### Can IIC help save the world? Opportunities and challenges for the TIC

sector in Sustainability today and tomorrow

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### April 2020, July 2020 and November 2021 TIC Council Covid Webinars



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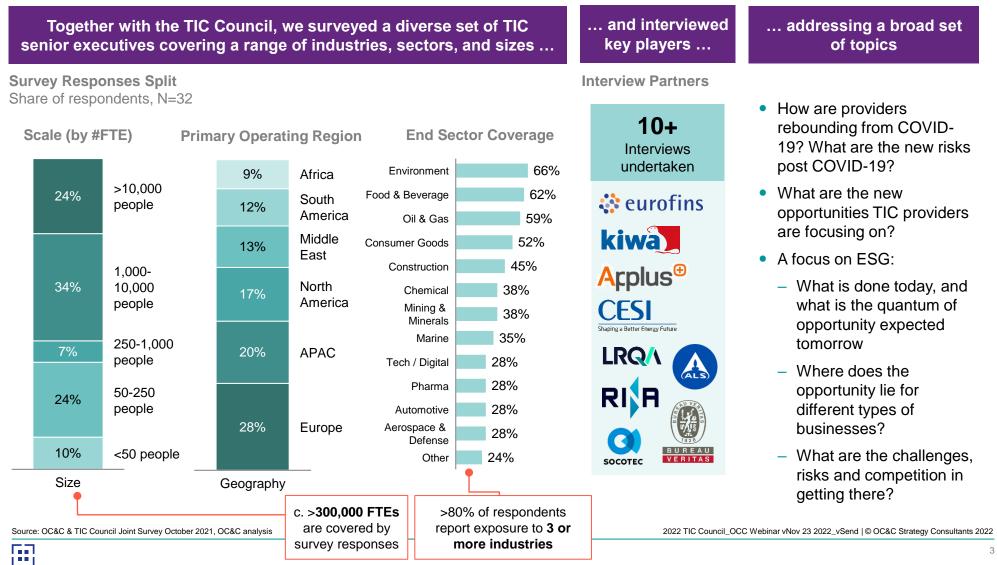




#### **Presentation Overview**

## Our findings are based on a survey of TIC Council members, building on previous surveys, as well as recent experience & conversations in the space

**Sources Overview** 



### Today's Agenda

# What's next after COVID-19?

How much has the industry "rebounded" from COVID-19? What is next on the agenda for TIC players?

# What opportunity does ESG hold?

Where is the growth? How can TIC providers address it? Activity has bounced back across industries and geographics (including APAC as a whole)

Businesses are moving on, increasingly looking at the latest challenges – ESG and future resilience to supply chain risk and cybersecurity

But... there are growing operational challenges for TIC players to contend with (economic headwinds, labour shortages, geopolitical outlook, digitisation)

ESG is a hot topic on all customers' minds, and there is little doubt that it will become a huge market for TIC players

The question for TIC providers is how to address this opportunity without being "left behind". Not least as providers face many barriers (eg, a lack of clarity on what is required, slow regulatory evolution, lack of data, talent / skill challenges)...

... as well as increasing competition from fields outside the TIC sector (eg, Data and Software providers, Professional Services)

The good news is that there are lots of ways TIC players can (and should) serve the opportunities that exist

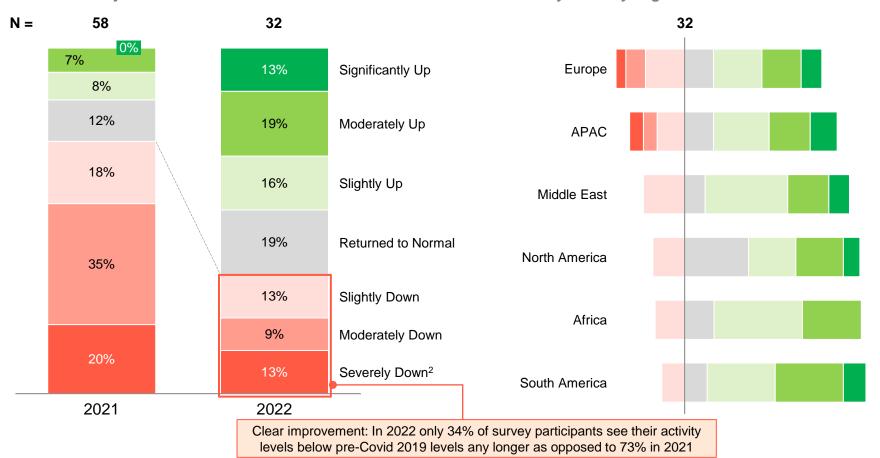
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**Overall Activity Levels vs. 2019** 

## The post-COVID-19 "rebound" appears complete, though during the pandemic the gap between 'winners' and 'losers' appears to have widened

