

# **KEY FIGURES & WINNERS**

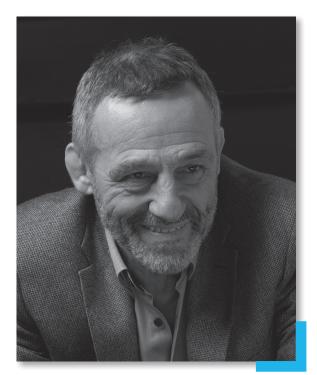
Analysis based on the top 250 companies in the S&P Index. The list was created on January 2, 2021 and the data was collected between May 10 and July 31.



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## yourself in the reader's shoes so you can explain things—even sensitive things—in the most effective way. To write clearly is to speak the truth, possibly at the risk of being criticized. The most transparent companies explain how their executives are compensated and show how that compensation corresponds to the company's performance. They present the main risks to their business,

Seeking transparency means putting

even when performance has declined. Objectives not yet achieved are disclosed with the same sincerity as successes.

quantifying them knowing they might

be surprised by unforeseen events. They provide year-over-year results,

# A message from Laurent Rouyrès

The best companies in the ranking never limit themselves to simple compliance, nor do they hide behind legal or financial jargon. To recognize and encourage that type of candor, this year we also introduced a plain language award. All the studies in neuroscience are unequivocal: simplicity and clarity are the keys to communication. When a company wants to satisfy investors, analysts, or the best job candidates, transparency and plain language are indispensible.

# 2021 Emerging Trends and Best Practices

As shareholders expect increasingly more transparency from the companies they invest in, thoughtful and clear disclosure must be a priority. After our third year of conducting the Transparency Awards, we uncovered new trends, found missed opportunities, and gained insight into what to expect in the years to come. We found that the most transparent documents are jargon-free, written clearly in plain language, emphasize key content using graphics, and include enhanced design features. Overall, we remain optimistic that companies are working hard to publish more transparent documents. Below are some highlights from our findings.

#### **KEY FIGURES**

**COMPANIES ANALYZED** 

**DATA POINTS COLLECTED AND ANALYZED** 

## **Proxy Statement**

The Proxy Statement, taking center stage in corporate disclosure, is an annual opportunity for companies to communicate more clearly on key issues such as governance, compensation, and even ESG matters. We are particularly pleased that it has become a best practice to add easily understandable graphics and other visual elements to the proxy. Simply put, well-designed graphics often can communicate more information more clearly than a block of text. In addition, effective proxy statements provide summary overviews of each major section and use call-out boxes to draw readers' attention to main ideas. Many companies have adopted this more accessible and readable approach, moving away from the dense text seen in the past.



**AVERAGE TRANSPARENCY SCORE** 



include a proxy summary containing compensation and governance highlights



explain why the skills and exptertise they value in directors are relevant to the company

#### Form 10-K

In light of the new regulation on human capital management, we saw several companies going above and beyond requirements. For example, nearly half (49%) of companies disclosed workforce demographics at associate, management, and executive levels. In the future, we hope to see more attention to how the content is written and presented to make information more accessible.



**AVERAGE TRANSPARENCY** SCORE



Item 1 - Business includes a graphic to highlight company strategy



within the human capital management section there is a subsection on employee recruitment and training

### **Investor Relations Website**

Arguably the most frequented place for an investor, the website must be complete and up-to-date. Not only should the information be continuously refreshed, it should also follow a logical structure so investors can quickly find key information such as your proxy, 10-K, and sustainability priorities. We study the number of clicks it takes a user to find this information, and also how easy the site is to search via the search engine provided.



**AVERAGE TRANSPARENCY** SCORE



readers have access to view and download the company's latest earnings presentation



readers can access the **Proxy from** the IR home page in two (or fewer) clicks

#### **Code of Conduct**

The Code's purpose is to influence behavior and guide employees on how to follow the organization's principles throughout their daily activities. For that reason, the Code must reach everyone in the organization—at all levels, across all business units, and sometimes spanning the globe. So how does a company cater to diverse readership? One thing is certain: the Code must offer a clear window into the organization's expectations by outlining acceptable behaviors and providing options for asking questions and voicing concerns.



