



Aubrey Global Emerging Markets Strategy: ESG 1H 2025



Aubrey bases its measures for ESG analysis on the United Nations Global Compact. We focus our analysis on four themes:

- Human Rights: Companies should respect the internationally declared human rights laws
- Labour: Elimination of discrimination in the workplace as well as all forms of forced labour
- Environment: Encourage companies to develop and create initiatives that promote sustainability
- Anti-Corruption: Businesses should eliminate corruption in all forms including bribery





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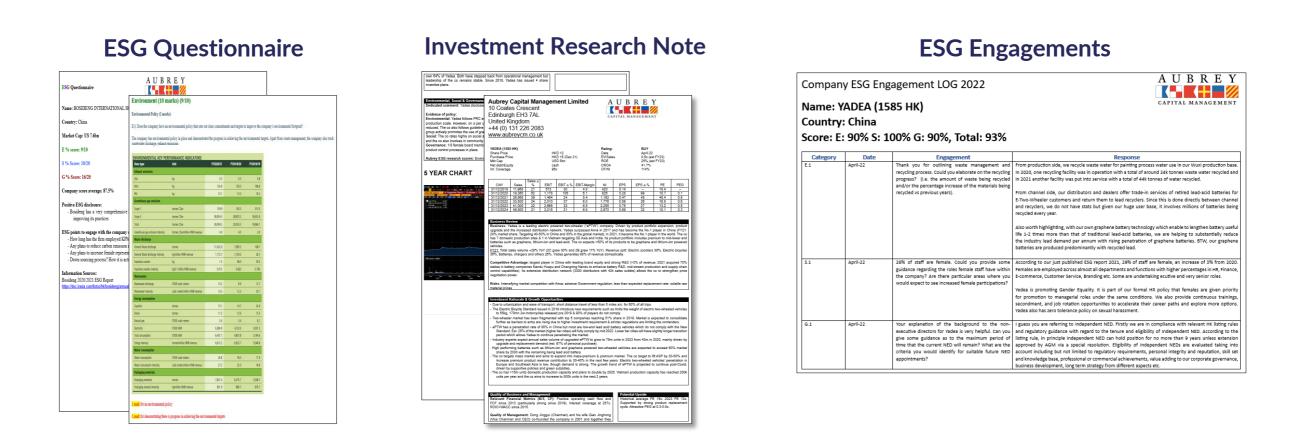
Total disclosed carbon footprint from portfolio: 15.2 (tCO₂e/\$1M)*

- The companies we invest in are analysed through our own bespoke in-house ESG framework and toolkit, including a questionnaire which has been divided into an Environmental, Social and Governance section.
- Aubrey engages with management to improve the degree of information published to address ESG matters.
- Highlighting good domestic practice and international peers' disclosure

*This is based on disclosure or proxy data of Scope 1 and 2 emissions from invested companies as of June 2024. The data is collected by our external data provider Integrum.

Incorporating ESG: Continued





- Exclusion: companies that score <10% are excluded from investment universe
- Typically, 80% of the portfolio investments include companies which align with Aubrey's ESG policy
- The Strategy does not invest in companies operating in the following industries: cluster munitions, nuclear weapons, tobacco production and sales, addictive gambling services, fossil fuels, pornography, and pharmaceutical companies producing controversial products.





Our investment strategy integrates sustainability analysis through our proprietary ESG questionnaire categorised into Environmental, Social and Governance sections.



We review our ESG scores annually, achieved through a combination of company reporting and engagement with our portfolio companies.



The framework monitors key positive ESG disclosure points, identifying areas where companies excel in sustainability practices.



We pinpoint key areas for improvement, shaping our engagement strategies to collaboratively drive positive change.



Our commitment to transparency and ongoing improvement underscores our dedication to responsible investing, demonstrating a proactive and strategic approach to ESG integration within our portfolio.

