



Health Care Equipment & Supplies

Driving forces

The health care equipment & supplies industry develops medical products such as orthopedic implants and cardiovascular devices, as well as medical supplies and instruments that are critical to improving the quality of life for patients with chronic diseases. Product quality, safety and collaboration with stakeholders are critical for ensuring successful product commercialization as well as for 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 US 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 as well as 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.

Highlighted criteria

- Economic Dimension
 - Codes of Business Conduct
 - Innovation Management
 - Marketing Practices
 - Product Quality and Recall Management
- Environmental Dimension
 - Climate Strategy
 - Environmental Policy & Management Systems
 - Operational Eco-Efficiency
- Social Dimension
 - Health Outcome Contribution
 - Talent Attraction & Retention

Sustainability leaders 2018

RobecoSAM Gold Class

Abbott Laboratories United States

Sustainability Yearbook Members

Baxter International Inc United States

Essilor International SA France

Medtronic PLC* United States

Smith & Nephew PLC United Kingdom

Sonova Holding AG Switzerland

Systemx Corp Japan

* RobecoSAM Industry Mover

Industry statistics

Number of companies in universe	58
Number of companies assessed by RobecoSAM in 2017	41
Assessed companies to total companies in universe (%)	71
Market capitalization of assessed companies to total market capitalization (%)	91

Results at industry level

Dimension	Average score	Best score	Dimension weight
Economic	45	85	53%
Environmental	40	85	10%
Social	35	91	37%

Total score