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the document includes a decisionmaking tree graphic



letter from the CEO and/ or the CCO at the beginning

## Plain Language - Proxy Statement

Organizations often fall into the habit of saturating their copy with insider jargon - complex topics and words - to make their documents seem more official. In recent years, proxies have undergone a transformation, as innovative organizations are rethinking the information they share, what new topics to address, and how best to present that content. But as disclosure grows in length and complexity to meet stakeholders' evolving expectations, it also must grow in clarity. That's where plain language comes in. Efficiency is critical if you want someone to read your document and retain the information. Plain language makes a significant difference in gaining the confidence of investors and other stakeholders in your company's governance and compensation story.



**AVERAGE TRANSPARENCY** SCORE

# **2021 Transparency Award Winners**

## **BEST OVERALL TRANSPARENCY**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

COGNIZANT • CONOCOPHILLIPS • COLGATE-PALMOLIVE

### **Proxy Statement**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

SOUTHERN COMPANY • **DUKE ENERGY • COGNIZANT**  Form 10-K

The winner:

JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.

Top 3 companies:

JP MORGAN CHASE • INTEL • MOODY'S

**Investor Relations Website** 

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

MONDELEZ • NORFOLK SOUTHERN • CUMMINS

### **Code of Conduct**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

PROCTER & GAMBLE • COLGATE-PALMOLIVE • GENERAL MOTORS

**Most Improved** 

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

SEMPRA ENERGY • MONDELEZ • LINDE PLC **Plain Language - Proxy Statement** 

The winner:

**GENERAL DYNAMICS** 

Top 3 companies:

**GENERAL DYNAMICS** • PACCAR • BALL CORPORATION

### Winners by Industry

#### **Consumer Discretionary**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

GENERAL MOTORS • EBAY • HOME DEPOT

## **Consumer Staples**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE • PEPSICO • THE COCA-COLA COMPANY

#### **Energy**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

**CONOCOPHILLIPS • MARATHON** PETROLEUM • SCHLUMBERGER

#### **Financials**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

T. ROWE PRICE • S&P GLOBAL • **CITIGROUP** 

### **Healthcare**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

MCKESSON • CVS HEALTH • MERCK & CO.

#### **Industrials**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

JOHNSON CONTROLS • HONEYWELL • CSX

### **Information Technology**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

MICROSOFT • COGNIZANT • INTEL

#### **Materials**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

LYONDELLBASELL • NEWMONT GOLDCORP • FREEPORT-MCMORAN

#### **Telecommunication Services**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

**VERIZON • COMCAST • AT&T** 

#### **Utilities**

The winner:



Top 3 companies:

**DUKE ENERGY • DOMINION • EXELON** 

## **Top 20 of 2021**

- 1. COGNIZANT
- 2. CONOCOPHILLIPS
- 3. COLGATE-PALMOLIVE
- 4. JOHNSON CONTROLS
- 5. HONEYWELL
- 6. S&P GLOBAL
- 7. DUKE ENERGY
- 8. CVS HEALTH
- 9. T. ROWE PRICE
- 10. CSX

- 11. LOCKHEED MARTIN
- 12. GENERAL ELECTRIC
- 13. MICROSOFT
- 14. MCKESSON
- 15. CITIGROUP
- 16. DELTA AIR LINES
- 17. COMCAST
- 18. MASTERCARD
- 19. PRUDENTIAL
- 20. MERCK

## Transparency Methodology

The Transparency Awards recognize the quality and completeness of information that top U.S. companies make available to investors. Each year, the Awards criteria evolve and address more issues as the needs of the investor community grow. In 2021, company rankings were determined through review of annual proxy statements, annual reports on Form 10-K, investor relations websites, codes of conduct, and our first ever plain language award for proxy statements. Each company's documents were scored using 148 discrete criteria that flesh out the four pillars of transparency.

- The top S&P 250 companies are ranked, with no need to enter and no fee.
- Every company receives its personal and confidential annual ranking.
- The criteria are objective.
- The criteria are available on our Transparency website.

We hope the Transparency ranking and the specific criteria we have identified encourage companies to innovate and improve their regulated disclosure.

### FOUR PILLARS OF TRANSPARENCY

Accessibility, precision, comparability, and availability - in other words Transparency - can only be assessed through a wide range of criteria. Taken together, these criteria demonstrate the extent of a company's commitment to improving the quality and completeness of information that is available to investors.

