



# ITAU ASSET MANAGEMENT

## **BRAZIL**

Organization: Investor

Category: Responsible Investment

#### **General Information**

Itaú Asset Management Brazil (Itau AM) operates as the major management fund company of Brazil, managing BRL 386.6 bn (about USD 113.2 bn) in assets. The Company manages equity, fixed income and hedge funds. Itau AM is based in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

### **Overall Responsible Investment Performance** COMPANY GLOBAL SCORE AND PERFORMANCE 60-100 / 100 Advanced 50-59 / 100 Robust 30-49 / 100 Limited 0-29 / 100 Weak Integration of ESG in Integration of ESG aspects in investments activities **Corporate Governance Overall Score** *Implementation* Leadership Results Robust Limited Robust Advanced Robust 100 75 50 25

#### Key Issues

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Financial companies involved in investment or asset management activities have the duty to act in the best long-term interests of their beneficiaries. The adoption of a responsible investment strategy, considering ESG aspects in investment decisions can be a critical factor to fulfil this fiduciary duty. At the same time, the integration of ESG aspects in the governance and control systems of the financial companies themselves can result in a better understanding and monitoring of ESG risks inherent to the company investment strategy and investee companies.

#### Company Performance

Itau AM performance in Responsible Investment is limited.

- The Company's internal control system covers some ESG topics such as business ethics and carbon risk issues. In addition, some relevant ESG issues were discussed at board level such as climate change. However, information about training to the board members is not disclosed.
- Itau AM's formal investment policy covers the majority of relevant ESG aspects, such as environmental, corporate governance and controversial activities topics. Moreover, a dedicated team of portfolio managers is responsible of the implementation of the policy.
- Itau AM conducts the following ESG strategies within its portfolio: negative screening, positive screening, thematic funds, voting policies covering ESG issues and engagement with companies. In addition, the Company manages procedures in investment decision which include ESG risks and assesses sectors and companies with ESG criteria.
- Finally, Itau AM does not disclose its share of SRI assets on total assets under management.