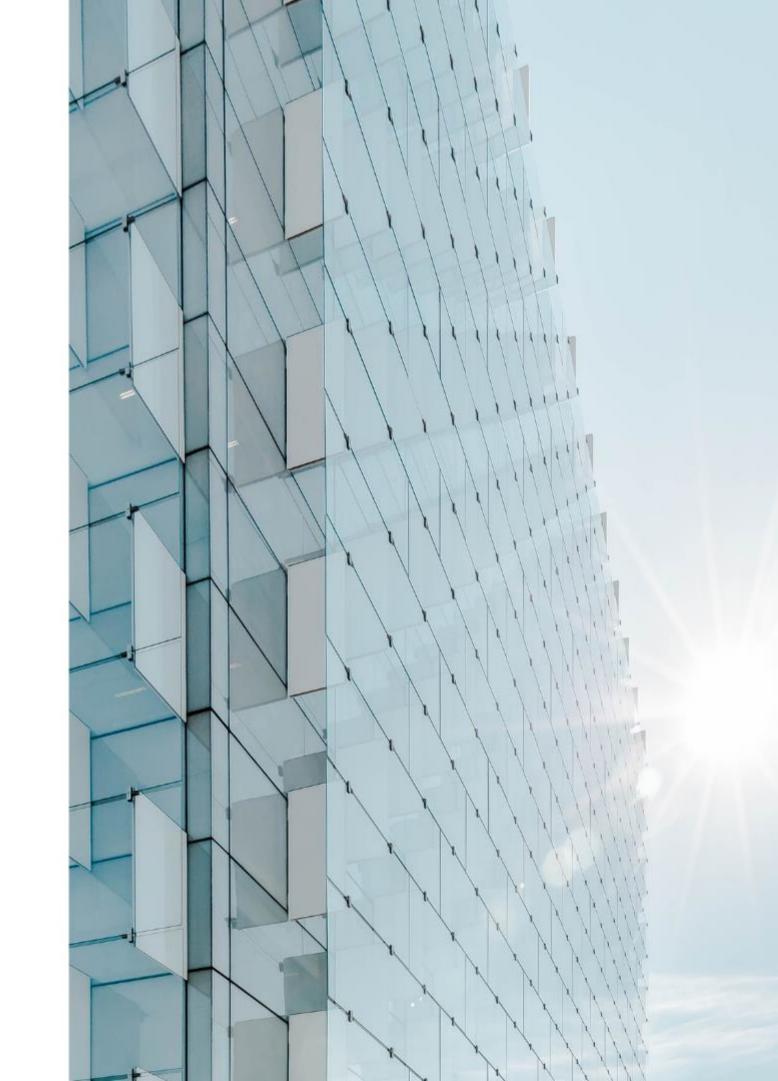
2023 All-America Research Methodology







Who we are

Institutional Investor Research (II Research)

is recognised as the leading provider of independent performance validation and a source of qualitative market intelligence for Corporates and Investment Professionals globally.

RANKINGS

Il Research captures detailed qualitative assessments and feedback from investment managers, broker firms and corporate issuers. Through a robust and established methodology, publishes respected rankings across equities, fixed income and corporate investor relations (including C-suite) at a firm and individual level.

DATA

We produce actionable data, based on the performance and market penetration assessments across 10 different global markets. The comprehensive and independent data assists with strategic decision making.

INSIGHTS

Through our proprietary dashboard, II Research delivers unique insights, including detailed peer-to-peer comparative analyses and a spectrum of qualitative measures to assist with resource allocation.



Key Dates - 2023









Analyst Rosters

Opens: April 25, 2023

Sample Ballot

Opens: April 25, 2023

Polling

Opens: May 30, 2023 Closes: June 23, 2023

Results

All-America Research Team: Oct 24, 2023

All-Canada Research: Oct 26, 2023

All-America Trading Team: Oct 31, 2023

All-America Sales Team: Nov 2, 2023

All-America Corporate Access: Nov 2, 2023

All-America Executive Team: Nov 7, 2023

All-Canada Executive Team: Dec 5, 2023

Note: Analysts must be employed at their firms as of the first day of polling (May 30, 2023). Any analysts or salespeople that change firms after that date will be counted at their previous firm.



Qualification of participants

The table below shows guidance on regional minimums. Please note all minimums apply to the regional equity or fixed-income numbers, not total.

