Environmental Shareholder Value



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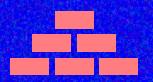
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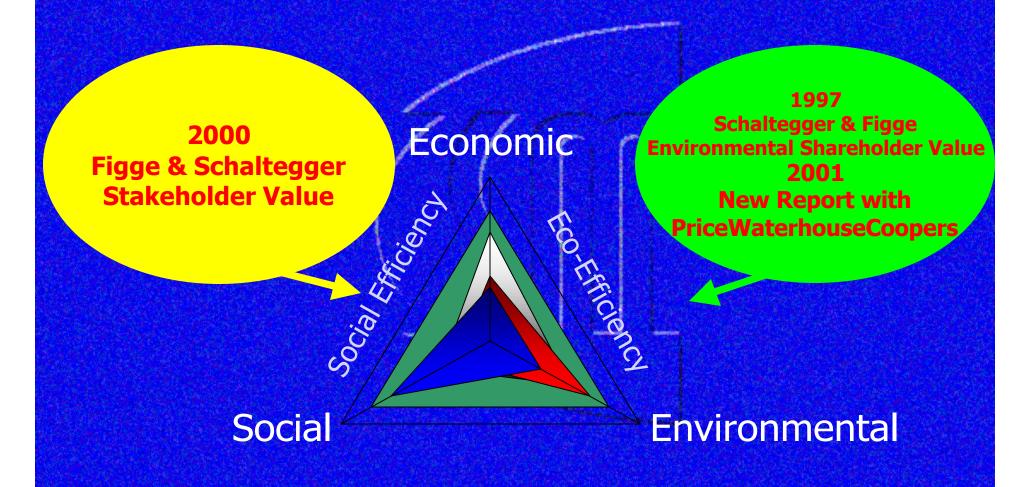


- Ecological and social efficiency as a conditio sine qua non for business success.
- Environmental Shareholder Value
 - Environmental Value Drivers
 - What kind of environmental protection drives Shareholder Value?
- Stakeholder Value
 - What is Stakeholder Value?
 - How can Stakeholder Value be calculated?





Efficiency is not sufficient - but it's necessary.







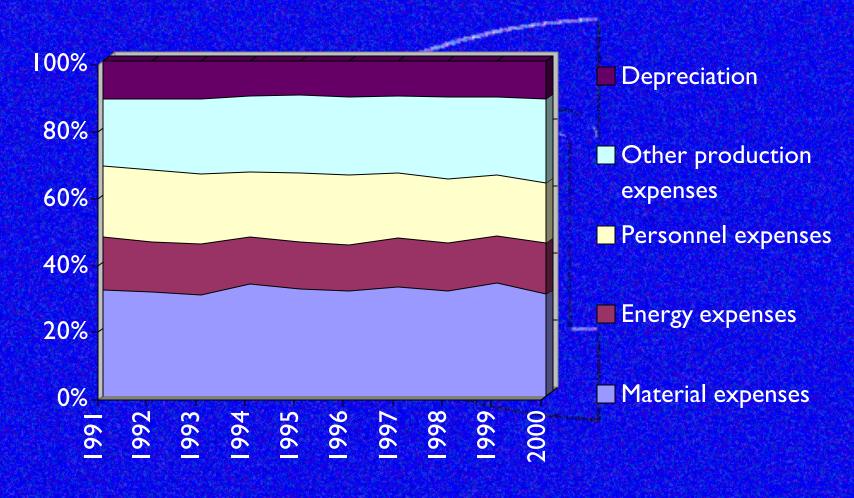
How can companies create value sustainably?

- From the perspective of
 - Shareholder Value,
 - Environmental Shareholder Value and
 - Stakeholder Value Added
 - the following holds true:
- Value is created, whenever benefits exceed costs.
- Besides direct costs there are also opportunity costs.
- Opportunity costs correspond to the benefits of the alternatives that have not been pursued.





