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- 30-year track record of promoting values-aligned investing and securing positive, lasting corporation change;
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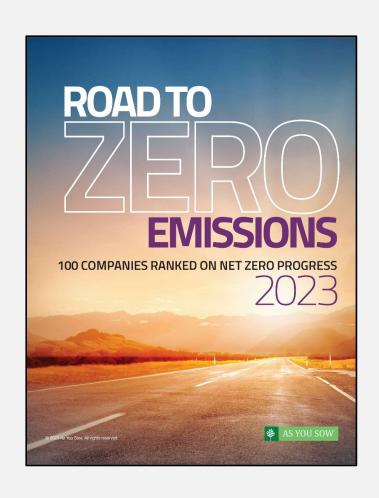


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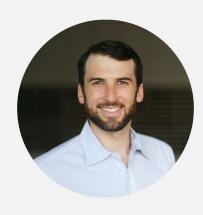




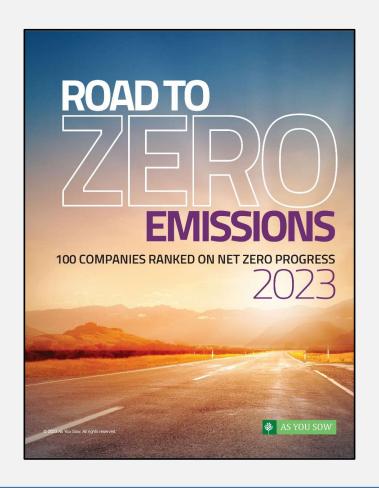
Introductory Remarks



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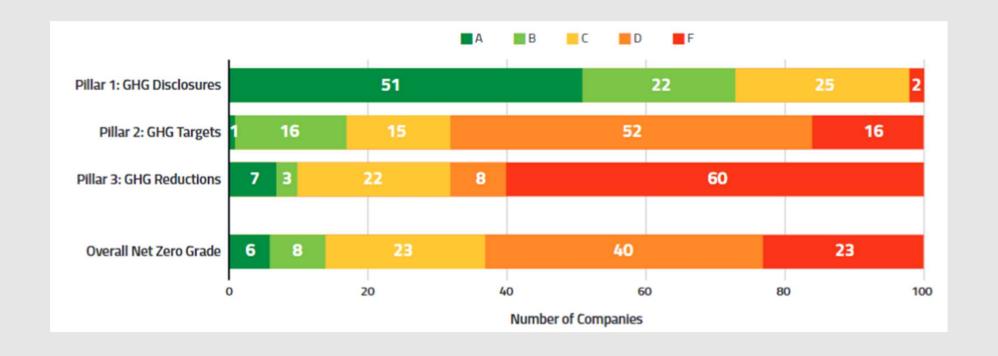
Three Pillars of Net Zero Progress



- Pillar 1 assesses disclosure of GHG emissions and carbon offset information.
- Pillar 2 evaluates interim GHG emissions reduction targets covering Scopes 1-3 and net zero goals by 2050 or sooner.
- Pillar 3 measures average year-over-year absolute emissions and emissions intensity reductions.



Overall Grades 2023





Companies Receiving A's















Progress from 2022 to 2023

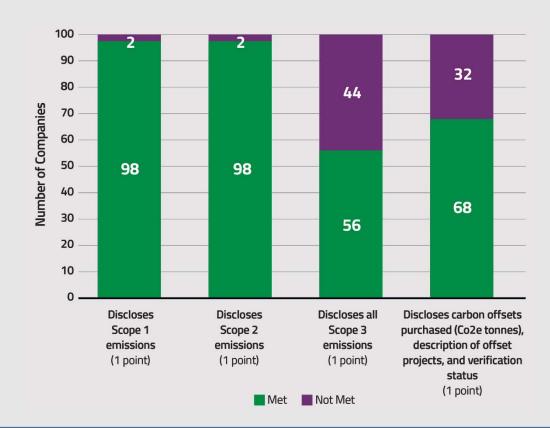
- Overall grades are improving:
 - 37% of companies received grades of A's, B's, or C's in 2023, versus 16% in 2022
- Pillar 1 Disclosure grades showed the most area of improvement
 - 73% of companies received A's or B's for Pillar 1 in 2023, versus 45% in 2022
- Most improved companies include Visa, Equinix, and Apple, which all had improvements on Pillar 1: Disclosures and Pillar 3: GHG reductions