	Al	COMMISSIONS	
Equity Surveys	Traditional Accounts (US\$)	Hedge Funds (US\$)	All Institutions (US\$)
America Research	750m	100m	250k
Asia Research	500m	100m	200k
Developed Europe Equities Research	750m	100m	250k
Japan Research	500m	100m	100k
Emerging EMEA Research	500m	100m	100k
Latin America/Brazil Research	500m	100m	100k
China Research	500m	100m	100k

	AUM		
Fixed Income Research Team Surveys	Traditional Accounts (US\$)	Hedge Funds (US\$)	
America Fixed-Income	750m	100m	
Europe Fixed-Income	750m	100m	
Other Regional Fixed-Income	750m	100m	

INVESTMENT FIRM CRITERIA:

- Recognised Investment Institutions
- Minimum AUM:US\$100m & US\$750m
- Minimum Commission Wallet: US\$250k

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

- Qualified investment professional
- PM, Analyst, Economists for Research
- Trader (or Hedge Fund PM) for Trading
- Sell-side analyst (for corporates)

Participation / Band Lists

We share the list of buy-side institutions that will be invited to participate in the survey.

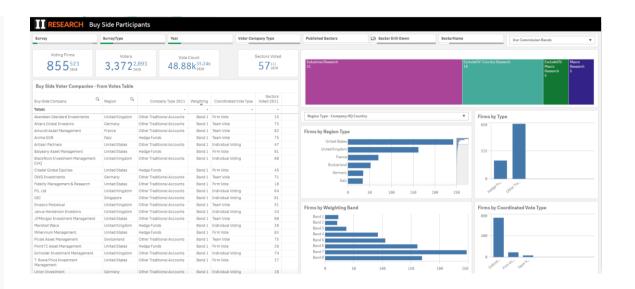
This list will include the current commission band, the weights and vote type (centralized or individual).

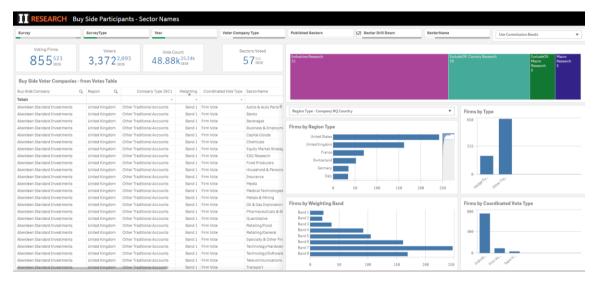
Information is based on market intelligence from several sources, including the previous year's survey.

Feedback invited from selected participating sell-side firms.

The weightings are adjusted on the basis of this feedback, participant responses and market intelligence.

The final proposed list will be distributed to sell-side firms that purchase the data, after the survey has closed.





	Firm U	Country 💌	2020 Vote Types ▼	Previous Band	Updated 2021 Band	Commission Band Changes after Review
	Aberdeen Standard Investments	UK	BV	1	1	_
	Amundi Asset Management	France	TV	1	1	_
	BlackRock Investment Management (UK)	UK	TV	1	1	_
	Citadel Global Equities	USA	1	1	1	_
	DWS Investments	Germany	BV	1	1	_
	Fidelity Management & Research	USA	CV	1	1	_
<u>6</u>	GIC	Singapore	_	1	1	_
Band	J.P.Morgan Asset Management	UK	_	1	1	_
	Millennium Management LLC	UK	BV	1	1	_
	Pictet Asset Management	Switzerland	TV	1	1	_
	Point72 Asset Management	USA	BV	1	1	_
	Schroder Investment Management	UK	1	1	1	_
	T. Rowe Price Investment Management	USA	CV	1	1	_
	Wellington Management	USA	1	1	1	_
	Allianz Global Investors	Germany	TV	3	2	A
	Anima SGR	Italy	1	2	2	_
	Artisan Partners	USA	1	3	2	A
	Balyasny Asset Management	USA	1	2	2	_
Band	FIL Investments	UK		2	2	_
a a	Invesco Perpetual	UK		2	2	_
	Janus Henderson Investors	UK		2	2	_
	Marshall Wace	UK	TV	3	2	A
	Union Investment	Germany	BV	2	2	_