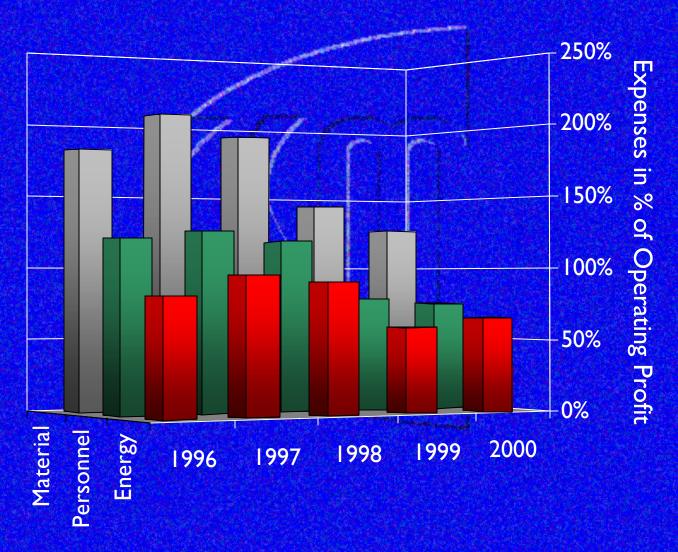
Expenses at Holcim/Holderbank.







Eco- and Social-leverage at Holcim.







Environmental Shareholder Value.







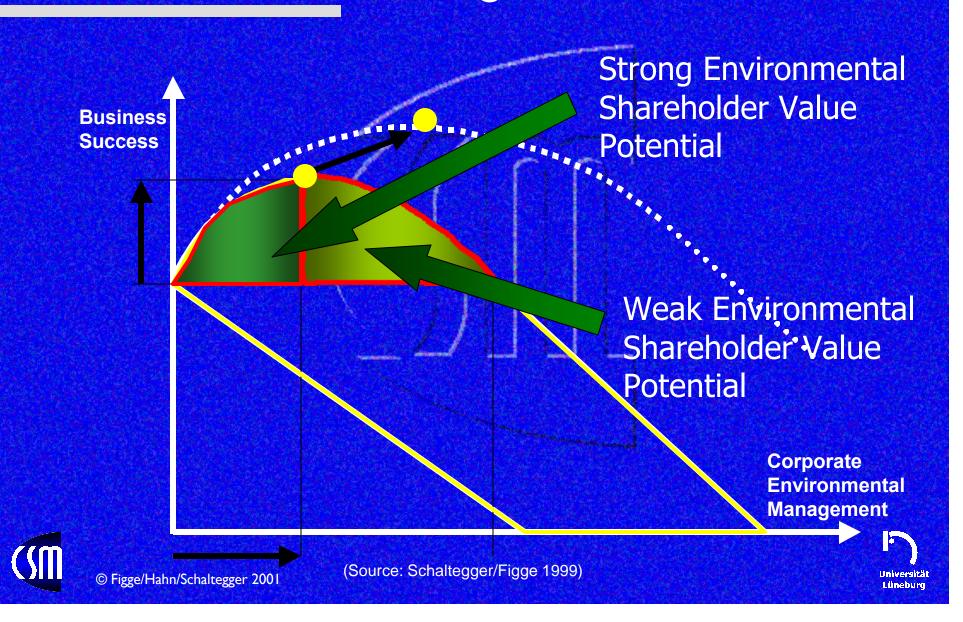
What is Shareholder Value?

- Shareholder Value is today's value of the future earning streams Shareholders may expect.
- Shareholder Value is often equated with Market Capitalization.
 Market Capitalization is the financial market's estimate of Shareholder Value.
- Shareholder Value is not the same as Enterprise Value.





Business Success through Corporate Environmental Management?



Correlation is nice - Causality is essential

- Looking at the correlation between «environmental performance» and economic performance usually ignores all other aspects that have an impact on the stock price (e.g. mergers, business cycle etc.).
- Arguments based on correlation frequently assume that there is an unambiguous link between «environmental performance» and economic performance (which is not the case in reality).
- Correlation does not tell us why a company has a higher or lower valuation (e.g. Price-to-Book, P/E) than its competitors.
- Correlation usually looks at «how much» as opposed to «what kind of» environmental protection is practised by a company. This is not compatible with the idea of eco-efficiency.
- «Environmental performance» is very often not defined clearly.





