



Sigma: In facts & figures

What is Sigma?

Sigma is...

- The next generation of ESG risk metrics.
- An investment metrics tool designed to provide reliable, accurate and transparent metrics to rate risk in Sustainability by applying proprietary standards-based financial technology.
- Designed to provide one common international ESG standard.
- Interoperable in 161 countries.
- Compliant with World Trade Organisation (WTO), International Trade Commission (ITC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).
- Designed to incur low implementation and operation costs.
- Unique. No other Sustainability metrics tool exists which can offer the same capabilities to accurately assess risk within a chosen company, investment, market, project or supply chain.

How was Sigma developed?

Sigma was developed based on the following research and principles:

- Financial risk aspects developed by regulated investment management experts.
- Existing, objective ISO based standards already trusted by global financial institutions.
- Established tried, tested and proven methodologies.
- The knowledge and expertise of world-leading ESG standards specialists.
- That it is accessible, affordable and functional for listed and non-listed companies, SMEs and within emerging markets.



How does Sigma work?

Sigma is a complex tool based on a number of components and a proprietary algorithm-based methodology, which drive the rating procedure. However, the basic elements of how Sigma is deployed can be highlighted as the following steps:

1. Sigma applies a composite of ESG relevant ISO international standards.
2. Each component standard correlates to the determination of environmental, social and governance performance (i.e. risk) within a chosen company, investable market, project or supply chain.
3. Each component requires third party independent audit.
4. Sigma does not require self-reporting from the company.
5. The algorithm determines the rating.
6. A benign and objective report is delivered.

What does Sigma achieve?

Sigma was designed to achieve many objectives, including but not limited to the following:

- To provide a common integral ESG standard
- To ensure and enhance integrity in Sustainability Investment. By being an independent, non-biased tool that can be used to separate rating operations from consultancy, sales and distribution.
- To act as a vigorous system-wide, multi stage third-party audit.
- To provide a level playing field for emerging economies.
- To complement existing client in-house capabilities.
- To screen multi-investable universes and climates quickly and accurately.