BANDS	Commission Range
1	>=\$30m
2	\$20 to \$29.99m
3	\$15 to \$19.99m
4	\$10 to \$14.99m
5	\$5 to \$9.99m
6	\$2.5 to \$4.99m
7	\$1 to \$2.49m
8	\$500 to \$999k
9	\$250 to \$499k
10	<\$250k
	<\$250k
10 Vote Types	
	<\$250k
Vote Types	<\$250k Vote Description
Vote Types BV	<\$250k Vote Description Broker Vote
Vote Types BV CV TV	<\$250k Vote Description Broker Vote Centralized Vote (firm-wide)
Vote Types BV CV	<\$250k Vote Description Broker Vote Centralized Vote (firm-wide) Team Vote
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US						
	Firm Types					
Individual Voting	1350					
Firm Vote	278					
Team Vote	39					
Grand Total	1667					
Europe						
	Firm Types					
Individual Voting	733					
Firm Vote	90					
Team Vote	32					
Grand Total	855					
Asia						
	Firm Types					
Individual Voting	1126					
Centralized Vote	65					
Team Vote	34					
Broker Review	8					
Grand Total	1233					
Japan						
	Firm Types					
Individual Voting	299					
Centralized Vote	46					
Team Vote	22					
Broker Review	5					
Grand Total	372					

Participation / Band Lists

We aim to increase the number of firms that submit a broker review or coordinate a response at a firm level. This information will be shared within the target participation list. We encourage all buy-side firms to submit a centralized vote or use their research evaluation as the basis for their vote. Sell-side firms are also requested to encourage their clients to participate in this way. This will increase the validity of the results and ensure that the results accurately reflect the market.

Firm Vote (FV)

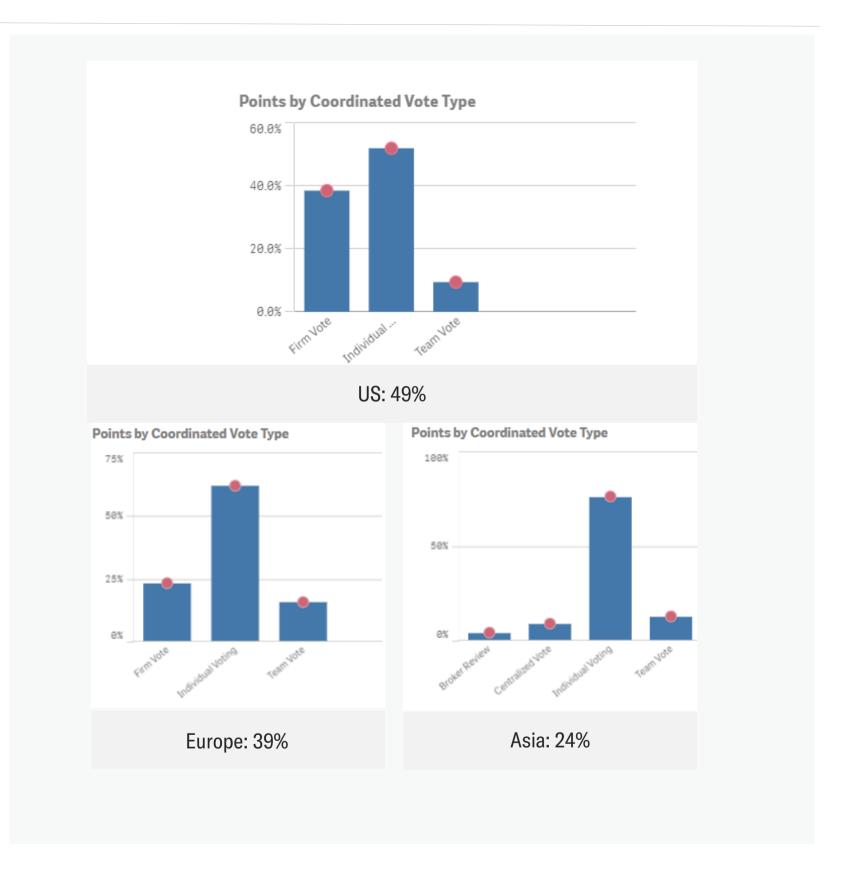
A direct extract from a buy-side broker vote or research evaluation or a single coordinator for the buy-side will arrange input of the firm ballot. This may be through submission of an Excel file or use of the II Voting Portal as a coordinator. All voting restrictions on the number of firms and analysts are removed, thereby allowing the full broker evaluation process to be reflected through the ballot. II Research makes best efforts to match the evaluation to the II ballot structure. The mapped vote may be returned to the originating firm for review and validation. Individual votes received in the survey outside of the central submission are discarded or may be referred to the source for permission to include. Sell-side firms are instructed NOT to lobby these firms for individual votes.