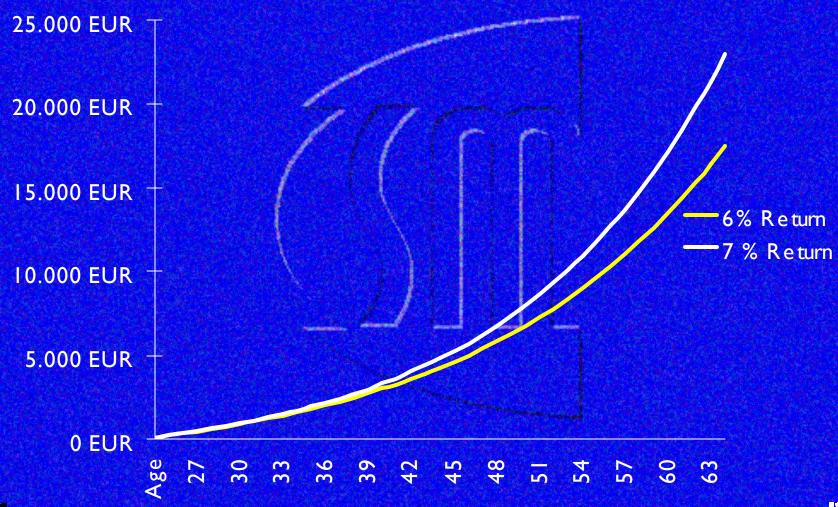
How can we become "green" and successful?

- Only «economic» Corporate Environmental Protection can be sustainable.
- Environmental aspects have already an impact on the success of companies.
- Not every kind of Corporate Environmental Management enhances the economic success of companies.
- The key question for companies is therefore:
- → What kind of Corporate Environmental Management has a beneficial impact on the economic performance of companies?





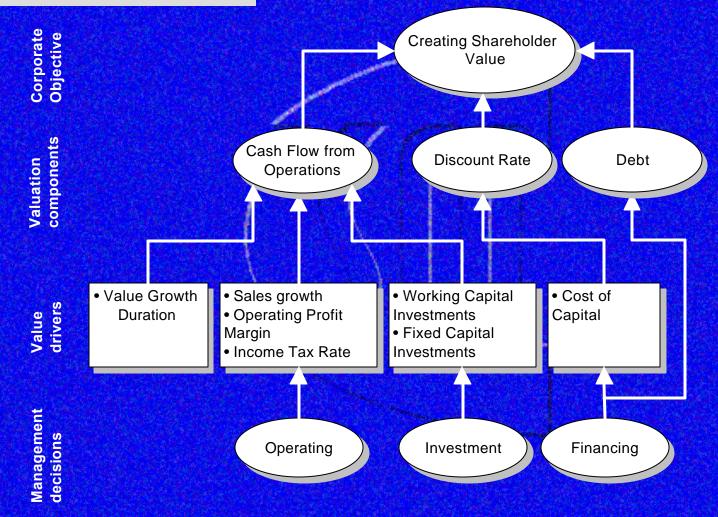
Why do companies/investments need to be successful?







Value Drivers and Shareholder Value.





(Source: Rappaport 1995)



Operational Management.

- Price leadership
 é Management of environmental costs.
- Differentiation
 - é Additional green attributes can help a company to differentiate themselves from their competitors.
 - é "Green" Products, Labels or certificates.
- Taking advantage of tax benefits and burdens é Issue Management.





Financing.

