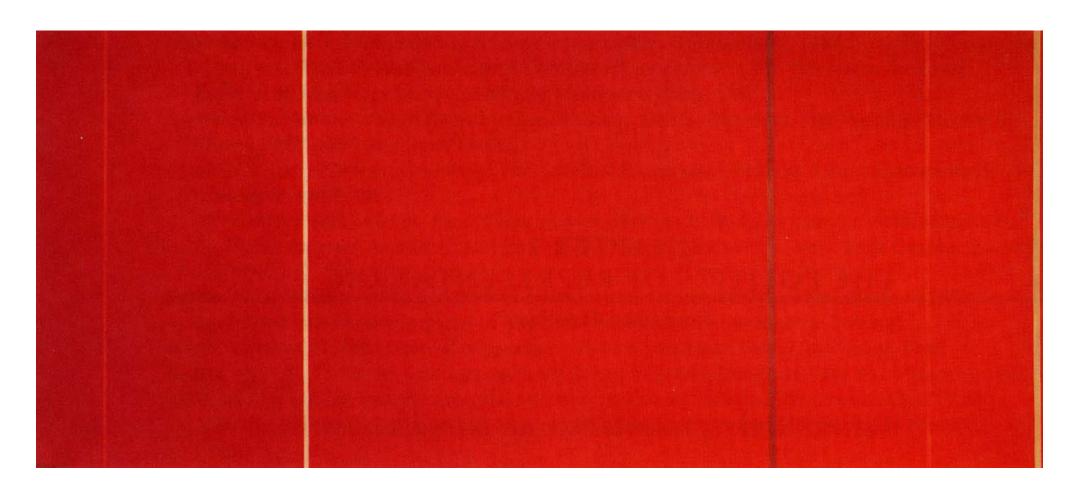
# FirstRand ESG Credentials: partners in tomorrow's economy

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Vir Heroicus Sublimus, Barnett Newman