Team Vote (TV)

A buy-side firm may submit a partial vote from a specific team within the whole investment firm. This vote may be enhanced by other individual votes at the firm.

Individual Vote (I)

Votes are submitted by individuals at the firm.

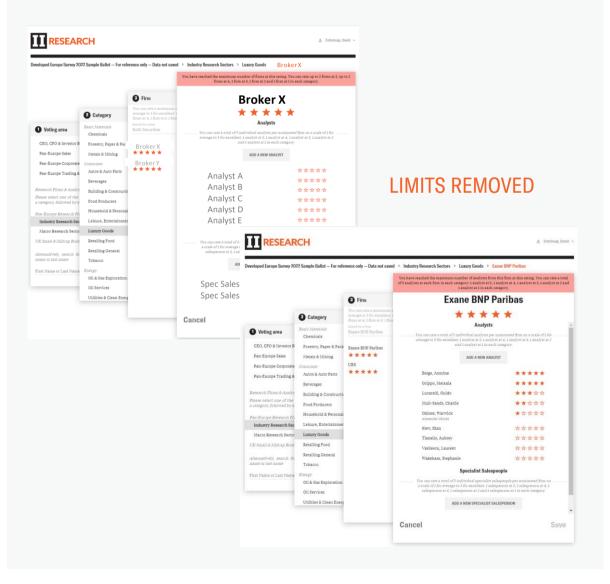


Centralized Vote Mapping

Three Options:



Coordinator Access



Broker Vote

- Supplied to II direct
- Sector & Individual mapping
 - Replicates 5 1 rating
 - Possible validation by BLO
 - All different, based on:
 - Consumption
 - Ranking
 - Scores
 - \$\$ values

Calculating Results



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Portfolio

Leaders' Table

The Overall Winner in each survey is based on the concept of a Leaders' Table. i.e. the number of published positions each sell-side firm receives in the survey. The Weighted Leaders' Table assigns a points score to each published place.

LEADERS' TABLE

Number of Published Positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Runner Up (R/U)

WEIGHTED LEADERS' TABLE

Points total based on weighted Published Positions 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Runner Up (R/U)

= 4 points 1st Place

= 3 points 2nd Place

3rd Place = 2 points

Runner Up = 1 point Below Published Line (BPL): Placed but not a "Published" Position Honourable Mention (H/M): Received votes but less than five

PUBLICATION: WE WILL PUBLISH ONLINE THE FOLLOWING FOUR TABLES:

- 1. Commission-weighted firm ranking (LEAD)
- 2. Commission-weighted analyst ranking
- 3. AUM-weighted firm ranking
- 4. AUM-weighted analyst ranking

The commission-weighted firm Leaders' Table will contribute to the Global Leaders' Table.

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RESEARCH

The All-America Research Team

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Overview

On a summer evening in 1972, two magazine editors to devise an idea for a story on the best analysts on V

That year, Institutional Investor would publish the f America Research Team: a list of 85 sell-side analyst research, please subscribe here or login. money managers for their coverage across 26 indust Overview was pitched, originally, as a bit of fun — complete w America's top chief executives can be divided into two camps: those of analysts dressed up as football players — became those who seized the moment to beat the competition in their sector. institution.

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who saw the pandemic as an opportunity for collaboration, and

Larry Culp made the bold decision, three years into his tenure as chief executive, to split General Electric Company into three separate entities. GE is a U.S. heavyweight, co-founded by the inventor of the modern lightbulb Thomas Edison in 1892. Culp's decision to divide the company into discrete publicly-traded companies in aviation, healthcare, and energy, announced in November, marks a radical shift in company structure. Culp said the

Methodology: Firm Ratings

Firm Ratings: One voter in a sector

VOTER 1

Rating	Firm	Points
5	Broker A	5
5	Broker B	5
4	Broker C	4
4	Broker D	4
3	Broker E	3
2	Broker F	2
1	Broker G	1

Each firm rating is converted to a score, for a total of 24 points. The points are then multiplied by the Commission or AUM of the weighting of the firm.

