

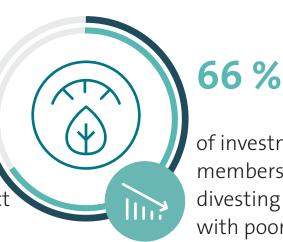
# Digitization of building data is the first step in successful ESG reporting

Several key drivers are bringing environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting to commercial real estate (CRE)

## **Investors going green**

# **About 75%**

of senior investment executives consider ESG performance a vital aspec of investment decisions.<sup>1</sup>



of investment firm board members would consider divesting from a corporation with poor ESG performance.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Risk management**

35%

of REIT properties are exposed to climate risks.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Tenant demand**



Globally, **59%** of respondents said they were very or somewhat dissatisfied with climate-related disclosure of publicly traded companies.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Improved performance**



U.S. companies with high ESG rankings in the S&P 500 index have outperformed their counterparts with lower ESG rankings by at least 3% every year for the past five years.<sup>4</sup>



# **CRE** adoption of ESG reporting is growing



Sustainability reporting among S&P 500 companies is at





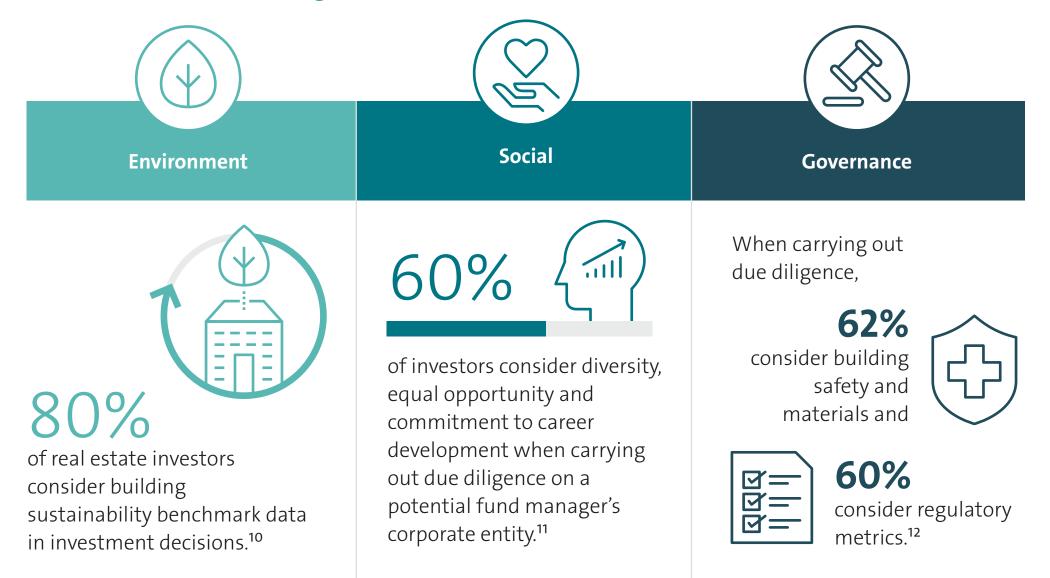
portfolio entries and **\$4.1 trillion** 

43% of investors believe the value of ESG is greater than the cost of implementation.9

on real estate subject to the GRESB scoring system.<sup>8</sup>



# **Investors are seeking extensive information**



#### Digitization streamlines delivery of data related to:

- Energy use
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions/ carbon footprint
- Water use
- Waste diversion
- Employee diversity and inclusion
- Wellness programs and initiatives
- Community investments/ activate capital in markets
- Health and well-being
- Accounting of assets/ properties
- Regulatory compliance
- Business ethics/ anti-corruption policies
- Compliance with inspections and building codes

# Here's how digitization of building data can empower streamlined ESG reporting



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