ESG Questionnaire





- Our framework is mapped to 12 of the 14 major Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) Indicators.
- Our questionnaire highlights the key performance indicators (KPIs) above ensuring a targeted evaluation of each
 of our holding's ESG standing. This enables us to delve into specific aspects of our portfolio companies'
 environmental impact, social responsibility, and governance practices

Overview of ESG Dashboard



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Question Score	2	2	2	2	2	10		2	2	2	2	2	10		
Company															
NEW ORIENTAL EDUCATION	2	1	2	2	2	90%		2	2	0	2	2	809		
PROYA COSMETICS CO LTD	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	2	2	2	2	1009		
PDD	0	0	0	0	0	096		0	0	0	2	0	209		
TRIP.COM	2	2	0	1	2	70%		2	2	1	2	2	909		
Tencent	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	2	2	2	2	1009		
Tencent Music Entertainment	2	1	1	1	2	70%		2	1	2	2	2	909		
Midea	2	2	2	1	2	90%		2	2	2	2	2	1009		
Avenue Supermarkets	2	1	2	2	2	90%		2	1	2	2	2	909		
BHARTI AIRTEL	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	2	0	2	2	809		
DLF	2	2	2	2	1	90%		2	1	2	2	2	909		
EICHER MOTORS	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	2	1	2	1	809		
ICICI BANK	2	2	2	2	1	90%		2	2	2	2	2	1009		
INDIAN HOTELS COMPANY	2	2	0	2	2	80%		2	2	0	2	2	80		
KALYAN JEWELLERS	1	1	0	1	0	30%		2	1	1	2	0	60		
MACROTECH DEVELOPERS	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	2	2	2	2	1009		
MAKEMYTRIP	1	0	0	0	0	10%		2	2	0	2	0	60		
MAX HEALTHCARE	2	1	2	2	2	90%		2	2	2	2	2	100		
TRENT	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	2	2	2	2	100		
TVS MOTOR	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	2	2	0	1	70		
VARUN BEVERAGES LTD	2	2	0	2	2	80%		2	1	1	2	1	70		
ZOMATO	2	1	1	1	2	70%		2	2	1	2	2	90		
DINO POLSKA SA	2	2	0	2	2	80%		2	1	2	2	2	909		
KHANG DIEN HOUSE	1	0	1	1	1	40%		2	2	2	2	2	1009		
ALSEA	1	1	2	1	2	70%		2	1	2	2	2	909		
ARCA CONTINENTAL	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	1	2	2	2	909		
GRUMA	2	2	1	2	2	90%		2	2	2	2	2	1009		
NUBANK	2	2	2	2	1	90%		2	2	0	2	2			
INTER & CO	2	2	2	2	1	90%		0	2	2	2	2	80		
SAMSUNG	2	2	2	2	2	100%		2	2	2	2	2	100		
TSMC	2	1	2	2	2	90%		2	2	2	2	2	100		
MEDIATEK	2	1	2	2	2	90%		2	2	2	2	2	1009		
MERCADO LIBRE	2	1	0	2	2	70%		2	2	0	2	2	80		
Average Q score	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.7	80%		1.9	1.7	1.4	1.9	1.7	869		

- Company disclosure for environmental and social policies is improving across the GEM universe
- Many companies embrace the concept
- A commitment to published information needs to be adopted in specific cases, as seen in portfolio examples

Source: Aubrey Capital Management Ltd, December 31, 2024

Overview of ESG Dashboard



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PDD		2	0	0	0	0	1	2		1 (0	1	2		596	289
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Tencent Music Entertainment		2	1	2	1	1	1	2		1 (0	0	2	1 70	096	759
Midea		2	1	2	1	1	1	2		1 3	2	1	1	2 85	596	909
Avenue Supermarkets		1	1	1	1	1	1	2		1 :	2	1	2	2 80	096	859
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TVS MOTOR		2	1	2	1	1	1	2			0	1	2		096	839
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ALSEA		1	1	1	1	2	1	2			1	0	1		596	739
ARCA CONTINENTAL		2	1	2	1	1	0	2			0	1	1		596	809
GRUMA		2	1	2	1	1	1	2		2	1	0	2		596	859
NUBANK		2	1	2	1	2	1	2		1	1	1	2		596	859
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SAMSUNG		2	1	2	1	2	1	2			2	1	1		096	909
TSMC		1	1	2	1	2	1	1			0	0	2		596	809
MEDIATEK		1	1	1	1	1	1	2			0	0	2		596	759
MERCADO LIBRE		2	1	2	1	2	1	2			1	1	2		596	809
Average Q score	- 1	-	0.9	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.8				-	-	-	596	799

- Board composition continues to be male dominated, and details of LTIP or reward schemes are the common areas for improved disclosure.
- The commitment to enhanced disclosure is encouraging with publication this year assured by several companies.