Firm Ratings: Two voters at the same firm, voting in the same sector

VOTER 1 VOTER 2

Rating	Firm	Firm
5	Firm A	Firm B
5	Firm B	Firm D
4	Firm C	Firm A
4	Firm D	Firm E
3	Firm E	Firm C
2	Firm F	Firm F
1	Firm G	Firm G

Firm	Sum of Ratings (Voter 1 + Voter 2)	% of Total (Sum divided by Total)	Final Point Total (% multiplied by 24)
Firm A	9	19%	4.5
Firm B	10	21%	5
Firm C	7	15%	3.5
Firm D	9	19%	4.5
Firm E	7	15%	3.5
Firm F	4	8%	2
Firm G	2	4%	1
Total	48	100%	24

Ratings are converted to a score and totaled for every sell-side firm receiving a vote. Each sell-side firm's percentage of the total sum is calculated. This percentage is multiplied by 24 points, to determine how many unweighted points each sell-side firm will receive. The points are then multiplied by the Commission or AUM of the weighting of the firm.

Methodology: Firm Ratings

Firm Ratings: One voter with three ratings

VOTER 1

Rating	Firm
5	Firm A
4	Firm B
2	Firm C

	Sum of Ratings (Voter 1 + Voter 2)	% of Total (Sum divided by Total)	Final Point Total
Firm A	5	45%	5
Firm B	4	36%	4
Firm C	2	18%	2
Total	11	100%	11.0

Because the total sum of ratings is less than 24 points, the percentages are multiplied by the total sum of ratings (11) rather than 24.

Firm Ratings: Multiple voters at the same firm, voting in the same sector

	\	OTER 1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9
Rating	Firm									
5	Firm A	Firm H	Firm I		Firm A	Firm C				
5	Firm B	Firm B				Firm C	Firm D	Firm B	Firm F	Firm E
4	Firm C	Firm D								
4	Firm D	Firm A			Firm H		Firm C	Firm F		Firm A
3	Firm E	Firm E			Firm E		Firm F			
2	Firm F	Firm C			Firm C			Firm C	Firm C	Firm F
1	Firm G	Firm F		Firm I	Firm G					Firm G

Firm	Sum of (Voter 1 Ratings + Voter 2)	% of Total (Sum divided by Total)	Final Point (% multiplied Total by 24)
Firm A	38	27%	6.5
Firm B	15	11%	2.6
Firm C	26	18%	4.4
Firm D	13	9%	2.2
Firm E	14	10%	2.4
Firm F	17	12%	2.9
Firm G	3	2%	0.5
Firm H	9	6%	1.5
Firm I	6	4%	1.0
Total	141	100%	24

Ratings are converted to a score and totaled for every sell-side firm receiving a vote. Each sell-side firm's percentage the total sum is calculated and multiplied by 24 points to determine how many unweighted points each sell-side firm will receive. The points are then multiplied by the Commission or AUM of the weighting of the firm.

Methodology: Firm Ratings

Analyst Ratings: One voter in a sector, voting for analysts at one firm

VOTER 1

Rating	Firm	Points	
5	Analyst A	5	
4	Analyst B	4	
3	Analyst C	3	
2	Analyst D	2	
1	Analyst E	1	

Each firm rating is converted to a score, for a total of 15 points

Analyst Ratings: Two voters from same voting firm in a sector, voting for analysts at a total of three firms

VOTER A

Sell-Side Firm 1		Sell-Side Firm 2	
5	Analyst A	5	Analyst 1
4	Analyst B	4	Analyst 2
3	Analyst C	3	Analyst 3
2	Analyst D	2	Analyst 4
1	Analyst E	1	Analyst 5

VOTER B

Sell-Side Firm 1		Sell-Side Firm 3		
5	Analyst F	5	Analyst X	
4	Analyst A	4	Analyst Y	
3	Analyst B			
2	Analyst C			
1	Analyst D			

Firm	Sum of Ratings + Voter 2)	% of Total (Sum divided by Total)	Final Point Total by 15*3) (% multiplied)
Analyst A	9	17%	7.5
Analyst B	7	13%	5.8
Analyst C	5	9%	4.2
Analyst D	3	6%	2.5
Analyst E	1	2%	0.8
Analyst F	5	9%	4.2
Analyst 1	5	9%	4.2
Analyst 2	4	7%	3.3
Analyst 3	3	6%	2.5
Analyst 4	2	4%	1.7
Analyst 5	1	2%	0.8
Analyst X	5	9%	4.2
Analyst Y	4	7%	3.3
Total	54	100%	45