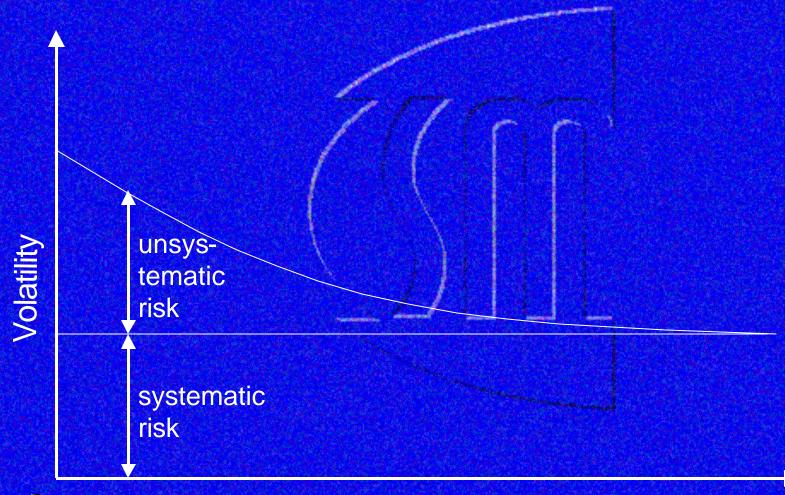
- Cost of capital
 - Risk free return
 - Risk premium
- Unsystematic risks (e.g. accidents)
 - Can be diversified
 - Do not constitute a risk from an investor's point of view
- Environmental problems can pose systematic risks
 - Energy taxes, Environmental levies etc.
 - Psychological effect: Individual risks are perceived more strongly than "shared" risks.

Enhancement of Eco-Efficiency (e.g. Energy efficiency)





The role of unsystematic vs. systematic risks.







Value Growth Duration.

Period of time over which it is possible to achieve a return that is above the market average.

é Differentiation, "ecological" Innovations (e.g. Frosch, Body Shop)





What Kind of Environmental Management Increases the Shareholder Value?

- Capital-extensive: software rather than hardware ('smarter', smaller, cheaper installations);
- Low material consumption: reduced throughput (lower purchase, storage, and depreciation costs);
- Sales-boosting: increasing the benefit and attraction to customers (more desirable products and services for more customers);
- Margin-widening: increasing the benefit to customers and reducing the costs of producing the respective products and services (higher prices due to greater benefit and lower operating costs by improved operating efficiency);
- Safeguarding the flow of finance: confidence of the capital market (lower and more unsystematic risks and 'green bonus');
- Long-term enhancement of value: anticipation of future costs and earnings potential





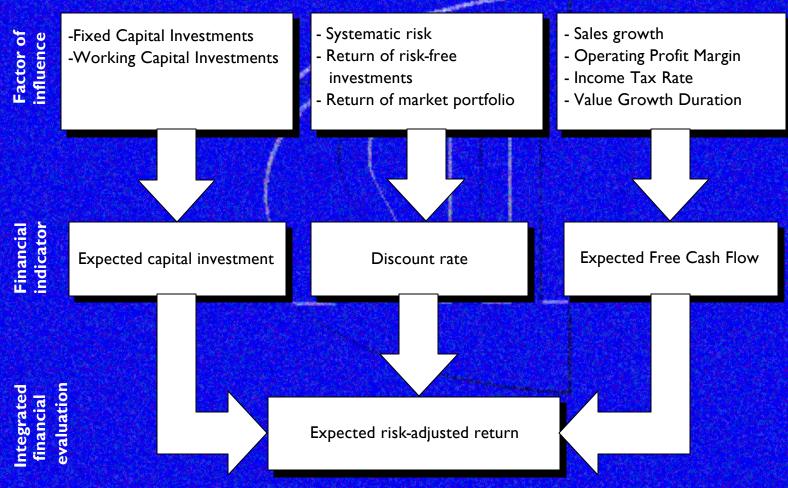
Limits to Shareholder Value-Oriented Environmental Management.

- Not more environmental protection than legal, political and market circumstances will allow.
- Financial liquidity not considered.
- Some small companies are not able to diversify some (unsystematic) environmental risks.
- Risk of loss of social acceptance not considered.
- Danger, that shareholder value-orientation is used as an ideological argument in distributional conflicts between stakeholders.
- Shareholder Value does not capture the option value environmental management might create.