COVID-19 Rebound<sup>1</sup>



Activity Level By Segment 2022 vs. 2019<sup>2</sup>

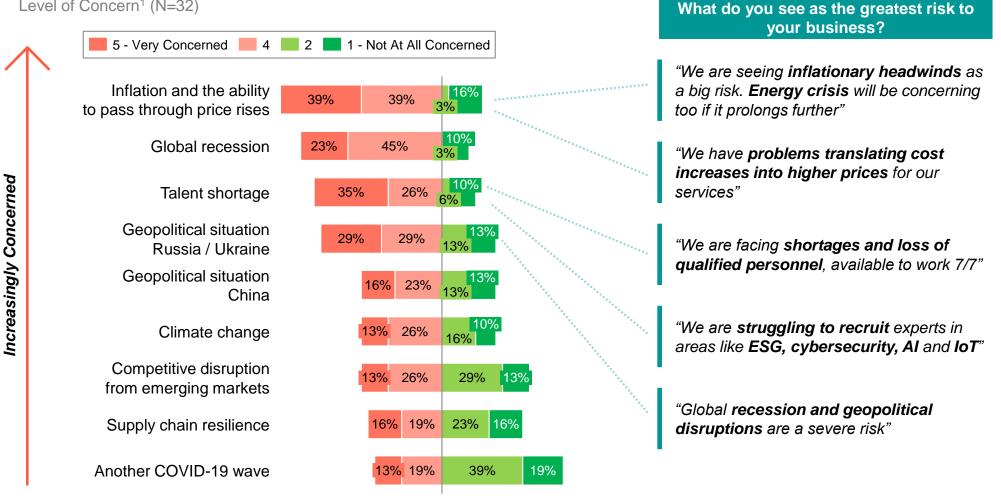
1. Survey Question: How do your latest activity levels look like compared to pre-Covid (2019) levels?

2. Doesn't exactly match the LHS chart due to: (1) some respondents skipping the industry/geography questions and (2) some respondents having indicated multiple geographies and industries Source: OC&C & TIC Council Joint Survey October 2022, OC&C & TIC Council Joint Interview Programme October 2022, OC&C analysis 2022 TIC Council\_OCC Webinar vNov 23 2022\_vSend |© OC&C Strategy Consultants 2022

#### What's next after COVID-19?

# However, there is no doubt TIC players are seeing increasing challenges: particularly labour shortages and the economic & inflationary outlook

**Risks to TIC Players** Level of Concern<sup>1</sup> (N=32)

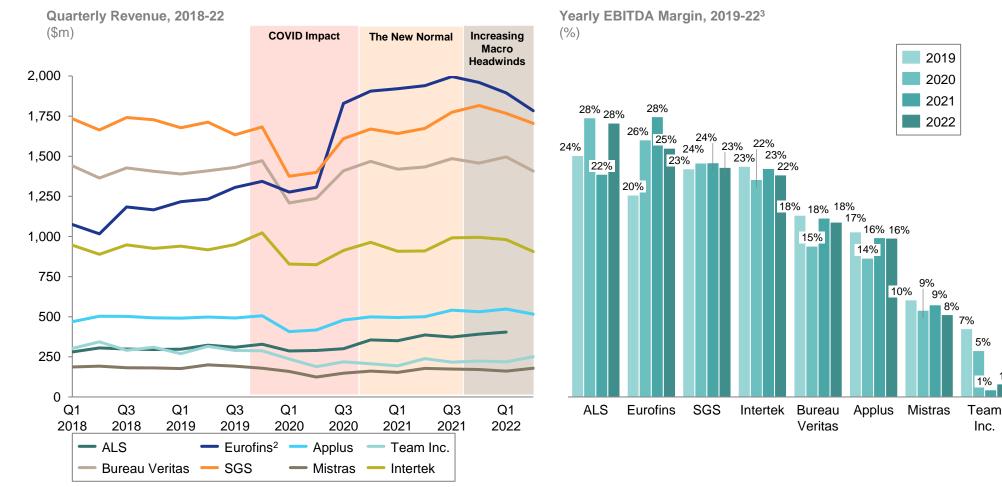


1. Survey question: "How concerned are you about the following risks to your business? (Rank on a scale of 1-5 from 1=not at all concerned to 5=very concerned)" Source: OC&C & TIC Council Joint Survey October 2022, OC&C & TIC Council Joint Interview Programme October 2022, OC&C analysis 2022 TIC Council Joint Survey October 2022, OC&C analysis 2022 TIC Council J

#### Where are we now?

## Listed TIC majors are showing signs of the evolving, challenging macro headwinds in their latest trading (although margins remain steady)