Source: Aubrey Capital Management Ltd, December 31, 2024





1. Aubrey uses a bespoke in-house built ESG framework where companies are assessed on their performance, specifically their vulnerability to material risks;



2. Aubrey engages with managements on how to mitigate these risks and encourages the companies to improve their ESG reporting;



3. Once the analysts have gathered the ESG data, each company's performance is recorded and discussed. We compare each company's performance against other portfolio peers and highlight areas of ESG that are less than optimal. This is where we focus our engagement.

Company Description:

• FEMSA is a Mexican beverage and retail company which operates the Coca Cola franchise through Mexico and Central America. The Co recently announced a new strategy which will exit assets such as the stake in Heineken and invest in the growth of operating assets such as the OXXO proximity supermarkets business.

Positive ESG Disclosure:

- Environmental: Excellent disclosure on recycling initiatives and progress of adoption.
- Social: Good examples of health and safety practice across business divisions.
- Governance: Excellent practices on training and development of employees across regions and roles.

ESG Report Summary: E % score: 10/10 S % Score: 9/10 G % Score: 14/20 Company score average: 33/40

Information Sources: 2023 Annual Report and ESG Report

UN SDG: FEMSA identifies SDG 1-13, 14-17 as relevant to their operations.

Category	Sub category	Question	Response
Environmental	E.1	Can you clarify what contribution has been made from the national electricity grid supplier energy mix given the 58% of your needs supplied from renewables?	Since 2015, we have significantly increased renewable energy use across all our business units, primarily through strategic partnerships with wind farms in Mexico. We receive our renewable energy from big wind farms and solar sites that use the national grid to deliver it for a fee.
Social	S.3	The Supplier Guiding Principles contain the minimum expectations of standards and practices. Can you clarify who assesses compliance with Supplier Guiding Principles?	The Guiding Principles are communicated externally by the procurement teams of our Business Units. Each BU has its own processes to assess compliance, for example: Coca-Cola FEMSA evaluates suppliers using the EcoVadis platform, as well as Ikus, an agency that leads supplier evaluations, qualifications, and training.
Governance	G. 9	What are the key variables used in the LTIP or Management Bonus schemes?	Most employees have a variable portion within our compensation which is linked to the "critical factors" or objectives aligned to the strategic priorities of the company, and for the case of the operations, are more related to the operation performance of each business unit.

Company Description:

Max Healthcare is an Indian private hospital chain headquartered in <u>Delhi</u>, and operates 19 hospitals with more than 4,000 beds, primarily in <u>North India</u>, and 75% of beds are in metro centres.

Positive ESG Disclosure:

- Environmental: Impressive recent commitment to policy adoption and information disclosure.
- Social: Max Institute of Medical Excellence initiative to provide teaching throughout the country.
- Governance: Good corporate governance adoption on ethics, bribery, and data protection practices.

G % Score: 16/20 Company score average: 35/40
Information Sources: 2023 ESG & Annual Report

ESG Report Summary:

E % score: 9/10 S % Score: 10/10

Source: Aubrey Capital Management Ltd, December 31, 2024

UN SDG: Max Healthcare identifies SDG"s 3, 5, 6-13, 17 as relevant to their operations.

Category	Sub category	Question	Response
Environmental	E.2	What alternative energy means such as solar panels have been adopted through the organisation?	Max currently has 42% renewal energy supply of total requirements. Solar panels limit the surface area of the roof of hospitals which is required for additional equipment. Max have invested in a hydro facility, and this generates power through the national grid.
Social	S.3	How has the development of the responsible supply chain progressed?	The efforts to establish a responsible supply chain are motivated by ensuring authenticity of equipment and consumables, ethical sourcing by suppliers and working with suppliers to ensure acceptable employment practices.
Governance	G.9	What are the key variables used in the LTIP or Management Bonus schemes?	The top 25 management team have access to an ESOP which vests on successful criteria: Patient satisfaction and outcome; ESG measures; meeting commercial budget. The wider management ESOP is available to 240 members and is built around the company expansion, EBITDA improvement, and growth in investor required metrics such as the share price.



Company Description:

Nubank is the operating name of Nu Holdings which operates a digital payments platform. The Co has more than 95mn customers in Brazil, which is the largest country of operation, and concentrated in the lower income category earning less than U\$800 per month. This group accounts for approx. 50% of the adult population. Mexico and Colombia are the target countries for expansion and account for less than 5% of group revenue although Mexico customer numbers now exceed 7mn.