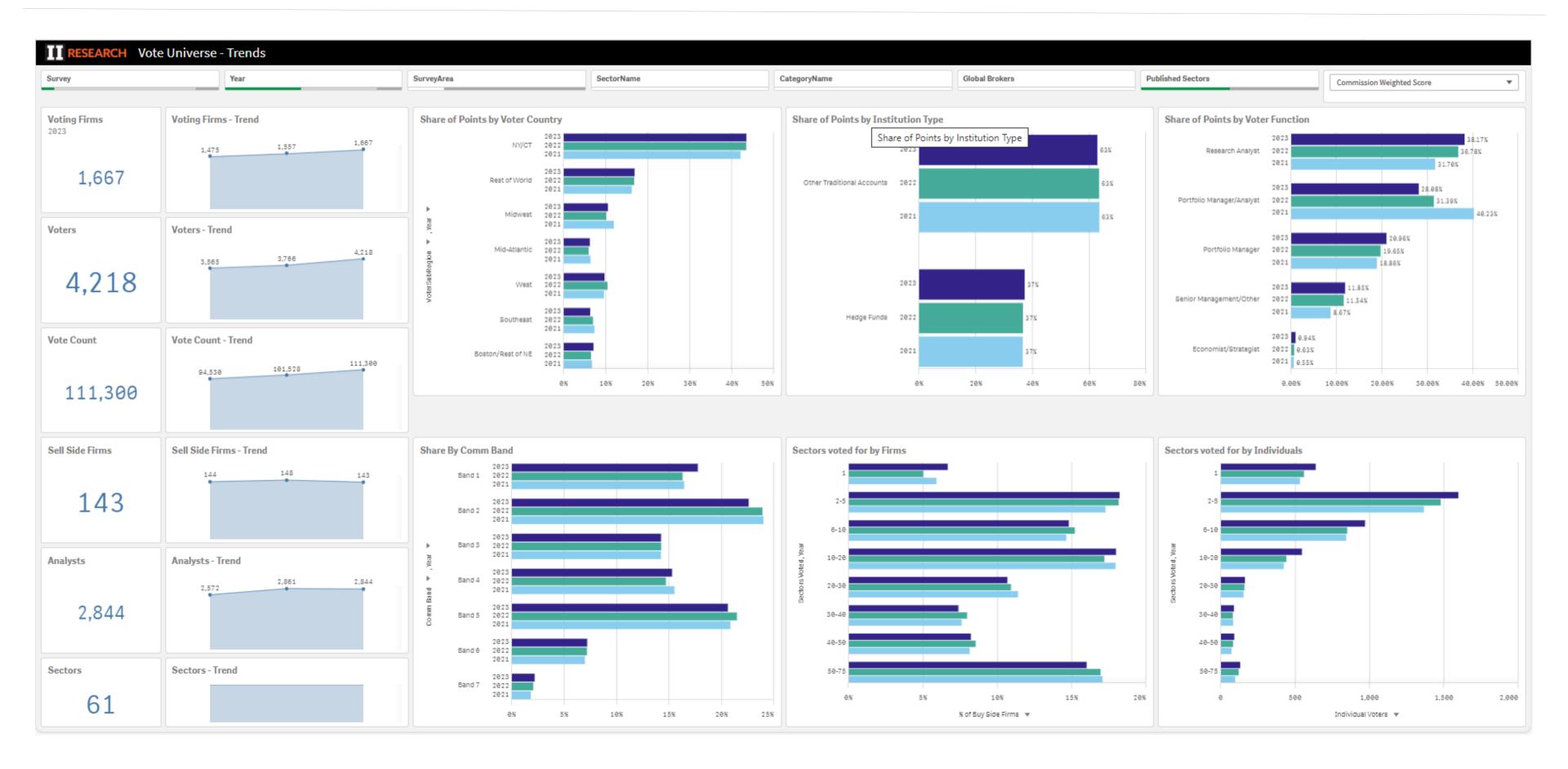
Max. number of points (before Commission/AUM weighting is applied) that this voting firm is able to give in a sector is determined by multiplying the number of sell- side firms at which they rated analysts and multiplying by 15. In this example, the voting firm can give a max. of 45 points (15*3).