Performance of Listed TIC Majors<sup>1</sup>



 1. All players except ALS have reported Q2 2022 financials; ALS has reported up to Q1 2021

 2. Eurofins revenue growth driven by combination of M&A (28 acquisitions in 2021) and organic growth

 3. LTM rolling for 2022

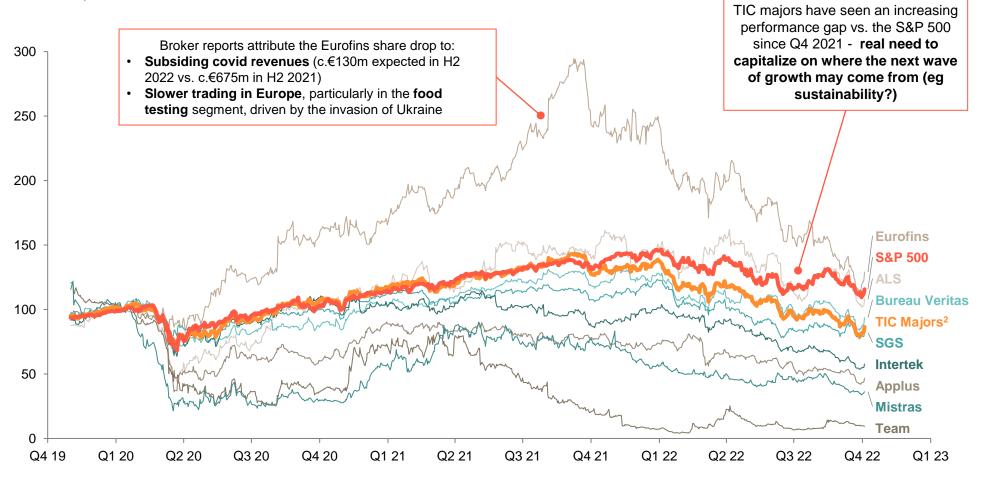
 Source: Capital IQ, Company reports, OC&C analysis

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#### Where are we now?

## Recent share price performance shows both a downtick, and a widening gap versus broader benchmarks since the end of 2021

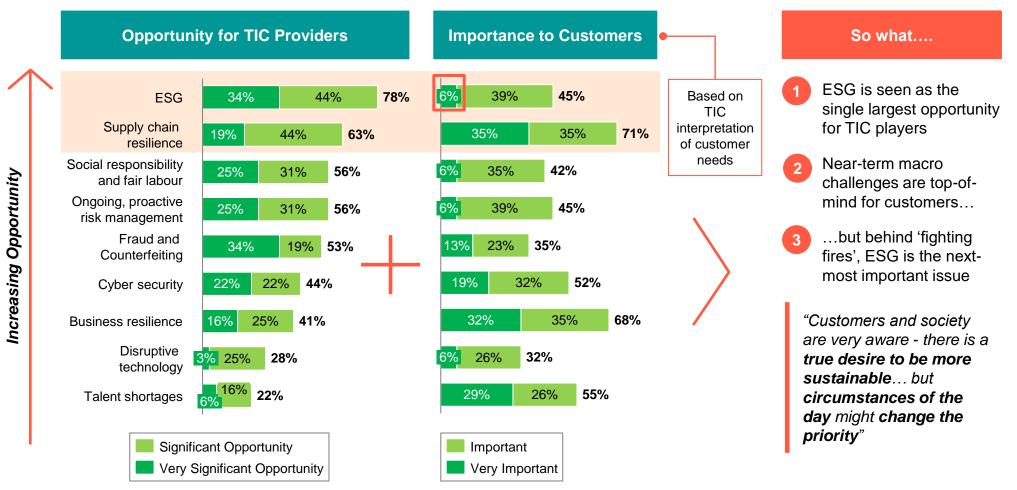
Share Price Performance<sup>1</sup> Normalised, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2019 – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022



 Indexed to 100 – Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 2020
 Players included: Eurofins, SGS, Intertek, Bureau Veritas, Team Inc, Applus+, Mistras, ALS Source: Capital IQ, OC&C analysis

# However, there is optimism: TIC providers see broad opportunities to help customers with their emerging risks, particularly in ESG

**Opportunity Areas for TIC Providers<sup>1</sup> and their Perceived Importance to Customers<sup>2</sup> (N=32)** 



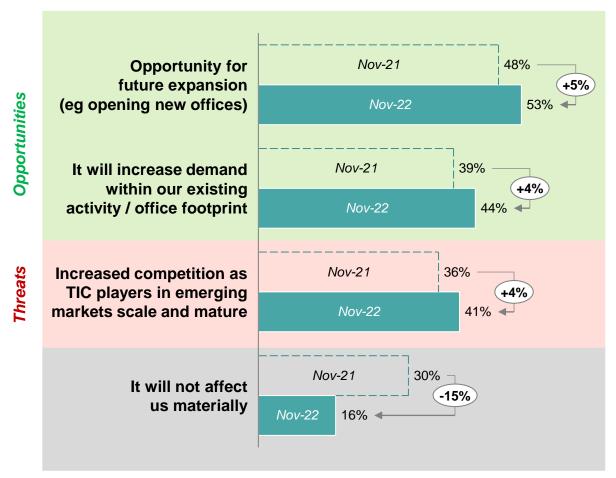
1. Survey question: "How important are the following topics for your customers? (Rank on a scale of 1-5 from 1=not important to 5=very important)"

