



ESG Video Transcript

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Introduction	Hello! The Covid-19 pandemic this	
	year has significantly impacted our	
	daily lives. We have now entered a	
	'new normal' mode of living.	
	The pandemic makes us realise the	
	critical importance of sustain-ability in	
	our environment, society, enterprise	
	governance (ESG) and our personal	
	lives.	
	In this episode, I shall be sharing with	
	you the rea-sons behind why ESG	
	and responsible investing are	
	important to our communities, our	
	corporate enterprises and even	
	individual investors.	

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Firstly, looking from an environment and social perspective, governments are talking about using this pandemic as an opportunity to accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. This will likely involve increasing investment into renewable energy and infrastructure involving green buildings, different fuel sources, the transition to electric vehicles and so on.

From a corporate governance perspective, for example, in Hong Kong, starting 1 July 2020, HKEX requires companies to fulfil certain obligations. These include providing disclosure on significant climate-related issues which have impacted/may impact the issuer, disclosure obligation to comply or explain key ESG performance indicators, as well as publishing ESG reports within five months after the financial year-end.

These measures are set out to raise the standards on enterprise governance.

From an asset management perspective, ESG issues, including climate change, water scarcity and availability, deforestation, health and safety, and executive pay, may generate risks and opportunities for companies which financial markets may not price appropriately.

Therefore, material ESG considerations form an integral part of security analysis alongside fundamental financial considerations.

As one of Hang Seng MPF's investment managers as well as a responsible corporation and world's leading financial institutions, HSBC Global Asset Management recognises the importance of embracing ESG values as well as proactively advocating them in our day-to-day business activities.

Our research analysts and portfolio managers employ material ESG metrics (both quantitative and qualitative) specific to a company and its sector. This forms an integral part of our robust investment framework, and the arrangement enables us to better manage risks and make decisions to capture investment opportunities.

Our investment team is dedicated to active engagement with investee companies, as well as improving market transparency and sustainability disclosure.

Through a series of research and related activities, we can help uncover valuable yet sustainable investment opportunities for our global investors in the long run.

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Conclusion	With growing awareness on ESG	
	concept and sustainable investment,	
	be-fore MPF scheme members make	
	any investment decisions, they may	
	wish to find out if their scheme	
	providers include funds that integrate	
	ESG themes or responsible investing	
	principles on their scheme platforms.	
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