thailand
	Sustainability Yearbook Members	
	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co*	United States
	Campbell Soup Co	United States
	CJ CheilJedang Corp	South Korea
	Colombina SA ¹	Colombia
	Conagra Brands Inc	United States
	Danone SA	France
	General Mills Inc	United States
	Hain Celestial Group Inc	United States
	Hershey Co	United States
	Kellogg Co	United States
	Mondelez International Inc	United States

* RobecoSAM Industry Mover

¹ This company was not assessed for inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices, but applying the same assessment methodology.

Industry statistics

Number of companies in universe	114
Number of companies assessed by RobecoSAM in 2017	86
Assessed companies to total companies in universe (%)	75
Market capitalization of assessed companies to total market capitalization (%)	86

Results at industry level

Dimension	Average score	Best score	Dimension weight
Economic	45	88	42%
Environmental	40	97	28%
Social	43	89	30%

Total score