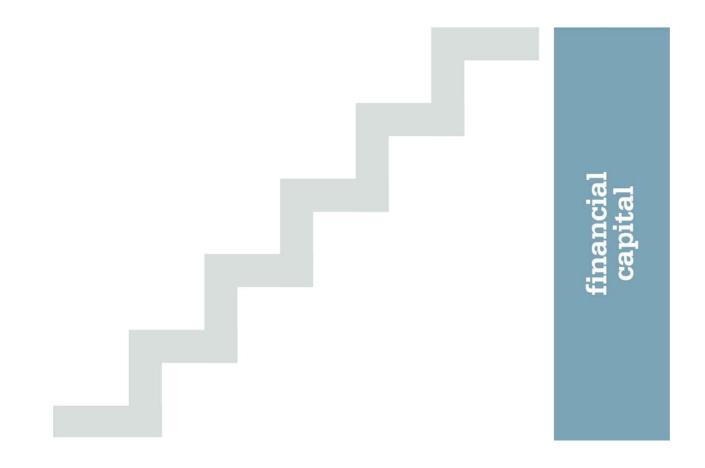
### two roads diverged in a yellowwood

And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth

The road not taken, Robert Frost



### ESG has emerged from challenges with classical economic growth models



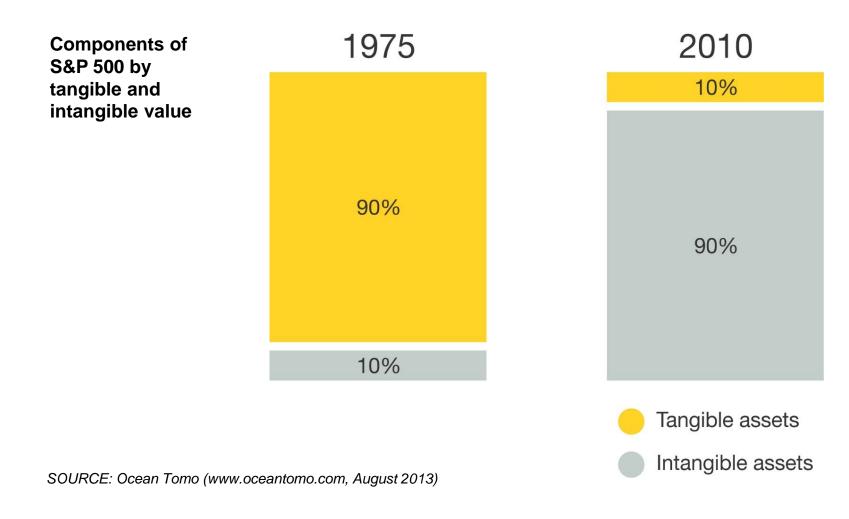


The new discipline takes a more holistic view of capital and a less exuberant view on capital accumulation



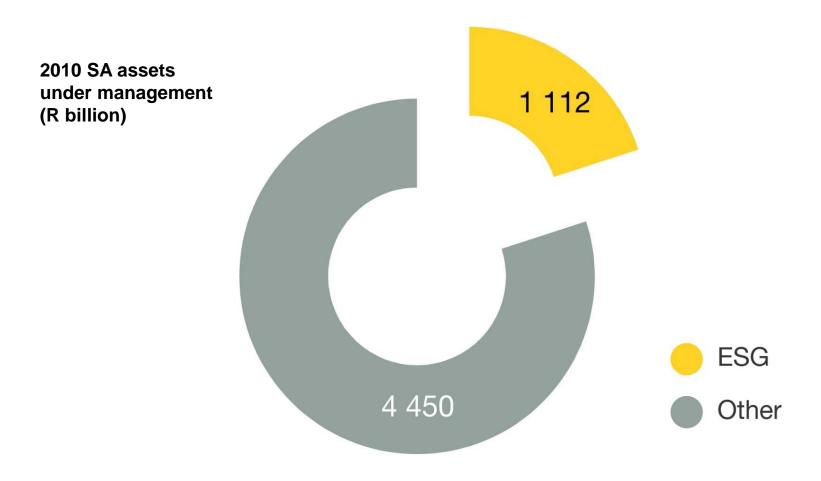


### Financial markets have started internalising some of this uncertainty but are they getting it right?





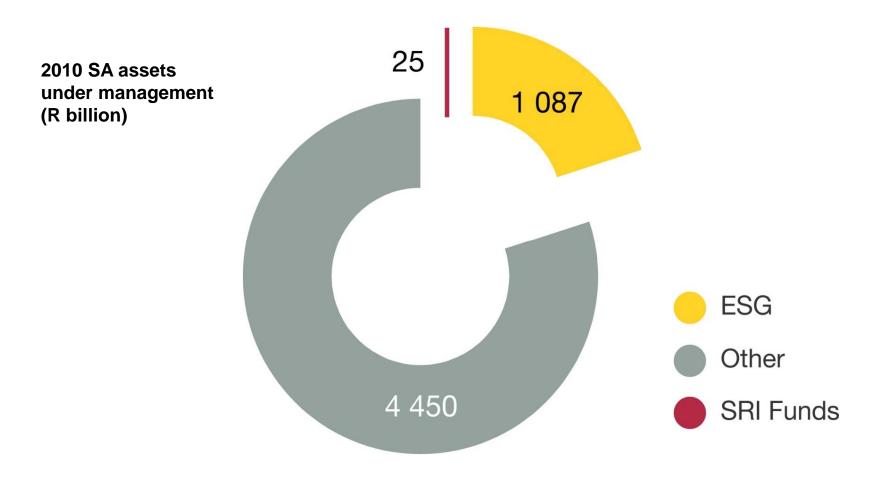
#### Investors support ESG investing as a concept



SOURCE: RI in South Africa. Journal of Economic and Financial Sciences. April 2013.



