

# "Award-winning reports

### - The board in action: navigating uncertainties" (2023 ed.)

This has been a year of significant changes in the regulatory as well as macro environment, impacting your forthcoming annual/sustainability reporting.

HKEX's latest review analyses first- year reporting under the updated corporate governance Code. Improvement areas identified include culture, board gender diversity, re-election of long-serving directors and risk management.

For **sustainability**, the global **ISSB** standards, which are investor- focused, have been published. As we evolve to a more **investor- based approach**, what is the impact on **"materiality" assessment and reporting**? Many companies have announced **"net zero" commitments.** What investors would like to know?

Many award-winning companies have started reporting in these directions!

We also address the investor perspectives. Importantly, how are the above themes linked to business strategy?

We have analyzed over **30 award-winning HK and international annual/sustainability reports**, identify key **"best practice" features**, and provide **a range of examples** to suit different companies and circumstances!

#### What's special

- HKEX review of corporate governance disclosure
- Board refreshment/diversity/risk management
- "Double materiality": investor-focused reporting
- "Net zero" journey: what investors like to know
- HK + international examples

#### **SAVE YOUR TIME!**

## **Practical framework + examples**

Save your precious time in ploughing through **over 30 award-winning annual reports and ESG reports**, and analyze their **best features!** 

Covers Annual Report (Corporate Governance) as well as ESG Report!

Provide disclosure framework, illustrated by award-winning examples, and our insights and analyses! HK + International examples!

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# **Preview: Corporate Governance themes**

Aligning culture, values, and strategy	
Setting board GENDER diversity target -Trends; disclosure	HKEX review: Improvement areas
Beyond gender- board SKILLS diversity -Linkage to strategy	
Re-election of long-serving directors	
-Trends; disclosure on "exceptions"	Emerging best practices
Annual review of board composition	
-Linkage to strategy	
-Tools: board evaluation findings, skills matrix	
Special focus:	
What the board did during	
the year	Linkage to strategy
- Risk management	Investor perspectives
- Linkage to strategy	
- New areas: e.g., IT governance	

## **Closer linkage between Annual and ESG reports**

- ESG reports: evolution to a more investor-based approach
- HK and international examples

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## Preview: ISSB; "Net Zero" journey

### A more investor-based approach "Double materiality"? Impact on reporting **ISSB** journey: more "investor -based" approach ISSB: more difficult areas Financial impact analysis Addressing data collection "Net Zero" journey: What investors like to know **Climate change** - Commitment "net zero" journey Impacts (financial) - Performance Commitment – Science-based targets? **Impact and Performance Investor expectations** E.g., specific short-term targets set? How the report meets the needs of different stakeholders Separate climate actions report?

## **Hot themes**

- HK and international examples
- Practical resources: reporting guidance materials