Company Name	Overall Progress
Visa Inc	Improvement: F to B
Equinix Inc	Improvement: D to B-
Apple Inc	Improvement: B- to A



Pillar 1: GHG Disclosures

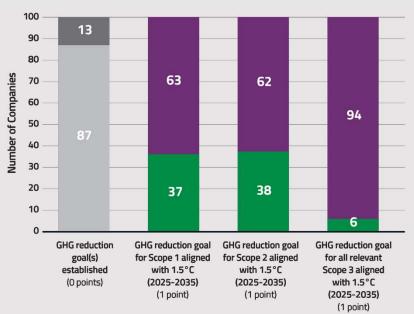
- 98% of companies discloses Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions
- 56% of companies fully disclose Scope 3 emissions
 - Up from **36%** in 2022
- Takeaway:
 - There is steady progress on disclosing value-chain, Scope 3 emissions
 - Investor pressure and new regulatory rules have contributed to this increase in climate disclosures, but there are still gaps to fill



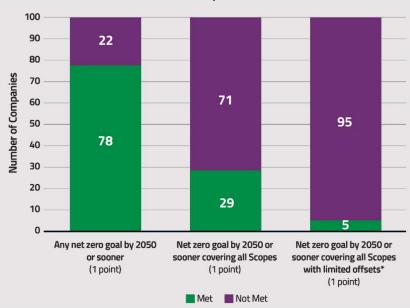


Pillar 2: Targets





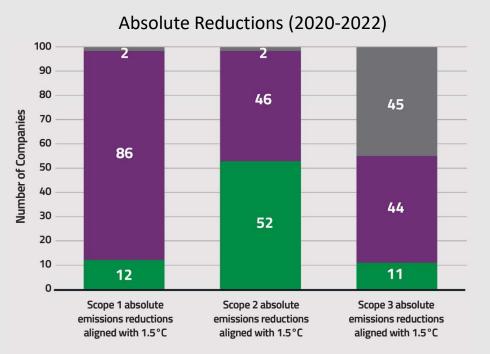
Net Zero Goals by 2050 or Sooner

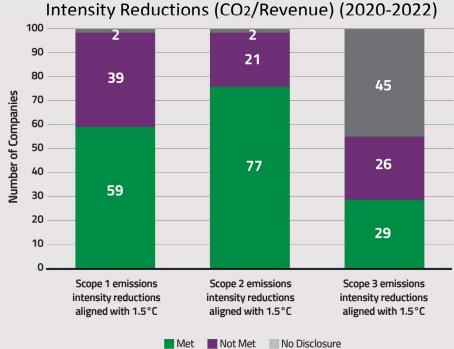


- 87% of companies have established GHG reduction goals, but few are 1.5°C aligned for Scopes 1 through 3.
- 78% of companies have net zero ambitions, only one company received an "A" under this pillar.
- Takeaway: Not all net zero goal are created equal; goals must be carefully assessed.



Pillar 3: Reductions

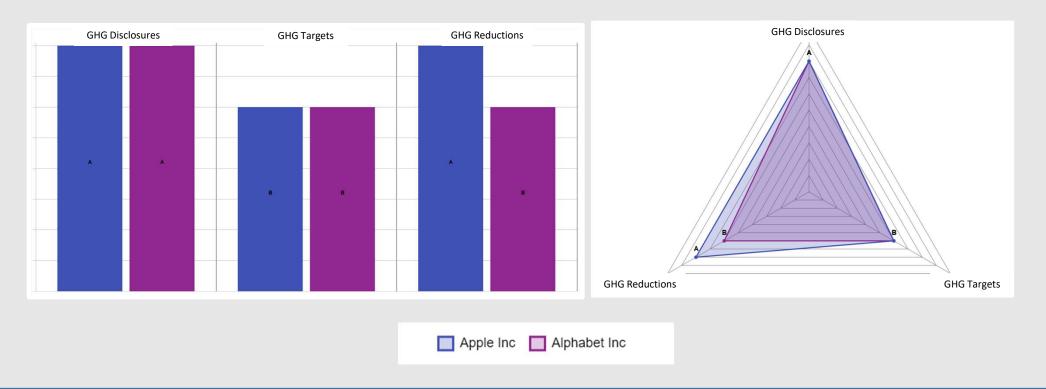




- Overall, we are seeing successful reductions in Scopes 1 and 2, but Scope 3 reductions are lagging
- Disclosures are necessary to measure reduction progress.
- Takeaway: Investors beware, Scope 1 & 2 emissions are rarely the full emissions reduction story.



