

In 2015, CDP received responses to its forests information request from 180 global companies (see pages 28-31). We would like to congratulate all of those that responded to our program this year, providing vital deforestation-risk related information to investors. However, despite the increase in participation from last year, 80% of companies requested have not provided a response to investors through CDP (these companies are listed on pages 32-36).

As in previous years, CDP has awarded sector leadership on the basis of the information disclosed in 2015, assessed using our publicly available scoring methodology²² and the leadership criteria listed within, which have been updated alongside the information request itself.²³ The more advanced companies generally demonstrate several key attributes, including: a deforestation risk management strategy that is well integrated throughout the business; policy commitments

to remove deforestation and forest degradation from across commodity supply chains; a detailed understanding of deforestation risks and impacts; and the implementation of actions to address these risks including the use of physically certified material, traceability, and collaborative work with the supply chain, including smallholders and the wider supply chain.

Sector grouping	Company	Leadership on
Consumer Durables, Household and Personal Products	Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Timber
	SCA	Timber
Food and Beverage Processing	Unilever	Timber, Cattle products, Soy
Materials	Metsä Board	Timber
	Mondi PLC	Timber
	TETRA PAK	Timber
Media	RELX Group	Timber
Retailing	Marks and Spencer Group plc	Timber, Palm oil
	Kingfisher	Timber

In those sectors not listed above, there are several other companies that deserve a notable mention for the strong work they are doing to manage deforestation risk. These companies are ahead of others in their respective sectors, but did not achieve leadership level.²⁴ They are: Abengoa (Industrials); Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV (Automobiles and

Components); J Sainsbury Plc (Food and Staples Retailing); JBS (Agricultural Production); Kering (Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Luxury Goods); Sodexo (Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure, and Tourism Services); and Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd (Transportation and Logistics).

²² <https://www.cdp.net/en-US/Pages/guidance-forests.aspx>

²³ The 2015 information request was updated following a technical consultation with a wide range of stakeholders in 2014. The updated forests scoring approach and individual company feedback reports will be shared with those forests respondents that submitted a response before the scoring deadline. The methodology will be refined over the coming months with a view to releasing all forests responder scores in 2016.

²⁴ As per 2015 scoring methodology including the criteria listed in the Leadership tab.