

# Webcast: Is Sustainability Sustainable? Navigating Through the Changes, Challenges and Risks Related to ESG

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Current changes in regulations are transforming the business landscape—are you prepared? Please join us for a presentation that focuses on the latest developments in the ever-evolving area of ESG. As regulatory landscapes and investor expectations continue to adjust, companies should ensure that they are equipped to respond to the opportunities and challenges. This 60-minute webcast provides valuable insights for companies assessing sustainability commitments and trying to determine how to best maneuver during these challenging times. We attempt to provide a strategic understanding of how to navigate regulatory and litigation complexities, as well as market expectations. Key topics include:

- ESG Outlook: Reporting and Disclosure Considerations
- Assessing Greenwashing and Litigation Risk from Altering Sustainability Commitments in the US Market
- European ESG Regulation: Cutting back the green deal?
- Greenwashing Risks in Europe: Recent Developments

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