

Webcast: Navigating the dynamic ESG landscape – key UK considerations for boards and senior management

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COVID-19 has shone a bright light on the critical role that ESG considerations can play for companies and firms. Questions of corporate purpose and the meaning of “success” have been reprised and are being carefully considered in the context of an active debate around stakeholder capitalism. Critically, the role and expectations of directors and management in pursuing a sustainability agenda have risen to the top of the agenda for corporates, legislatures and regulators alike.

But what constitutes “good governance” in the context of ESG and how do boards and senior managers address the complex web of rules, regulations, standards and frameworks which apply at a national, regional and global level? During this webinar, members of the ESG Practice Group of Gibson Dunn (London) will provide some insights to help navigate the global ESG landscape from a UK perspective, touching on key rules and regulations, forthcoming developments and trends, and practical tips including:

- An overview of the ESG landscape
- How boards are fulfilling their directors’ duties in the wake of the new vision of the “purposeful company” including engagement with stakeholder groups
- Key reporting and disclosure requirements
- Governance structures and features that underpin effective, integrated ESG business models
- Market trends and emerging rules, regulations and policy changes
- Risk mitigation, litigation risk and shareholder pressures
- Practical guidance and examples for boards and managers

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