Analysts ratings are converted to a score and totaled for every analyst receiving a vote. Each analyst's % of total sum is calculated and multiplied by 45 points to determine how many unweighted points each sell-side firm will receive. The points are then multiplied by the Commission or AUM of the weighting of the firm.

All-America Structure



Voter Universe: Commissions Weighted



Survey Structure

All-America

61 sectors feed Leaders' Table

Categories

CEO, CFO, Investor Relations

Attributes (See Slide 29)

U.S. Generalist Sales

Attributes (See Slide 17)

U.S. Trading & Execution

Attributes (See Slide 20)

All-America Research **Specialist Sales** Corporate Access **Trading & Execution**

Basic Materials Capital Goods/Industrials Consumer Energy **Financial Institutions** Health Care TMT Macro *(Sales only)

Basic Materials

Chemicals Metals & Mining Paper & Packaging

Capital Goods/Industrials

Aerospace & Defense Electronics Airfreight & Surface Transportation Business, Education & Professional Svc **Electrical Equipment & Multi-Industry** Machinery, Engineering & Construction Shipping

Consumer

Airlines

Autos & Auto Parts Beverage, HPPC **Food Producers Food Retailers** Gaming & Lodging Homebuilders & Building Products Leisure Restaurants Retailing Broadlines & Hardlines

Retailing Depart. Stores & Specialty Softlines

Energy

Clean Energy Integrated Oil Midstream & Natural Gas Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Oil Services & Equipment Utilities

Industries

Financial Institutions

Banks Largecap Banks Midcap Brokers, Asset Managers & Exchanges **Consumer Finance** Insurance Life Insurance Nonlife REITs

Health Care

Biotechnology Largecap Biotechnology Small & Midcap Health Care Facilities & Managed Care Health Care Technology & Distribution Life Science & Diagnostic Tools Medical Supplies & Devices Pharmaceuticals Major **Pharmaceuticals Specialty**

TMT

Internet Largecap Internet Small & Midcap IT Hardware & Electronics **Manufacturing Services** Media Payments. Processors & IT Services Semiconductors & Semi Cap Equipment Software Largecap

Telecom & Networking Equipment

Cable. Satellite & Telecom Services

Communications Infrastructure

Macro

Accounting & Tax Policy Economics Equity-Linked Strategies ESG Portfolio Strategy **Ouantitative Research Technical Analysis** Thematic Research **Washington Research**

Software Small & Midcap

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Published Results

Leaders' Tables

All-America Research

- Commission Weighted Firm Leaders' Table
- AuM Weighted Firm Leaders' Table
- Commission Weighted Analyst Leaders' Table
- AuM Weighted Analyst Leaders' Table

All- America Generalist Sales Team

- Top 10 Firms Weighted by Commission
- Top 10 Firms Weighted by AuM

All- America Specialist Sales Team

- Top 10 Firms Weighted by Commission
- Top 10 Firms Weighted by AuM

All- America Corporate Access Providers

- Top 10 Firms Weighted by Commission (buy-side view)
- Top 10 Firms Weighted by AuM (buy-side view)
- Top 10 Firms (corporate view)

All- America Trading & Execution Firm

• Top 10 Firms Weighted by Commission

All-America Results

Research

- Best Firms: Top three and Runner Up in each sector
- Best Analysts: Top three and Runner Up in each sector

Specialist Sales Team

Top firm for each category

Corporate Access Providers

- Top firm for each category (buy-side view)
- Top three firms for each category (corporate view)

Trading & Execution

- Top three firms for each category
- Generalist Sales results will be an aggregate of votes across all attributes.
- Specialist Sales results will be an aggregate across all categories.
- Corporate Access results will be an aggregate across all categories.
- Corporate Access publishes results based on the Buy side & Corporate Views.
- Trading & Execution, each Voting Area will be published separately
 - Voting areas will be an aggregate of all attributes in each category.
- Purchased data set includes all attribute and category scores.