Data Visualization





Conclusion

- More companies are disclosing relevant Scope 3 emissions, but there are still large gaps.
- Generally, companies assessed year-over-year show signs of improvement across the three pillars
- The lack of 1.5°C-aligned year-over-year emissions reductions across companies' full scope of emissions remains a concern.







The Science Based Targets initiative

Trends in Science-Based Target-Setting and Performance

Diana Farmer North America Regional Lead

November 2023



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Introduction to the SBTi

A global body enabling businesses to set ambitious emissions reduction targets



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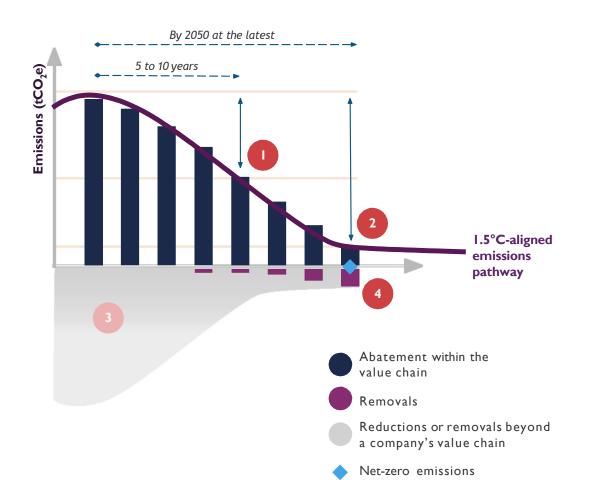








Four key elements of the Net-Zero Standard



- To set near-term science-based targets:
 5-10 year emission reduction targets in line with 1.5°C pathways
- To set long-term science-based targets:
 Target to reduce emissions to a residual level in line with 1.5°C scenarios by no later than 2050

Beyond value chain mitigation:

In the transition to net-zero, companies should take action to mitigate emissions beyond their value chains. For example, purchasing high-quality, jurisdictional REDD+ credits or investing in direct air capture (DAC) and geologic storage

Neutralization of residual emissions:

GHGs released into the atmosphere when the company has achieved their long-term SBT must be counterbalanced through the permanent removal and storage of carbon from the atmosphere



Four considerations for setting near- and long-term SBTs



Timeframe

What is the maximum timeframe to meet your targets?

5-10 years (from date of submission)



Ambition

What is the ambition level in terms of limiting temperature rise?

Scope land 2: 1.5°C

Scope 3: Well-below 2°



Boundary

How much coverage or your emissions inventory is required?

Scope I and 2: **95**%

Scope 3: If >40% of total emissions, 67% coverage



Methods

What are the eligible methods to set your targets?

- **I.Absolute reduction**
- 2. Sector-specific intensity convergence
- 3. Renewable electricity
- 4. Supplier or customer engagement
- **5. Scope 3** economic intensity reduction
- 6. Scope 3 physical intensity reduction



Near-term

based target

science-

2050 latest

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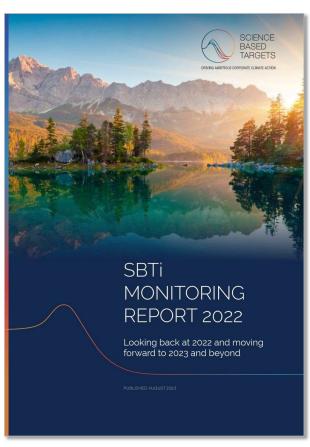
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Target-setting trends

Steady increase in ambition





12%

of all science-based targets set in 2022 were net-zero targets 945

companies set 1.5 °C-aligned targets in 2022 79%

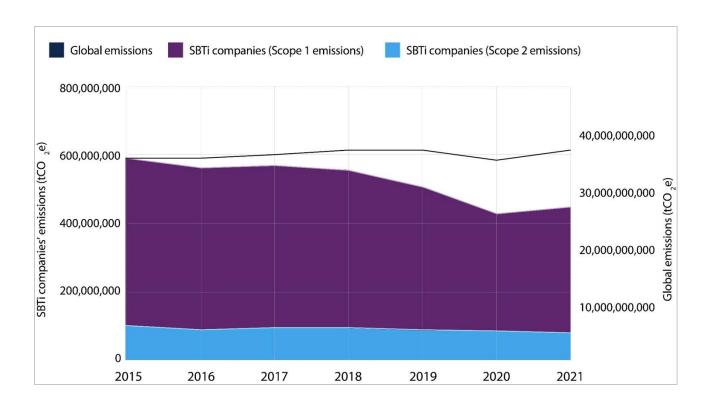
of total companies with science-based targets are 1.5 °C-aligned