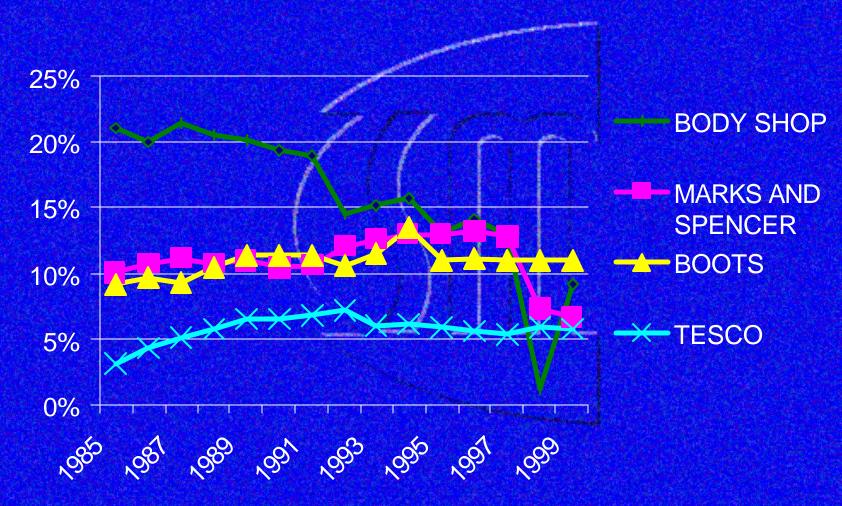
Integrated financial evaluation of environmental management.







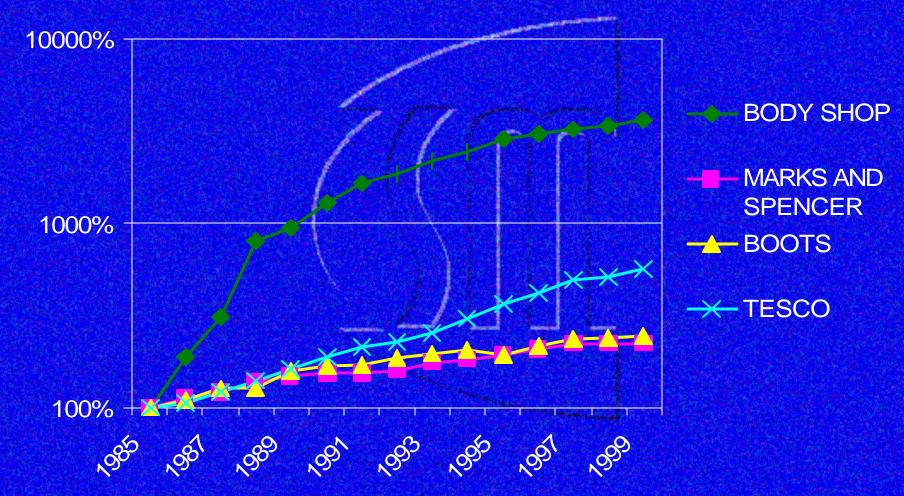
EBIT-Margins of British Retailers.







Sales growth of Body Shop compared with other British retail companies.







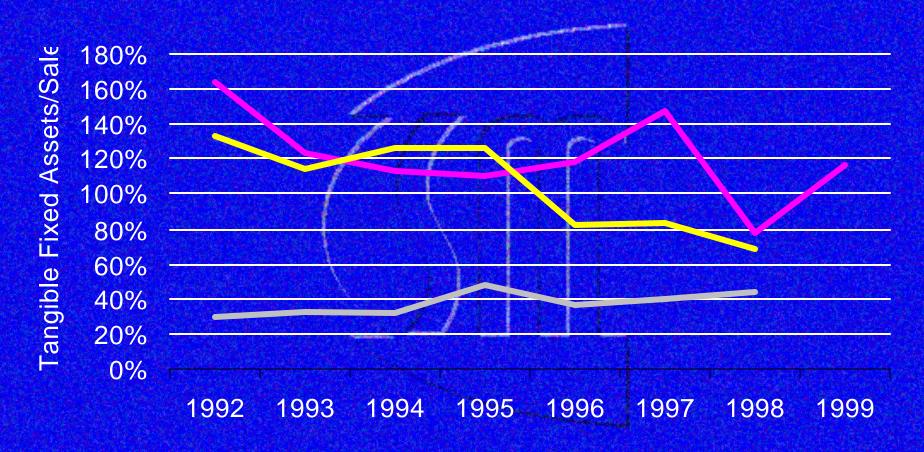
Indexed growth of EBIT







Capital intensity of British electricity generating companies.