2. Survey question: "Specifically, to what extent do you believe TIC players could become a go-to-supplier to assist customers with the following topics? (Rank of a scale of 1-5 from 1 = Not an opportunity to 5 = Very significant opportunity)" Source: OC&C & TIC Council Joint Survey October 2022, OC&C & TIC Council Joint Interview Programme October 2022, OC&C analysis 2022 TIC Council\_OCC Webinar vNov 23 2022\_vSend |© OC&C Strategy Consultants 2022

#### What's Next After Covid-19?

# Furthermore, TIC players sense increasing emerging market opportunities – few players think they won't be impacted

Impact of Increasing TIC Activity in Emerging Markets<sup>1</sup> (Nov-21 N=33; Nov-22 N=32)



#### How do you expect the rise in TIC activity in emerging markets (China in particular) to impact your business?

"For existing footprint in China there is downside risk vs. 20 years ago. Global customers are looking to **de-risk supply chains away from mainland China** - significant opportunities as a result across **rest of Asia in next 10 to 15 years**"

*"We are planning to take advantage of a growing opportunity here by expanding into emerging markets, particularly Southeast Asia"* 

*"We see the rise of TIC in emerging markets as both an opportunity to grow, and a potential competitive threat"* 

*"We invest in emerging markets partly because our biggest customers need us to be global"* 

 1. Survey question: "How do you expect the rise in TIC activity in Emerging Markets (and China in particular) to impact your business? (Please select all that apply)"

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### There are "TIC-able" components within ESG – but translating that to clear, concrete opportunities can be challenging for TIC providers

"TIC-able" Components within ESG

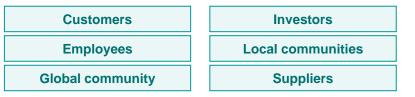
#### "TIC-able" components within ESG

ESG focuses on improving, measuring, and reporting outcomes against a range of topics ...



### Stakeholders

#### ... across a wide set of stakeholders



#### The Challenge for TIC Providers

- ESG still a very broad concept that can be challenging to convert into practical opportunities for the TIC sector
  - Customers often struggle to form a clear approach with defined objectives
  - Any well-defined objectives usually sit across different buyers / stakeholders
  - Lack of standards to follow & report on

"ESG is well-intentioned, but at the moment it's **incredibly foggy** what 'ESG' actually means – for **both customers and TIC providers**"

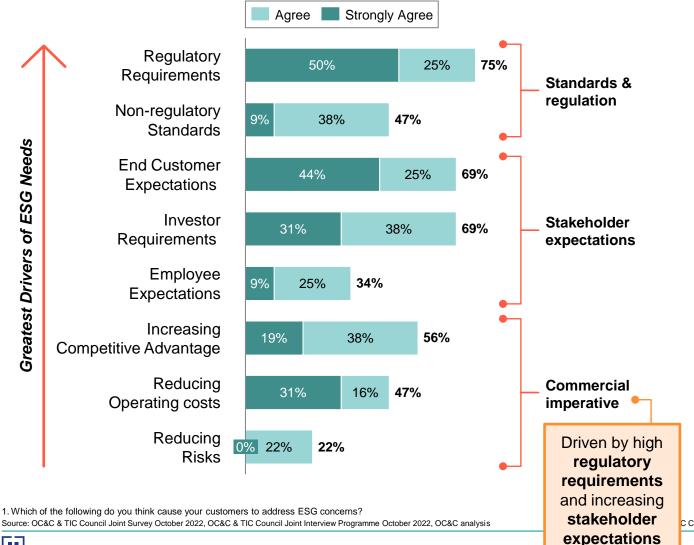
"There is a **big opportunity** in sustainability for the TIC sector, but **I don't know where it is going** or what the specific "**TIC-able**" components will be"

- A broad set of competitors trying to strengthen presence within ESG – prof. service firms, engineering & pureplay consulting firms and software & data providers
  - Especially, engineering & pure-play environmental consulting firms can also compete on a technical level with TIC providers

Not Exhaustive

### Growing customer needs in ESG are driven by a multitude of different factors and stakeholders – from regulators to end consumers

Drivers of Customer ESG Needs (N=32)<sup>1</sup>



While there is consensus on the need, clients still struggle to articulate their ESG needs

"Today there is **huge variety of different schemes** and approaches to ESG and thereby a need for an international approach to the issue. Customers search for guidance"

"Client requirements are often still **vague**, as many companies are unsure themselves what ESG means to them. In addition, in an **attempt to address everything in one go**, ESG is combined with everything else related to sustainability, adding to the uncertainly in the needs assessment of companies"

