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Corporate Finance and ESG: Shaping the Future of Sustainable Business

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent years, corporate finance decisions have increasingly factored in environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria, driven by pressure from investors, regulators, and consumers. The World Bank reports that sustainable bond issuance hit USD 1.1 trillion in 2024, up 5% from 2023. This reflects a growing recognition that ESG directly influences corporate finance, shaping how companies allocate resources, manage risks, and engage with stakeholders. This Special Issue explores the link between corporate finance decisions and ESG performance, aiming to deepen our understanding of their interplay. It seeks to advance theory and provide insights for policymakers, academics, practitioners, and corporate leaders. We invite submissions that bring novel perspectives and robust analyses on the relationship between corporate finance decisions and ESG and welcome diverse methodologies, including empirical studies, theoretical frameworks, case analyses, and experimental research.

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