We define these four pillars of trustworthy corporate disclosure as follows:



Readers can quickly find pertinent information in a document.

#### **PRECISION**

The disclosure includes all of the required information, as well as supplemental information that helps readers understand the company.

#### COMPARABILITY

Information is presented in a way that facilitates comparisons across issuers.

Readers can easily find the document(s) they want in the format and language they need.

# S&P 250 Companies Surveyed

**3M** ABBOTT LABORATORIES ABBVIE **ACCENTURE ACTIVISION BLIZZARD** ADOBE ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES AFLAC AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS ALIGN TECHNOLOGY ALL STATE **ALPHABET** ALTRIA GROUP AMAZON.COM AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER AMERICAN EXPRESS AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL **GROUP** 

AMERICAN TOWER **AMETEK** AMGEN **AMPHENOL** ANALOG DEVICES **ANSYS ANTHEM AON PLC** ΔPPI F APPLIED MATERIALS APTIV PLC ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND AT&T **AUTODESK** AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING **AUTOZONE BALL CORPORATION** BANK OF AMERICA BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON **BAXTER INTERNATIONAL** 

BECTON DICKINSON BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY BIOGEN BLACKROCK **BOEING BOOKING HOLDINGS BOSTON SCIENTIFIC** BRISTOI - MYERS SQUIBB BROADCOM CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CARRIER GLOBAL CATERPILLAR CENTENE CHARLES SCHWAB CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS **CHEVRON** CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL CHUBB LIMITED CIGNA CINTAS CISCO SYSTEMS CITIGROUP CME GROUP THE COCA-COLA COMPANY COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY **SOLUTIONS** COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMCAST CONOCOPHILLIPS **CONSTELLATION BRANDS CORNING** CORTEVA COSTCO WHOLESALE **CROWN CASTLE** CSX CUMMINS CVS HEALTH DANAHER DEERE **DELTA AIR LINES DEXCOM** DIGITAL REALTY TRUST DISCOVER FINANCIAL DOLLAR GENERAL DOMINION ENERGY DOW **DUKE ENERGY DUPONT DE NEMOURS** FATON **EBAY ECOLAB EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES ELECTRONIC ARTS** 

**ELI LILLY** EMERSON ELECTRIC **EOG RESOURCES EQUINIX** ESTEE LAUDER **ETSY EVERSOURCE ENERGY EXFLON EXXON MOBIL FACEBOOK FASTENAL FEDEX** FIDELITY NATIONAL FIRST REPUBLIC BANK FISERV FORD MOTOR FREEPORT-MCMORAN **GENERAL DYNAMICS** GENERAL ELECTRIC **GENERAL MILLS** GENERAL MOTORS **GILEAD SCIENCES GLOBAL PAYMENTS GOLDMAN SACHS** HCA HEALTHCARE HILTON WORLDWIDE HOME DEPOT HONEYWELL HP HUMANA **IBM IDEXX LABORATORIES IHS MARKIT** ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS ILLUMINA INTERCONTINENTAL EXCHANGE INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & **FRANGRANCES** INTUIT INTUITIVE SURGICAL IQVIA HOLDINGS JOHNSON & JOHNSON JOHNSON CONTROLS JPMORGAN CHASE KIMBERLY-CLARK KINDER MORGAN KLA L3HARRIS LAM RESEARCH LINDE PLC LOCKHEED MARTIN I OWF'S

MARATHON PETROLEUM MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL MARSH & MCLENNAN **MASTERCARD** MCDONALD'S MCKESSON **MEDTRONIC MERCK** METI IFF METTLER-TOLEDO INTERNATIONAL MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY MICRON TECHNOLOGY **MICROSOFT** MONDELEZ MONSTER BEVERAGE MOODY'S MORGAN STANLEY MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS MSCI NETFLIX NEWMONT GOLDCORP **NEXTERA ENERGY** NORFOLK SOUTHERN NORTHROP GRUMMAN NVIDIA O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE ORACLE PACCAR PARKER-HANNIFIN **PAYCHEX** PAYPAL PEPSICO PFIZER PHILIP MORRIS PHILLIPS 66 PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES PNC FINANCIAL **PPG INDUSTRIES** PROCTER & GAMBLE **PROGRESSIVE PROLOGIS** PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE GROUP **PUBLIC STORAGE** QUALCOMM **RAYTHEON** REGENERON PHARMACEUTICALS RESMED **ROCKWELL AUTOMATION ROPER TECHNOLOGIES ROSS STORES** S&P GLOBAL