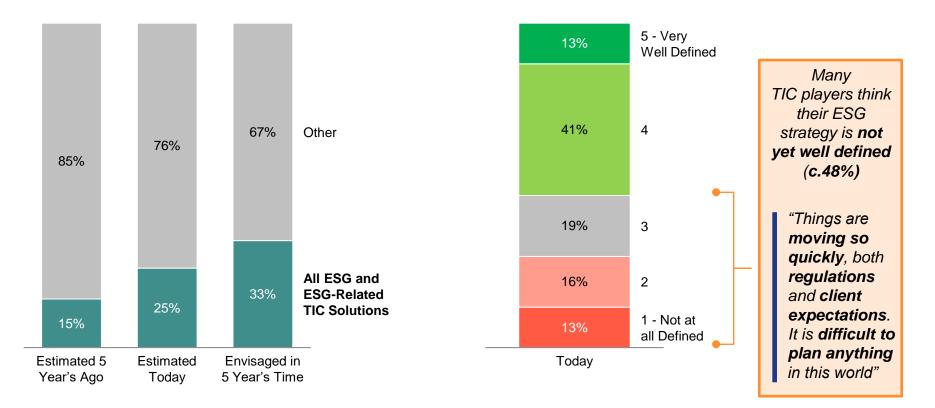
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# There is little doubt of the ESG opportunity in TIC: players see ESG's revenue potential growing, but many struggle to define a clear ESG service strategy

Market Potential for ESG Solutions in TIC (N= 32)

Share of Revenues Which Are ESG Related<sup>1</sup>

Clarity of Current ESG Service Strategy<sup>2</sup>



1. Thinking of all the services you offer today, roughly what % of revenues would you describe as having some relation to the theme of ESG?

2. How well defined is your company's strategy around ESG services? (eg. Are you clear on what your ESG proposition will look like in 5 years)?

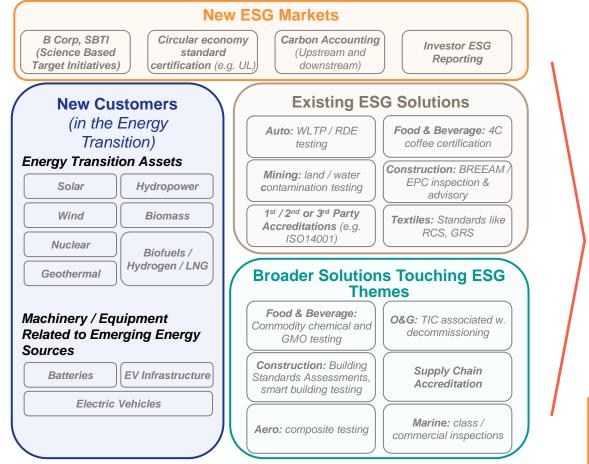
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## The types of ESG-related propositions TIC players offer, and the customers served, are broadening – new customers already a significant part of the mix

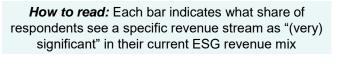
ESG-related TIC Opportunity Segmentation & Breakdown of ESG TIC Revenues Today

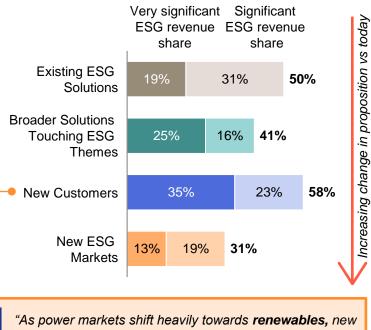
### **Not Exhaustive**





Breakdown of ESG TIC Revenues Today By Market<sup>1</sup> (N = 32)





"As power markets shift heavily towards **renewables**, new players enter - **start-ups** and also **investment funds** that have become **developers** (eg, Goldman Sachs)"

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1. Of your ESG revenues today, how significant are each of the following:

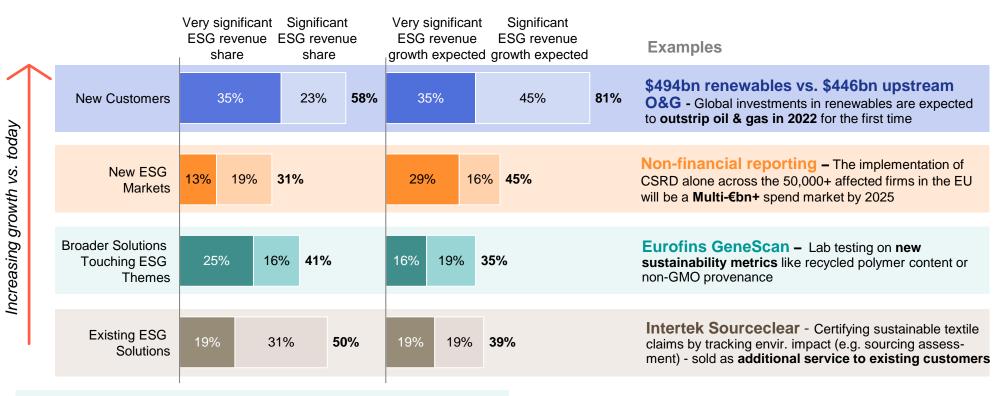
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### Growth is expected to come from beyond existing customers and solutions – broader in scope, with opportunities in both new customers & new markets

Breakdown of ESG TIC Revenues Today vs. Tomorrow (N=32)

ESG TIC Revenues Today<sup>1</sup>

**ESG TIC Revenues Tomorrow<sup>2</sup>** 



*How to read:* Each bar indicates the share of respondents who see a specific revenue stream "(very) significant" in their current ESG revenue mix vs. likely to drive ESG related growth over the next 5 years

