Driving forces

Growth in the homebuilding industry is largely driven by external factors such as interest rates and general economic conditions as well as highly specific national and regional housing markets. In addition, price pressures and tighter regulation remain constant challenges. Product stewardship and environmental efficiency in combination with innovation are key industry drivers in both the building and use stages of the product lifecycle. As the demand and regulatory push for green building continue to increase, companies responding to new technological developments such as low-energy, passive and plus-energy buildings are likely to remain at the forefront of the industry. Occupational health and safety risks are high, requiring strict management practices to minimize injuries among employees and external contractors.

Highlighted criteria & Dimension weight

- Economic Dimension ............... 29%
  - Corporate Governance
  - Codes of Business Conduct
  - Risk & Crisis Management
- Environmental Dimension ....... 37%
  - Operational Eco-Efficiency
  - Resource Conservation and Resource Efficiency
  - Building Materials
- Social Dimension .................... 34%
  - Occupational Health and Safety
  - Human Capital Development
  - Social Integration & Regeneration

Sustainability leaders 2019

**SAM Gold Class**
Sumitomo Forestry Co Ltd * Japan

**SAM Silver Class**
Sekisui House Ltd Japan

**SAM Bronze Class**
Sekisui Chemical Co Ltd Japan

* SAM Industry Mover

Industry statistics

- Number of companies in universe: 19
- Number of companies assessed in 2018: 17
- Assessed companies to total companies in universe: 89%
- Market of assessed companies to total market: 96%

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.