SALESFORCE.COM SBA COMMUNICATIONS SCHLUMBERGER SEMPRA ENERGY **SERVICENOW** SHERWIN-WILLIAMS SIMON PROPERTY SKYWORKS SOLUTIONS SOUTHERN COMPANY **SOUTHWEST AIRLINES** STANLEY BLACK AND DECKER **STARBUCKS STRYKER** SYNOPSYS SYSCO T-MOBILE T. ROWE PRICE **TARGET** TE CONNECTIVITY **TESLA** TEXAS INSTRUMENTS THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC TRANE TECHNOLOGIES TRANSDIGM GROUP TRAVELERS COMPANIES TRUIST FINANCIAL TWITTER U.S. BANCORP UNION PACIFIC UNITEDHEALTH GROUP UNITED PARCEL SERVICE VALERO ENERGY VERISK ANALYTICS **VERIZON** VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS VIACOM CBS VISA WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE WAI MART WALT DISNEY WASTE MANAGEMENT WELLS FARGO WELLTOWER WILLIAMS COMPANIES WILLIS TOWERS WATSON XCEL ENERGY XII INX YUM! BRANDS ZEBRA TECHNOLOGIES ZIMMER BIOMET 70FTIS

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# **Transparency Criteria**

#### PROXY STATEMENT

#### | Accessibility

- 1. The document is available in print PDF format
- 2. The document is available in an interactive format on the Investor Relations web page
- 3. The print version of the document uses a two-column page layout
- 4. The SEC EDGAR version of the document uses a one-column page
- 5. The top of each page in the print version indicates the relevant section
- 6. Every page footer includes the company name, document title, and year
- 7. The document includes a secondary color
- 8. The second page of the document is either the table of contents, company overview, or values statement
- 9. Voting and general information is presented at the back of the proxy
- 10. There is a proxy summary containing compensation and governance
- 11. The proxy summary includes a table summarizing the proposals and the board's recommendation for each one
- 12. The CD&A starts with a dedicated table of contents
- 13. At a minimum, the CD&A Executive Summary includes a table of the NEOs and summarizes business highlights
- 14. The back cover is branded or provides substantive information
- 15. The proxy summary includes a strategy or company overview
- 16. A shareholder engagement graphic appears somewhere in the document
- 17. The document includes a summary of key governance practices and policies (what we do / don't do, or list)

#### | Precision

- 18. The cover includes the time, date, and place of the annual meeting
- 19. The Notice of annual meeting includes voting icons (mail, phone, internet)
- 20. The letter from the Chairman or CEO (or combined role) includes company or governance highlights rather than just meeting information
- 21. There is a letter from the entire Board of Directors
- 22. At least 30% of the Board members are women
- 23. Each director biography includes a photo
- 24. Within each director biography, at least three items (such as tenure, age, and committee assignment(s)) are called out separately
- 25. The company discusses its positioin on diversity beyond the board level (recruiting employees)
- 26. The company discusses at what level its ESG initiatives are overseen (management, board, specific board committee)
- 27. Committee descriptions include the aggregate meeting attendance
- 28. The attendance rate disclosed for the entire board is precise rather than the minimum "more than 75%" requirement
- 29. Each committee description includes a summary of the topics discussed during the year
- 30. Key governance changes or the Board's areas of focus are clearly outlined
- 31. The board evaluation section discusses the results and, if warranted, the proposed enhancements or actions taken