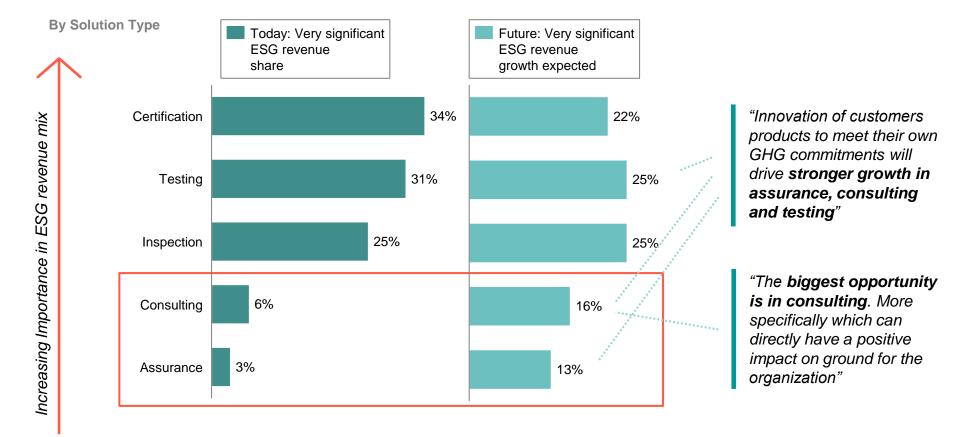
1. Of your ESG revenues today, how significant are each of the following:

2. Over the next 5 years, where do you see the greatest growth in "ESG" solutions coming from for your business? Source: OC&C & TIC Council Joint Survey October 2022, OC&C & TIC Council Joint Interview Programme October 2022, Rystad Energy 2022, OC&C analysis

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## New propositions will be important to this, with consulting and assurance increasingly important aspects

Growth Expectations of ESG TIC Revenues<sup>1,2</sup> (N=32)

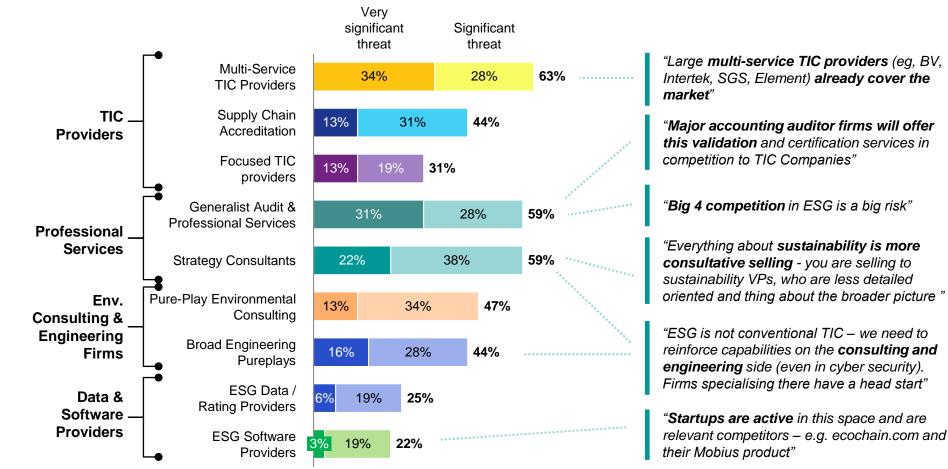


1. What is the relative size of the following services in your ESG portfolio today

2. Over the next 5 years, where do you see the greatest growth in "ESG" solutions coming from for your business? Source: OC&C & TIC Council Joint Survey October 2022, OC&C & TIC Council Joint Interview Programme October 2022, OC&C analysis

# But a range of adjacent competitor sets are also starting to tackle these areas, increasing the urgency for TIC players to act...

ESG Competitors & Competitive Threat<sup>1</sup> (N = 32)

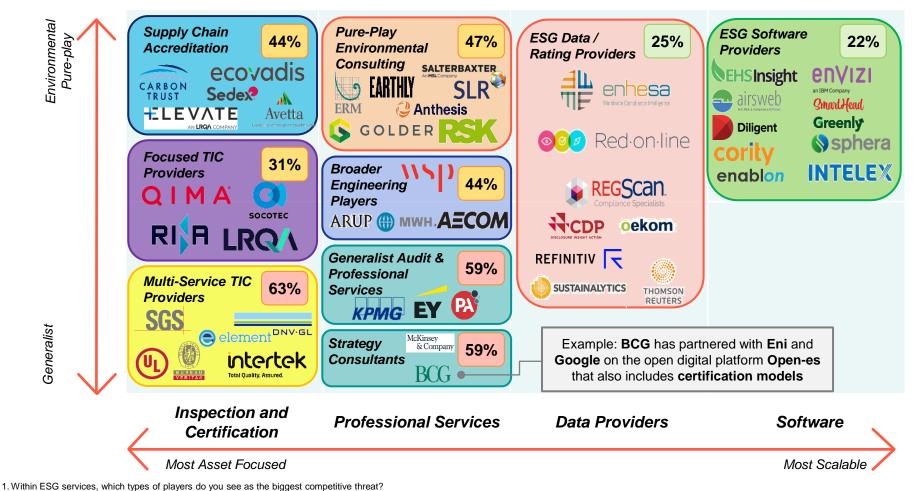


1. Within ESG services, which types of players do you see as the biggest competitive threat? Source: OC&C & TIC Council Joint Survey October 2022, OC&C & TIC Council Joint Interview Programme October 2022, OC&C analysis

