



## Homebuilding

### 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 regulations 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 life cycle. As the demand and regulatory push for green building continues to grow, companies responding to new technology developments such as low-energy, passive and plus-energy buildings are likely to remain at the forefront of the industry. Occupational health & safety risks are high, requiring strict management practices to minimize the injury rate among employees and external contractors.

### Highlighted criteria

#### Economic Dimension

- Codes of Business Conduct
- Corporate Governance
- Risk & Crisis Management

#### Environmental Dimension

- Building Materials
- Operational Eco-Efficiency
- Resource Conservation and Resource Efficiency

#### Social Dimension

- Human Capital Development
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Social Integration & Regeneration

### Sustainability leaders 2018

<b>RobecoSAM Gold Class</b>	
Sekisui House Ltd*	Japan
<b>RobecoSAM Bronze Class</b>	
Sekisui Chemical Co Ltd	Japan
Sumitomo Forestry Co Ltd	Japan

\* RobecoSAM Industry Mover

### Industry statistics

Number of companies in universe	21
Number of companies assessed by RobecoSAM in 2017	17
Assessed companies to total companies in universe (%)	81
Market capitalization of assessed companies to total market capitalization (%)	81

### Results at industry level

Dimension	Average score	Best score	Dimension weight
Economic	46	69	29%
Environmental	40	96	37%
Social	36	74	34%

### Total score