- 32. The document discusses the implementation or monitoring of (or responsibility for) a succession plan
- 33. The document discusses director onboarding or continuing education
- 34. The document includes a link directly to the code of conduct
- 35. The company explains its approach to cybersecurity
- 36. The letter from the Compensation Committee includes highlights about the compensation program
- 37. The document includes a summary of key compensation practices and policies (what we do / don't do, or list)
- 38. The CD&A includes a discussion of each individual NEO's role, performance, and total compensation
- 39. The company discloses whether it has a clawback provision for executive compensation
- 40. The document discusses human capital management in the ESG/CSR section
- 41. Reference to a sustainability framework
- 42. The company explains why each particular skill is relevant to the
- 43. The company discloses the criteria used to identify the companies in the peer group and shows how the company fits into the peer group with respect to those criteria

#### Comparability

- 44. At a minimum, the proxy includes a graphic summary of directors' ages and tenures
- 45. The document includes a director skills matrix
- 46. The document includes a separate board committee matrix or discloses committee memberships within a board nominee table in the proxy summary
- 47. The document includes a graphic showing the board evaluation
- 48. The document has a CSR or ESG section containing graphics or key figures that describe ESG highlights (diversity, gender parity, carbon emissions, etc.)
- 49. Within the director compensation section, a graphic is included to show allocation of various direct compensation elements
- 50. A section on business performance highlights (in the CD&A or the proxy summary) incorporates at least two graphics
- 51. The CD&A contains at least three graphics depicting compensation of the NEOs
- 52. A table or graphic is used to present the target and final results of the short-term incentive plan
- 53. A table or graphic is used to present the final results of the long-term incentive plan for the performance that just ended
- 54. The document includes a shareholder engagement section
- 55. The document includes "human capital management" information
- 56. Within the shareholder engagement section, the company includes who from the company participated and how many shareholders were contacted and topics discussed
- 57 The document includes a graphic showing stock ownership by each Named Executive Officer compared to ownership guidelines, if any

#### | **Availability**

58. There were at least 45 days between the filing and the annual meeting

#### FORM 10 - K

#### | Accessibility

- 59. The exhibit list is hyperlinked to each individual exhibit
- 60. The document is available in PDF print format
- 61. The Investor Relations website offers an interactive version of the Annual Report
- 62. There is a table of contents on page 2 with two levels (sections and sub-sections) of detail
- 63. The top of each page in the print version indicates the relevant section and subsection
- 64. Every page footer includes the company name, document title, and
- 65. The document uses a two-column page layout
- 66. Within Item 1 Business, the company provides an overview of its
- 67. The document contains a glossary of terms or key word index
- 68. The document includes a secondary color
- 69. Item 1 Business contains a graphic to highlight the company strategy
- 70. The tables throughout the document have titles
- 71. Within the human capital management section there is a subsection on diversity and inclusion
- 72. The Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements have a dedicated table of contents

#### Precision

73. Within Item 1, the document provides a direct link to the website hosting all of the company's SEC filings

- 74. The risks are categorized and ranked by importance
- 75. The "Risk Factors" section is broken into subsections by the type of
- 76. The company discusses whether cybersecurity is a major risk
- 77. The segments in the Business Overview are an exact match to the segments discussed in the MD&A
- 78. The company mentions how it recognized revenue
- 79. The company identifies environmental issues as a risk
- 80. Within the human capital management section there is a subsection on employee recruitment and training
- 81. The company discloses workforce demographics at associate, management, and executive levels

#### | Comparability

- 82. The MD&A contains at least one graphic to highlight company performance
- 83. The document follows a logical structure recommended by the SEC
- 84. Each section of the report is labeled with the appropriate name from the regulations (i.e., "Risk Factors," "Management Discussion and Analysis," etc.)
- 85. Financial statements should show information for the current year in the far left column

#### | Availability

86. There were no more than 50 days between the filing and the fiscal year-

#### RELATIONS WEBSITE INVESTOR

#### | Accessibility

- 87. The homepage of the corporate website includes "Investors" or "Investor Relations" with other prominent level one headings
- 88. The Investor Relations search engine is quick and accurate
- 89. The IR home page has a menu offering direct access to sub-sections
- 90. There is a Sustainability or Corporate Responsibility section clearly identified and accessible from the IR homepage
- 91. There is an "Annual Meeting" tab that is complete and up-to-date
- 92. The "contact" page offers an option to send an email to investor relations or a specific contact in Investor Relations
- 93. Readers can access the 10-K or Proxy from the IR home page in two (or fewer) clicks
- 94. The IR site offers easy and public access to the annual meeting webcast or transcript
- 95. The IR site offers an option to register for email alerts
- 96. A search for "Company 2020 Annual Report" on any search engine will lead to the current Annual Report in the top five results
- 97. A search for "Company 2021 Proxy Statement" on any search engine will lead to the current Proxy Statement in the top five results
- 98. There is an "Annual Report and Proxy Statement" tab that is complete and up-to-date
- 99. Readers can access the Proxy from the IR home page in two (or fewer) clicks

