Driving forces
The health care equipment and supplies industry develops medical products such as orthopedic implants and cardiovascular devices, as well as medical supplies and instruments critical to improving patients’ quality of life. Product quality, safety and collaboration with stakeholders are critical for ensuring the successful marketing of products and to maintaining a company’s license to operate. While government budget constraints and health care reforms have affected pricing, reimbursement and utilization, efforts to broaden health care coverage in the U.S. and emerging markets coupled with rising income levels have created new growth opportunities for the industry. Sustainable companies in this sector focus on developing innovative and highly differentiated products and on demonstrating their products’ clinical and economic benefits. Moreover, they adopt consistent, value- and stakeholder-oriented corporate strategies and governance systems based on effective human and intellectual capital management and transparent reporting frameworks.

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Sonova Holding AG Switzerland
Edwards Lifesciences Corp United States
Smith & Nephew PLC United Kingdom
Sysmex Corp Japan
Medtronic PLC United States

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Highlighted criteria & Dimension weight
Economic Dimension ............... 53%
– Codes of Business Conduct
– Innovation Management
– Product Quality and Recall Management
– Marketing Practices

Environmental Dimension .......... 10%
– Operational Eco-Efficiency
– Climate Strategy
– Environmental Policy & Management Systems

Social Dimension .................... 37%
– Talent Attraction & Retention
– Health Outcome Contribution

Industry statistics
Number of companies in universe 61
Number of companies assessed in 2018 48
Assessed companies to total companies in universe 79%
Market of assessed companies to total market 93%

Results at industry level

The box-and-whisker plot describes the distribution of scores in the industry, based on all assessed companies. More information is available in the Reading Instructions in the introduction.