#### However focussed SRI is very small



SOURCE: Author's adaptation from: SRI in South Africa. Investment Analysts Journal. 75:2012



#### Where does this leave us?

ESG Investing is

evolving

under severe uncertainty

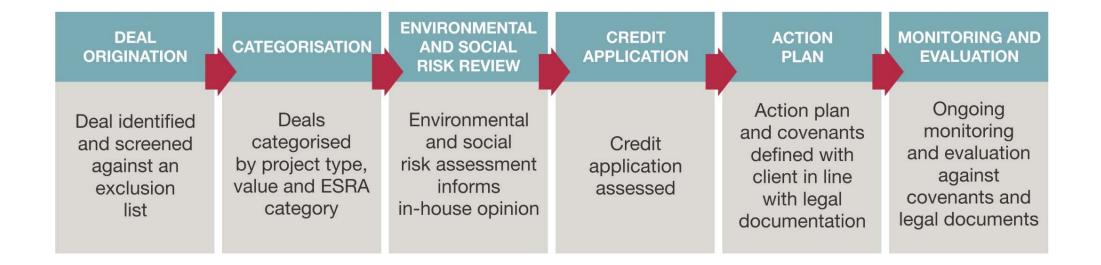


### A meaningful ESG capability means meaningful long-term value proposition





### ESG can be integrated into the capital allocation process





#### An assurance capability becomes essential for accuracy

#### **ASSURANCE**

Group audit committee

Group audit committee receives consolidated ESG info to be disclosed in the annual integrated report

Franchise audit committee

Franchise audit committees receive franchise ESG info to be disclosed in the annual integrated report



### An oversight capability is essential for meaningful decision making and organisational learning

#### **OVERSIGHT**

Group ethics committee

Group ethics committee receives reports from franchise ethics committees on ESG issues posing material ethical risk to the Group

Franchise ethics committee

Franchise ethics committees receives reports from franchise CROs on ESG issues posing material ethical risk to the franchise



#### Better quality information enables ongoing improvement

Board of Directors

Directors affairs and governance committee

Executive committee

Remuneration committee

Audit committee

Risk,capital management and compliance committee

Transformation monitoring committee

Social and ethics committee

FirstRand Foundation





#### Where does this leave us?

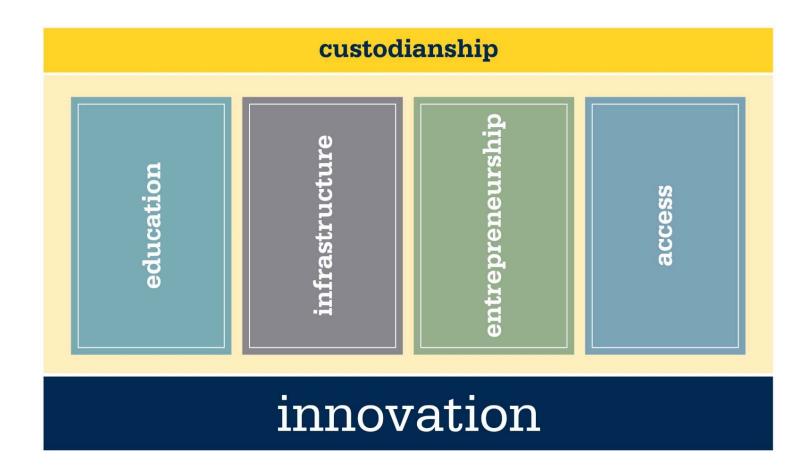
ESG Investing is a

## journey

to enable economically efficient long run capital allocation



Meaningful opportunities exist to innovate in our real economy. ESG custodianship is an underpin to **long run sustainability** 





#### Recognise FirstRand's franchises as partners building tomorrow's economy











Siyabonga, *siyathokoza*, re a leboha, re a leboga, ha Nkhensa, ro livhuha, dankie, enkosi, *naa goodee*, obrigado, asante sana, zikomo zikomo, kwambiri,

thank you...



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