As of December, 2022

Read the 2022 SBTi Monitoring Report

Performance on emissions reductions







The typical company reduced their emissions at a linear annual rate of **5.9%** between the year of setting targets and 2021

Organizations reporting progress against targets

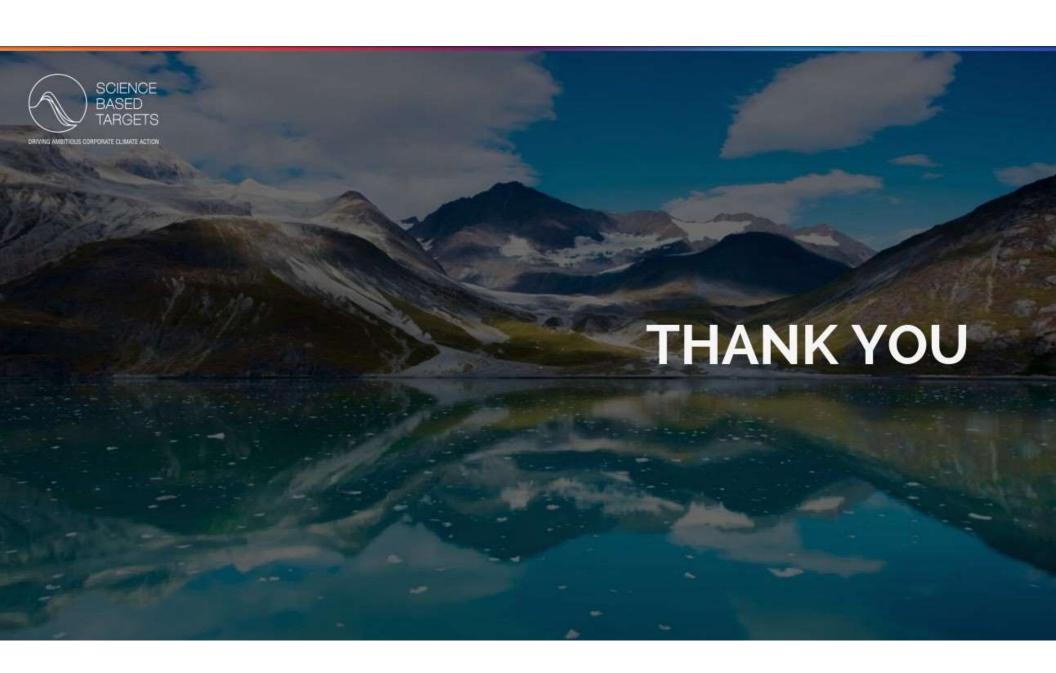


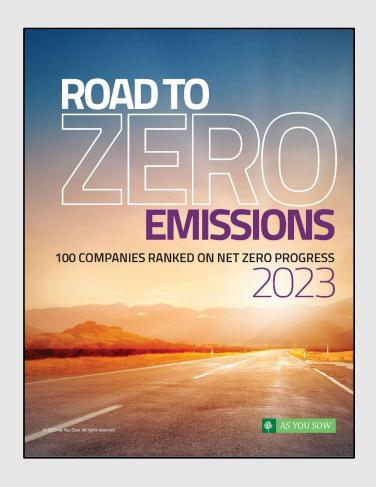


of companies with science-based targets publicly reported progress against those targets

53%

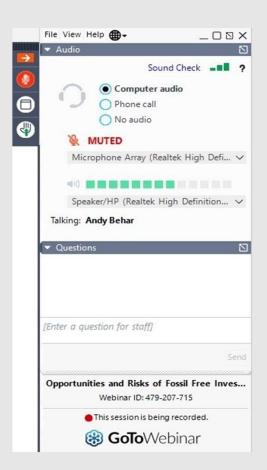
of companies **fully** reported on progress against all their near- and long-term targets





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