### ... either in forging clearer positions, or potentially through partnerships with key players

ESG Competitors & Competitive Threat (N = 32)

**Xx%** = Perceived Competitive Threat<sup>1</sup> (% Significant or Large Threat, N=32)

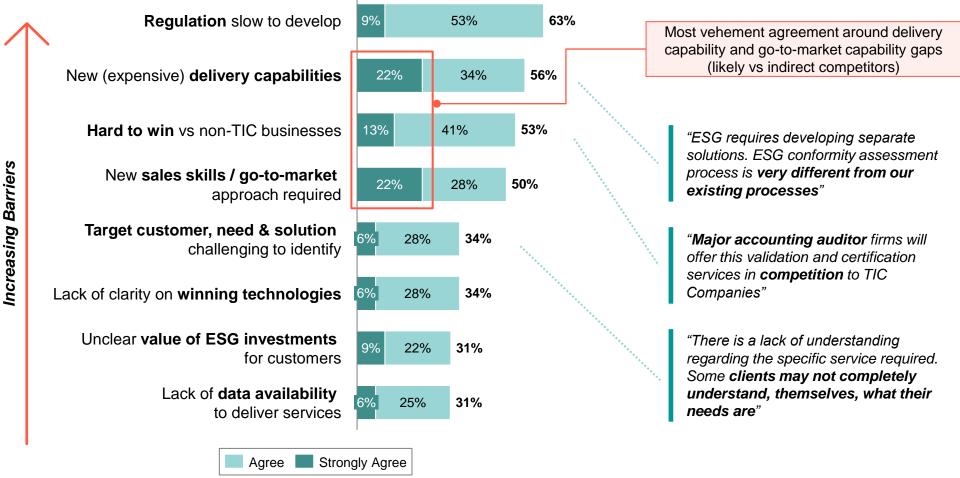


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## New delivery and go-to-market capabilities are needed to execute a differentiated strategy – these can be challenging to build

Barriers to Expanding ESG Services<sup>1</sup> (N= 32)



1. Which of the following do you see as barriers to expanding your company's ESG services? Source: OC&C & TIC Council Joint Survey October 2022, OC&C & TIC Council Joint Interview Programme October 2022, OC&C analysis

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## Winning and differentiating vs more diverse competition will require more targeted approaches – which will vary by end market

Winning Formulae By Opportunity Segment



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### Beyond deploying the right winning formulae, there are 4 "no regret" actions to speed up ESG solution growth