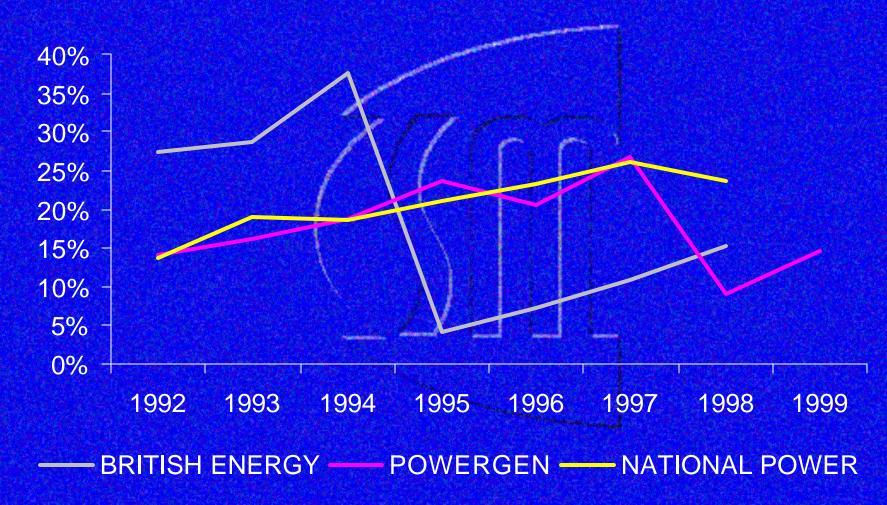


— BRITISH ENERGY — POWERGEN — NATIONAL POWER





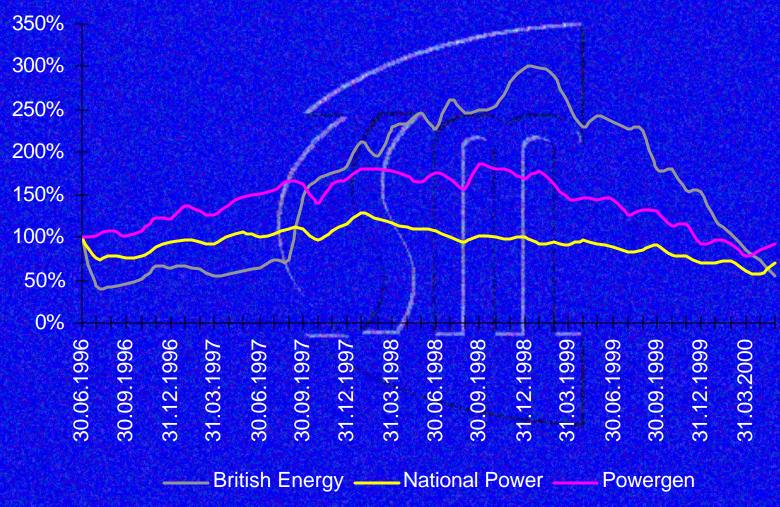
EBIT margins of UK electricity generating companies.







Is British Energy a good investment?

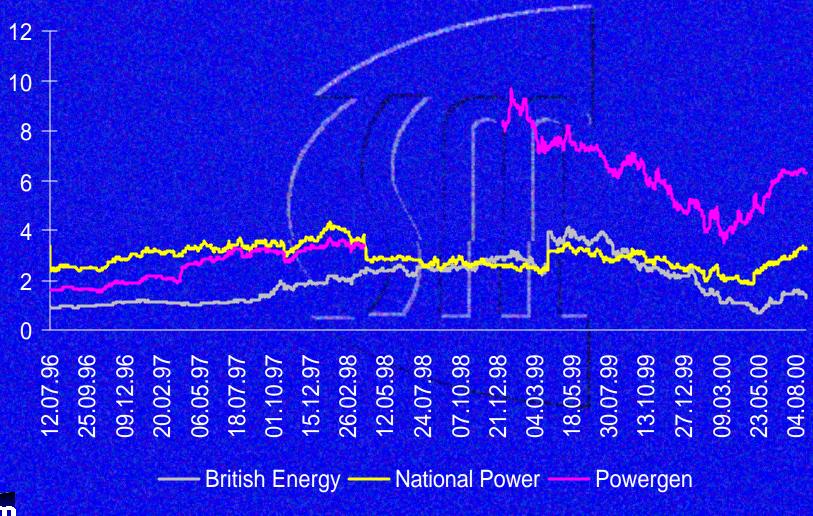




Indexed Performance between 30.06.96 and 31.05.2000. Index base 30.06.96=100. Source: Estimates Direct, Own Calculations.



