Banks Are Mining New Forms of Value with Sustainability

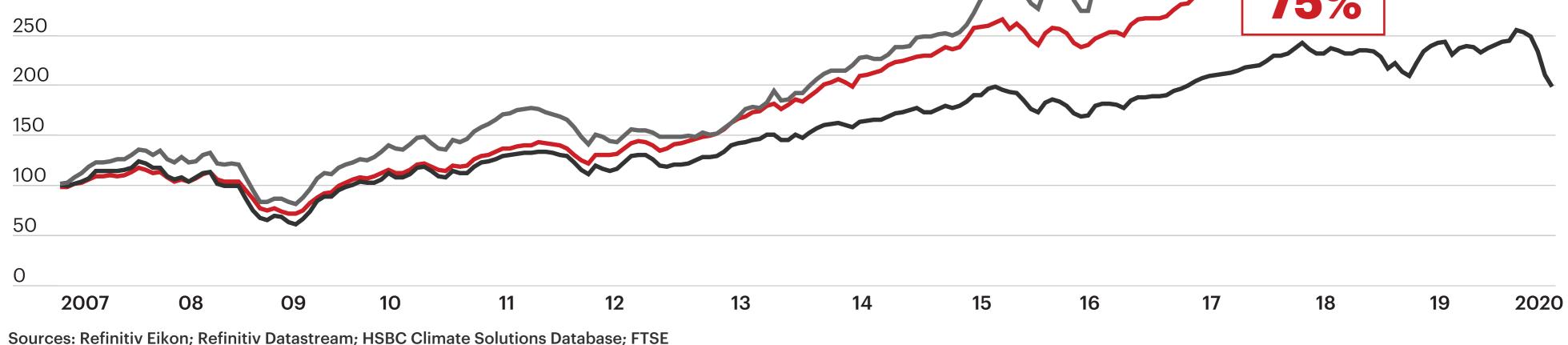
Many banks are warming to sustainability principles and practices, as evidence of the benefits continues to build.

Sustainable investing pays off

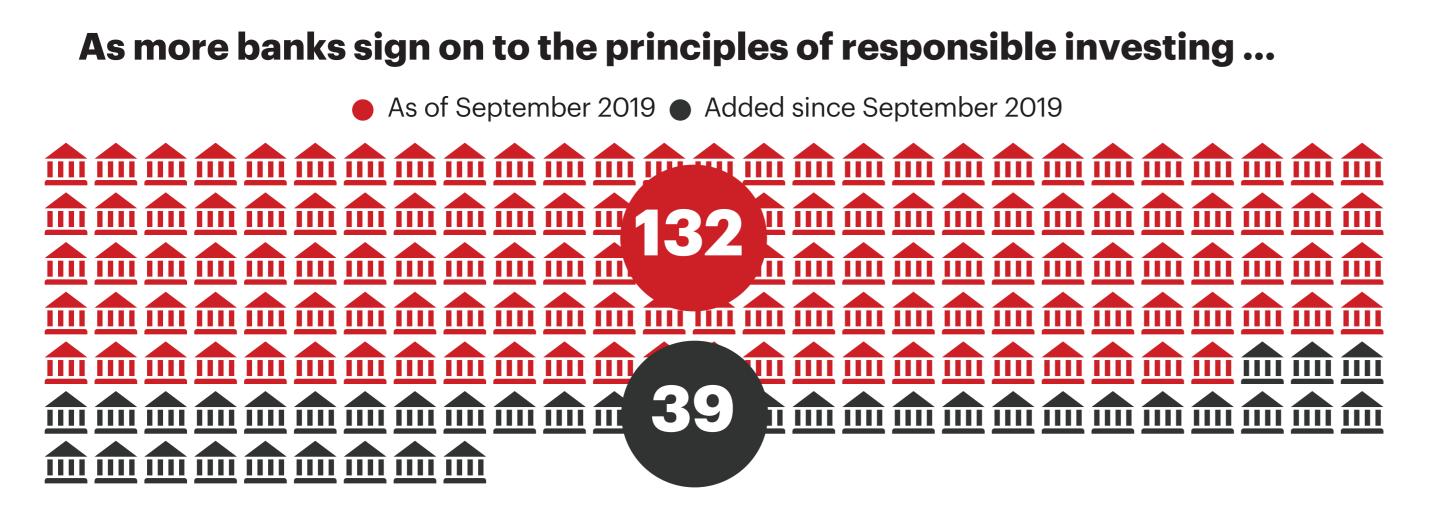
Leaders in environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices outperformed by 66% or 75% since 2007, depending on the index

Index performance (indexed to January 31, 2007)

	Top third ESG stocks FTSE All-World Index HSBC Climate Solutions Database
450	•
400	
350	66%
300	



The benefits go beyond the bottom line



... the additional benefits of **ESG** have become clear

- Access to indexes with strong ESG ratings
- Better customer loyalty
- Higher employee engagement

Leading banks bring sustainability into the core business

While ESG was already on many banks' radars, Covid-19 is accelerating the response, including:



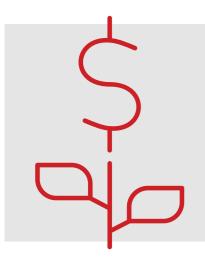
Prohibiting lending or investing in areas that run counter to sustainability



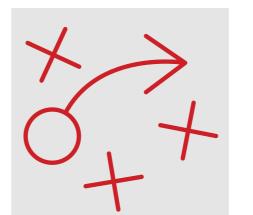
Screening for best-in-class companies on **ESG** criteria



Creating lending targets for climate-change solutions and similar goals



Issuing green bonds to raise money for environmental projects



Codeveloping plans to integrate ESG strategies into clients' core businesses





Six steps to ESG transformation

Articulate a clear ambition with themes that fit your company's DNA

Fully integrate sustainability with the overall business strategy

Factor ESG into decision making alongside traditional risk/return considerations

Create a sustainability committee at the highest levels to forge accountability



Take the long view by embarking on multiple small, pragmatic steps



Use metrics internally for careful steering and externally for greater transparency

