

SASB'S SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM® (SICS®)

Traditional financial tools reveal only part of a company's story about managing sustainability-related risks and opportunities that may affect its performance. Investors have therefore sought better information to guide their decisions—which is one of the reasons they support the ISSB Standards' global baseline for sustainability disclosures. Because sustainability-related risks and opportunities vary by industry, ISSB Standards require industry-based disclosures, directing preparers to refer to and consider the SASB Standards when determining which information about sustainability-related risks and opportunities is likely to be material to investors and disclosing it to them. Developed through a rigorous, transparent, and market-informed process, the SASB Standards are organised using the **Sustainable Industry Classification System® (SICS®)**. SICS® complements traditional industry classifications by grouping companies according to their business models, resource intensity, and exposure to sustainability-related risks and innovation opportunities. SICS® covers 77 industries across 11 sectors, each with its own tailored set of SASB Standards.

