



ABOUT THE FIRM

This global asset manager, with a large European footprint, is known as a pioneer in the ESG investing space. The firm manages more than \$650 billion in assets in equities, fixed income, multi-asset, liquidity, and alternative investments.



THE CHALLENGE

- Comply with SFDR regulatory reporting requirements
- House ESG data from various sources all in one place
- Meet rapidly approaching deadlines to continue selling funds



THE SOLUTION

- Create an adaptable solution for SFDR reporting
- Simplify the data collection process
- Develop a customized responsible investment scoring system



THE RESULTS

- Unlocked valuable time savings
- Increased overall productivity and credibility
- Became fully compliant with SFDR regulatory reporting requirements

Global Asset Manager Develops an SFDR-Compliant Strategy with FactSet’s Reporting Tools

An asset manager’s partnership with FactSet helps maintain SFDR compliance, streamlines business operations.

THE CHALLENGE

To continue selling sustainable investment funds to its clients across Europe, the asset manager needed a way to meet the requirements of the European Union’s new Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation (SFDR). SFDR launched in 2021, but a critical deadline in June 2023 required firms to publish a wide range of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) entity-level metrics. In parallel, the firm was required to create fund prospectuses and annual report disclosures aligned to the SFDR annexes. With numerous portfolios and a looming deadline, swift action was needed to ensure they could move forward uninterrupted.

Collecting and analyzing the data required for the wide-ranging reporting proved to be challenging. The team also realized they needed to house all their ESG data on a single, consolidated platform. Connecting disparate datasets from a variety of sources restricted the firm’s ability to calculate ESG scores at all, never mind in a streamlined manner, further complicating their ability to produce a methodology to meet SFDR requirements.

The asset manager now has a sustainable operating model to meet all SFDR Regulatory Reporting requirements and efficiently manage any future SFDR changes.

THE SOLUTION

The asset manager selected FactSet's SFDR Regulatory Reporting solution for its flexibility, scalability, and simplified access to concorded data to streamline their reporting process.

The firm now has access to a customized responsible investment scoring system created with a combination of in-house ESG vendor data to support SFDR reporting. The solution can adapt to changing SFDR requirements on short notice with new data inputs or changes to methodologies.

Consolidating ESG data into a single platform simplifies the data aggregation process, which in turn allows for quicker responsible investment score calculations. Using FactSet's SFDR Regulatory Reporting is an extension of the firm's 20+- year data partnership with FactSet.

Armed with a wide array of other FactSet solutions, including [ESG Data and Analytics from Truvalue Labs](#), Portfolio Analytics, and Portfolio Publisher, the firm leverages FactSet as its main hub for all performance and reporting. The team hit a variety of monthly implementation milestones leading up to the EU's June 2023 deadline, eliminating any potential business interruption.

THE RESULTS

The new solution immediately unlocked time savings for many of the firm's employees and increased overall productivity despite being under strict regulatory pressure upon implementation. Their team now has a sustainable operating model to meet all SFDR Regulatory Reporting requirements and efficiently manage any future SFDR changes.

By having their own ESG data integrated with FactSet's ESG data, the asset manager realized ultimate data transparency, further deepening the firm's SFDR reporting capabilities and scalability without any additional workload. The firm has approximately 700 portfolios integrated within the core FactSet Workstation, allowing the team to conduct deeper research and analyze data in real time. Combining their proprietary data with FactSet's gives the team a competitive edge by helping investors better understand the company's sustainable investment strategies, which in turn elevates the firm's credibility.

The asset manager and FactSet are now exploring how to migrate ESG data to the cloud with the understanding that API functionality will provide additional flexibility to continue the firm's high-quality SFDR reporting.

DISCOVER SOLUTIONS

FactSet creates data and technology solutions for investment professionals around the world, providing instant access to financial data and analytics that investors use to make crucial decisions.

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