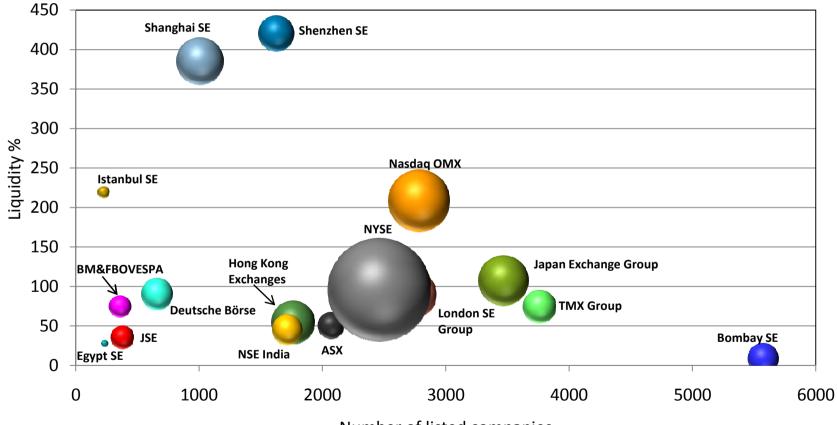
## **JSE and Sustainability**

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# JSE in a global context – January 2015 $JS \equiv JS \equiv$



Number of listed companies

#### **Exchanges in Africa** JS≣ MOROCCO Nouakchott Dakar Niar Banjul DJIBOUTI N'Djamena NIGERIA Addis Abbaba Monro LIBERIA Malabo Mogadishu EQUATORIAL JSE dominates in terms of ٠ size, depth and liquidity (\$972.6bn) Kinshasa Egyptian market cap = \$70.7bn ٠ Nigeria market cap = \$73.5bn • Casablanca market cap = \$57.7bn ٠ usaka 🙍 MADAGASCAR MOZAMBIQUE Harare ZIMBABWE Antan narivo •

Country with stock exchange

World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) member

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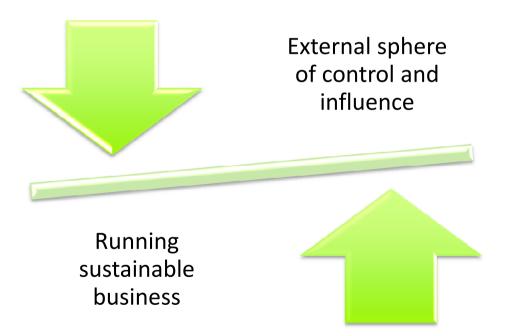
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## The JSE and sustainability

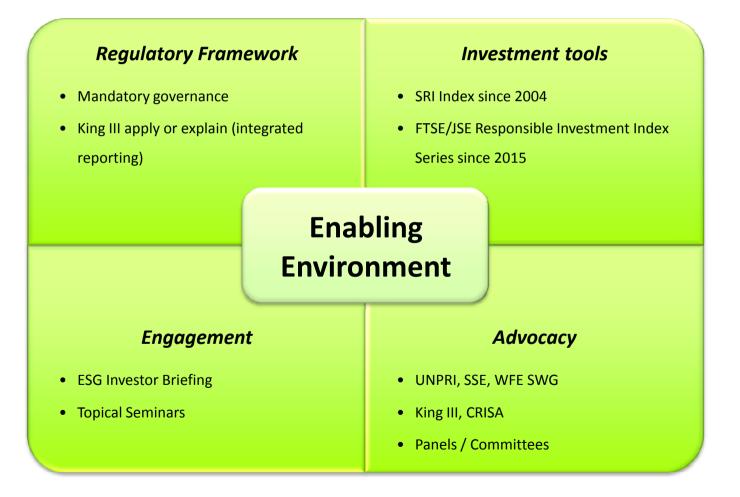


- Central player in local economy, global reach
- Sustainability is multifaceted, requires balancing various pressures



## JSE's hybrid approach

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- Capital markets play an important role in economic development\*
  - □ Facilitate the reallocation of capital across economic value chain
  - □ If functioning properly, should ensure
    - ✓ Financing and facilitation of valuable businesses / projects
    - ✓ Rejection of negative value projects
  - □ Assumes that all relevant factors are incorporated into investment, lending and insurance activities

### **Barriers to systemic change**

#### Perception gaps

- □ Bias against negative performance dilutes value of positive performance
- Knowledge and understanding about sustainability still lacking misplaced concerns over fiduciary duty

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#### Systemic challenges

- □ Persistent preoccupation with short-term performance
- Complexity of the investment value chain and agency issues, incentive mechanisms
- □ Limitations of analytical and performance measurement frameworks

### More barriers to systemic change

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#### Valuation gaps\*

- Business measurement of non-financial performance vs what drives stock market and long term financial performance
- □ Integration of ESG data into valuation analysis
  - ✓ Quantitative vs qualitative
  - ✓ Comparable
  - ✓ Consistent trend reporting
- Failure to account for externalities
  - □ Carbon 60-80% of coal, gas and oil reserves of listed companies may be unburnable\*\*
  - □ Cost of environmental damage amounts to \$trilions\*\*\*

## **Enablers of change**

- Reconsidering reporting cycles and incentive bases
- Capacity building and skills development throughout the financial industry

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- Recognition of opportunities:
  - **□** Expanded investment options in ESG
  - **Expanded client bases**
  - **Expanded influence**

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