Positive ESG Disclosure:

- Environmental: Clear commitment to carbon neutral operations and initiatives to adhere to.
- Social: Support for social initiatives covering the arts, education, and rural communities.
- Governance: Commitment to employee rights, ethics of business and applying share ownership opportunities across all employees.

ESG Report Summary:
E % score: 9/10
S % Score: 8/10
G % Score: 17/20
Company score average: 34/40

Information Sources: 2023 Annual Report

UN SDG: Nu Holdings identifies SDG 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16 as relevant to their operations.

Category	Sub category	Question	Response
Environmental	E.5	Provide further details on the environmental efficiency initiatives.	Two new buildings in Sao Paolo and Mexico City have adopted 100% LED lighting, and maximised the use of natural light to reduce electricity consumption through lighting.
Social	S.4	Provide additional details on the Philanthropic Fund sponsorship programme.	The IPO in 2021 set aside an annual income to support the sponsorship of poorer students in Brazil and Colombia through the path of University and employment opportunities on graduation. Hence, not a one year gift, but a pathway of support to employment.
Governance	G.9	Clarify the LTIP and bonus scheme opportunities across the employee group.	Aside from the fixed compensation, all Brazil employees are eligible for the variable compensation programme. The 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan also addresses all employees across the group, and not only senior management.





Andrew Dalrymple | Investment Manager

Andrew is a graduate of Cambridge University and began his career at Cazenove & Co then joined James Capel in 1987 and transferred to Hong Kong in 1991. He continued in his role as an Asian specialist working for UBS Warburg from 1992-1998 in Hong Kong and joined Stewart Ivory in Edinburgh in 1998 where he established the Global Opportunities Fund. He is one of the founders of Aubrey, and manages the Global Conviction Fund and is Co manager of the GEM funds.

John Ewart | Investment Manager

John has over 30 years investment industry experience across global equity markets. He joined Glasgow based FS Assurance in 1988, and managed European equity portfolios in the UK retail and pension fund market. He joined First State Investments in 2000 to manage the pan European retail and segregated client portfolios. In 2004 he moved to Alliance Trust PLC and subsequently managed the UK mid cap portfolio, the Global Equity portfolio, and latterly the Global Emerging Markets portfolio. He joined Aubrey in early 2012 as a Fund Manager and covers global markets. He is a graduate of Strathclyde University with BA Economics and is a member of the CFA Institute.

Rob Brewis | Investment Manager

Rob co-founded emerging markets investment boutique BDT Invest LLP in London in 2000 and remained a partner and fund manager there until joining Aubrey in 2014. While at BDT he co-managed several emerging market portfolios as well as the BDT Asian and Oriental Focus Funds. Prior to that Rob spent ten years in Hong Kong as an Asian fund manager with Credit Lyonnais International Asset Management, a company later bought by Nicholas Applegate and then Colonial First State, where Rob ran the North Asian investment team as well as managing the Asian Special Situations Fund and a number of single country funds investing India, Pakistan, Indonesia and Thailand. An engineering graduate from Cambridge, Rob began his career in 1988 at Thornton Management in London.



Klyzza Lidman | Investment Analyst

Klyzza joined Aubrey in 2015 as an Investment Analyst after completing an MSc in Banking & Risk Management at the University of Edinburgh Business School. She has been educated in the Philippines, Sweden, Bahrain, UAE and Saudi Arabia. She holds the Investment Management Certificate (IMC), Certificate in ESG Investing, and is a CFA® Program participant, CFA Institute (Completed Level 1). In 2019, Klyzza won 'Young Investment Woman of the Year (small to medium firms)' in Investment Week's Women in Investment Awards.

Camellia Huang | Investment Analyst

Camellia joined Aubrey in 2020 as an Investment Analyst after gaining a range of experience in previous roles. She started her career in investment management at Seven Investment Management in London and Qianhai Equity Exchange in Shenzhen. She then worked at Aberdeen Standard Investments where she was an Investment Analyst in Private Markets across their Corporate Finance, Diversified Assets, Infrastructure Equity and Private Equity teams. Camellia has gained a Master's degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Edinburgh. She has lived and studied in both China and Australia and is fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin. She has also completed Level 1 of the CFA course.

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A list of composite descriptions is available upon request.

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