"No Regret" Actions to Speed up ESG Growth

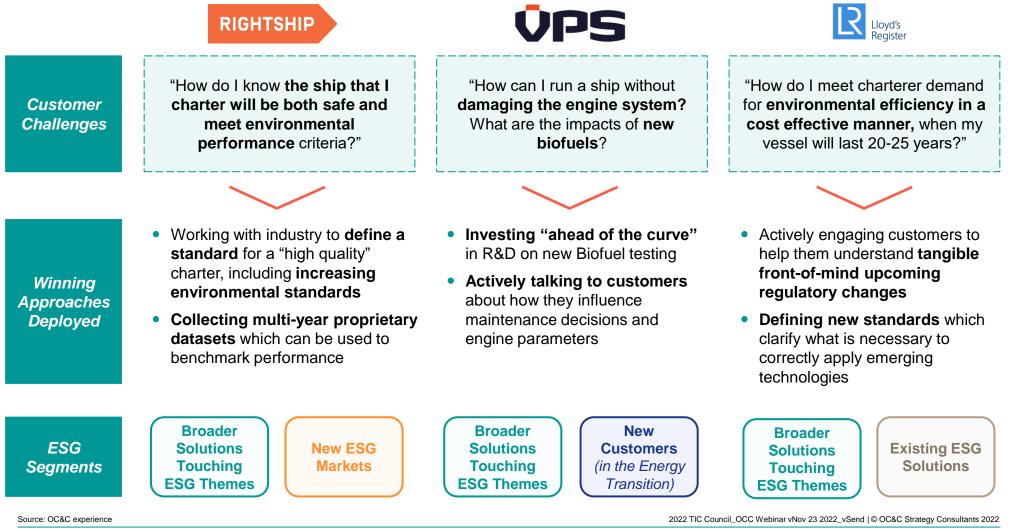
#### **Example Success Stories**

1	Take the lead defining emerging solutions or standards	Significant first mover advantages – customers are not sure what they need, and are more likely to turn to the "thought leaders" – whether in defining a standard or solutions to emerging energy technologies	RIGHTSHIP
2	Focus on Attractive Segments	Not all customers are equally interested in ESG issues. Focus on (1) industries, (2) customer segments who are the most concerned about ESG issues (typically larger, public or consumer facing businesses)	Focused on largest, listed US homebuilders that care about (and see value from) energy efficiency
3	Increase customer intimacy and pre-empt conversations on Needs	Most customers need to be guided through understanding evolving ESG needs (e.g. how does upcoming regulation affect me? What does that mean I need to do?)	Pace Supported and worked with customers on changing regulation (eg, PFAS)
4	Partner to drive new solution development	Partnering allows to build access to capabilities and customer understanding much more rapidly, with less financial risk	SGSS FOODCHAIN D Seeing Food Clearly HORIZON SCAN INGREDIENT RISK ASSESSMENT SYSTEM



## **Case Study:** Winning players in the marine TIC industry are already taking an active lead in helping customers meet fast-growing ESG needs

**Examples of Winning Approaches from Marine** 



### Are you clear on your strategy in this context?

### Strategy Building Blocks Examples / Key Questions

	Customer Segments & Needs	<b>"Vertical knowledge</b> of the <b>end sector is important.</b> This will favour the players who can really demonstrate they understand customer needs"	Depth of expertise and investment	
Where to focus?	Propositions to Address Demand	"There are <b>real opportunities</b> for <b>new solutions &amp; standards</b> "	required higher than ever	
	Capabilities & Expertise Required	<i>"Winning is a matter of size and depth of knowledge in one industry - also since data &amp; algorithms in tech-supported solutions look quite different across different industries"</i>	sector and segment focus key to winning	
	ESG Organisational Setup	"Since the end of 2021 we have <b>established an ESG</b> <b>committee</b> to help define business goals, investments, go-to-market and shaping our organisation"	Fundamental questions about	
How to deliver?	Go To Market	"ESG is transversal, but we have to <b>develop ESG</b> <b>capabilities specific to our industry lines</b> - it is a scope extension in that sense in the sales process"	TIC's role in value chain (If it's a gold	
	<b>Capability Build</b> (Buy, Build, Partner)	To boost advisory expertise on key renewable services, <b>5% of revenue</b> (split between sustainability & digital) is <b>invested in R&amp;D</b>	rush, are you selling shovels?)	

Want to discuss how you could take advantage of these opportunities?

Please do get in touch – we'd be delighted to discuss



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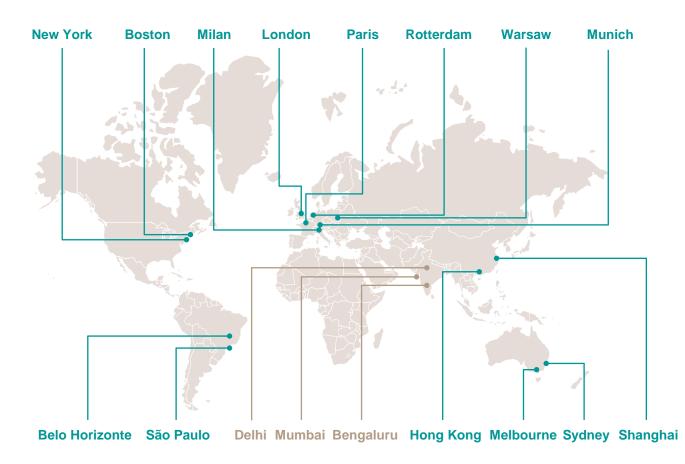
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Introduction To OC&C

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### OC&C is a global strategy consulting firm

#### OC&C's Global Reach



### Background



### OC&C's success has translated into consistent growth for our business

- Founded in 1987
- 17 offices worldwide<sup>1</sup>
- Global coverage through our hubs
- Client roster includes some of the largest corporations and most innovative challengers in the world

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### We focus on growth strategy, M&A support and value creation

**OC&C's Fields of Expertise** 

### **Group Strategy and Decision Making**

- Portfolio and group strategy
- Business unit strategic planning and War-Gaming
- Value creation planning
- Digital Strategy

### **Driving the Top Line - Growth Strategy**

- Marketing effectiveness
- Proposition, pricing
- Innovation, diversification and new proposition development
- Salesforce optimization and go-to-market

### **Building a Leaner, Fitter Organisation**

- Content economics and Rol
- Digital transformation
- Cost reduction, strategic sourcing & workforce optimisation

### **Transaction Management** Corporate M&A and Private Equity

- Acquisition search, screen and evaluation
- Strategic and commercial due diligence
- Synergy evaluation
- Post acquisition planning
- Alliances, JVs and partnerships

### **Data & Analytics**

Loyalty, pricing, location, sales force, and marketing effectiveness

- Advanced analytics and AI strategies, process and organisational design
  - Loyalty, pricing, location, sales force, and marketing effectiveness
    - Analytics capability building

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### OC&C operates across four sectors, and works with a range of players

OC&C's Sector and Client Coverage