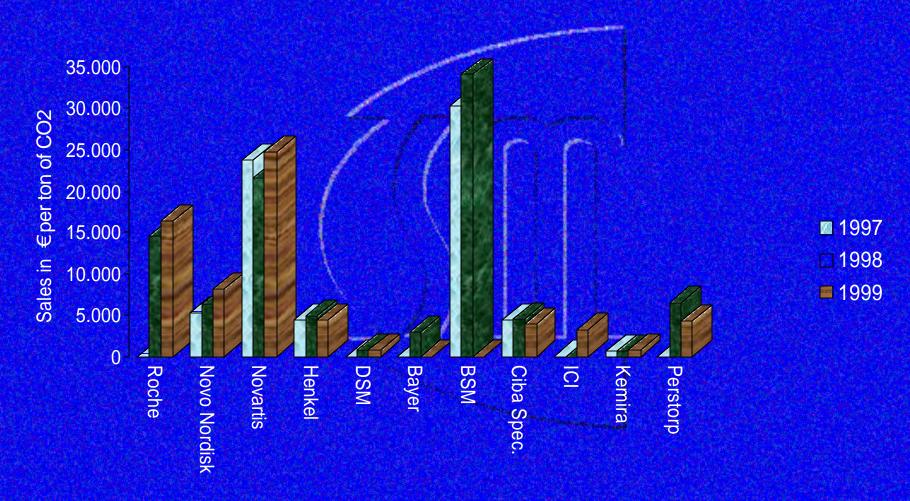
Price-to-Book ratio of British electricity generating companies.







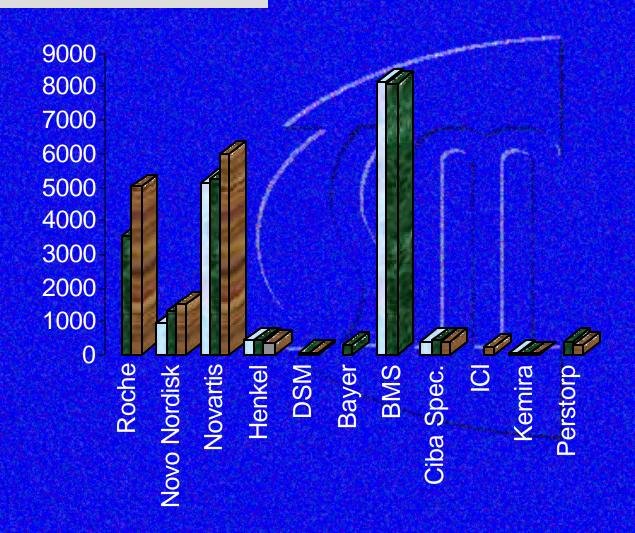
CO₂-intensity of chemical companies.







EBIT in Euro per ton of CO₂



1997

1998

1999





Assessment Criteria (Examples).

| Environmental aspect | Value Growth Duration | Revenue Growth | Operating Profit Margin | | Income Tax Rate | "tied up" capital (e.g. provisions) | |
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With: ++ strong value creating impact, + value creating impact, 0 neutral, - value destructing impact, -- strong value destructing impact.





Assessment Criteria (Examples).

| | Value Growth Duration | Revenu e Growth | Operating Profit Margin | | Income Tax Rate | "tied up" | Cost of Capital |
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| Environmental aspect | Duration | Growth | Price Costs | | Nate | capital | |
| Eco-Funds | + | + | + | ı | 0 | 0/- | 0/+ |
| M&A-consulting | | | | | | | |
| Env. Screen in Credit Business | + | + | 0 | + | 0 | + | + |
| In-house ecology | | | | | | | |
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