- 100. The company website's search engine provides easy access to information related to "ethics," "strategy," and "sustainability"
- 101. Readers should be able to view and download the company's latest earnings presentation
- 102. Readers can access the Code of Ethics or Code of Business Conduct from the IR home page in two (or fewer) clicks
- 103. The company's website has a dedicated Ethics and Compliance tab

#### **Precision**

- 104. Readers have access to the last five Annual Reports
- 105. The company's current bylaws are posted and easily accessed

#### Comparability

- 106. A subsection within the Investor page is called "SEC Filings"
- 107. A subsection within the Investor home page is called "Corporate Governance'
- 108. The IR home page has, at a minimum, links to "Events and Presentations," "Stock Information," and "contact or FAQ"

#### **Availability**

109. There is a dedicated website or landing page for the Annual Meeting that includes all materials needed for the AGM

#### CONDUCT CODEO F

#### | Accessibility

- 110. The document is available to the public on the company's investor relations or corporate website
- 111. The document is available in print PDF format
- 112. The document is available in an interactive format, sending the reader to additional content such as a video or intranet for more information
- 113. A search for "code of ethics or code of conduct Company name" in any search engine will lead to the most recent document in the top three results
- 114. The document is titled either Code of Ethics or Code of (Business) Conduct
- 115. The document is written in first person (you, I)
- 116. The document is translated into three or more languages, not including English
- 117. The translated documents are listed on a single page and available on the corporate website
- 118. The document includes a table of contents
- 119. The table of contents includes at least the following items: "Values," "Workplace Behavior," "Anti-bribery and corruption," and "Ethics Hotline/Reporting Resources"
- 120. The document includes a graphic depicting the reporting procedure
- 121. The document includes direct link(s) to other company policy(ies)
- 122. At the beginning of the document, values and/or commitments are included

#### | Precision

123. The document is dated and produced or updated within the last two years

- 124. The Code includes a chapter or paragraph about code violations
- 125. The section on reporting violations includes a phone number or email to anonymously report a concern
- 126. A letter from the CEO and/or the CCO introduces the Code
- 127. The Code mentions a training program
- 128. The Code includes at least seven themes
- 129. The company indicates the response time if an incident is reported to the hotline
- 130. The company presents the governance structure of the ethics and compliance program

#### | Comparability

- 131. The document contains a minimum of three graphics or infographics
- 132. The document includes a decision-making tree graphic
- 133. The document includes at least three practical case studies, examples, or Q&A

#### | **Availability**

- 134. A list of the company's other governance-related codes or policies appears on the same landing page as the Code
- 135. The document includes a section about the Code's purpose and who it applies to
- 136. The document refers to other policy(ies)

#### PLAIN LANGUAGE PROXY STATEMENT

- 1. Average sentence length is 20 words or less
- 2. 98% sentences or more in active form
- 3. 98% sentences or more in affirmative form
- 4. 20% or less complex sentences
- 5. 15% or less sentences in parenthesis
- 6. 7% adjectives or less

- 7. 2% adverbs or less
- 8. 0.5% or less Latin or foreign words
- 9. 0.5% or less elaborate or old words
- 10. No more than 80 words in paragraphs
- 11. No more than 4 paragraphs on average between intermediate titles
- 12. Max 20 words per sentence for bullet points



#### ABOUT LABRADOR

After ten years in the U.S. and two decades in Europe, Labrador's mission remains the same: to design and publish reader-centric documents that generate trust with shareholders, reinforcing their investment decisions. Focusing exclusively on corporate disclosure documents, and with 300 clients worldwide, we use our unique insight into industry trends and best practices to help our clients innovate and create award-winning proxy statements, annual reports, sustainability reports, and more. Labrador is the creator of the Transparency Awards and owner of the brand.

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