Generalist & Specialist Sales

All-America Generalist Sales

Attributes

- Understanding Client Needs
- Adding Value to Research
- Idea Generation
- Service & Responsiveness
- Global Context
- Market Knowledge & Feel

Methodology

- Select the Voting Area (e.g. US Generalist Sales)
- Select the attribute. (e.g. idea generation)
- Search for the firm
- Rate from 5 (excellent) to 1 (average) across the attributes
- Vote for up to 7 firms for each attribute: 2 x 5, 2 x 4, 1 x 3, 1 x 2, 1 x 1
- Add comments for additional color

All-America Specialist Sales

Categories

- Basic Materials
- Capital Goods/Industrials
- Consumer
- Energy
- Financial Institutions
- Health Care
- TMT
- Macro

Attributes

- Understanding Client Needs
- Adding Value to Research
- Idea Generation
- Service & Responsiveness
- Global Context
- Market Knowledge & Feel

Methodology

- Select the Voting Area (e.g. Basic Materials)
- Select the sales category. (e.g. Basic Materials Sales)
- Search for the firm
- Rate overall 5 (excellent) to 1 (average)
- Rate the firm across attributes
- Vote for up to 7 firms for each sales category: 2 x 5, 2 x 4, 1 x 3, 1 x 2, 1 x 1

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Corporate Access

All-America Corporate Access

Buy-Side View

Categories

Basic Materials
Capital
Goods/Industrials
Consumer
Energy

Financial Institutions Health Care TMT

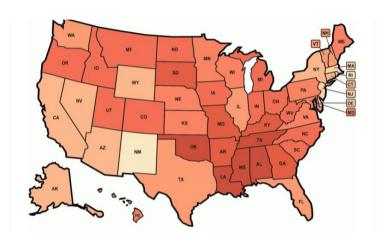
Attributes

Field Trips
Team Quality
Logistics
Conferences
Roadshows
Virtual Events

Corporate View

Attributes

Investor Introductions
Site Visits
Virtual Conferences
Non-deal Roadshows
Feedback



Methodology

- Select the Voting Area (e.g. Basic Materials)
- Select the Corporate Access category (e.g. Basic Materials Corporate Access)
- Search for the firm
- Rate from 5 (excellent) to 1 (average) across the attributes.
- Vote for up to 7 firms for each category: 2 x 5, 2 x 4, 1 x 3, 1 x 2, 1 x 1
- Add comments for additional color.

Methodology

- Corporate voters are directed to the Corporate Insights & Verification ballot.
- The Corporate Access section is on the sell-side section of the ballot.
- Rate the top four firms within each Corporate Access attribute.
- Add comments for additional color.
- Results are aggregated and organized by category.

Trading & Execution

Background

Trading & Execution has previously been polled on a separate platform and launched a week after the Research Team Survey. In order to enable more efficient data processing and integration with other elements of the survey, the Trading & Execution elements will appear in the new ballot alongside Sales, Corporate Access and Research as a Voting Area at the first level of voting and as a category.

All-America Trading & Execution

Voting Areas

High-Touch Sales Trading

Access to Block Liquidity
Access to Small & Midcap Liquidity
Maintaining Order Anonymity
Minimize Market Impact
Quality of Iols
Service Quality

Electronic Trading

Algorithm Customization
Algorithm Performance
Market Access & Transparency
Service Quality & Support
Transaction Cost Analysis

Portfolio/Program Trading

Client Service Quality & Support
Global Market Access
Index & Portfolio Research
Pre and Post Trade
Reliability of Settlement/Back Office

Delta One/ETF

Access to Differential Liquidity
Price Improvement
Derivatives Research
Derivatives Sales

Basic Materials Capital Goods/Industrials Consumer TMT Financials

Methodology

- For All-America Trading, select the voting area first, then the attribute.
- Search for the firm within each attribute. Voting is at the firm level only
- Rate from 5 (excellent) to 1 (average)

Health Care

- Vote for up to 7 firms for each attribute: 2 x 5, 2 x 4, 1 x 3, 1 x 2, 1 x 1
- Within categories, only rate overall Trading & Execution (5 1)
- Add comments for additional color.

Results

- All-America result will be an aggregate of votes across all attributes.
- Each voting area result will be published separately.

Analyst Limits & Write Ins

RULES

Rule 1: Five sectors maximum, per analyst overall (industry and for macro).1

Rule 2: Maximum of 10 analysts listed per firm, per industry sector.

Rule 3: Maximum of 15 analysts listed per firm, per sector.²

WRITE-INS

Rule 1: For any sectors where the full quota of analysts has been filled for the roster, write-in analyst votes will not be accepted where it causes roster limits to be breached.

Rule 2: All analyst write-in votes that take a firm over the assigned quota will be discarded. The firm vote or entire ballot may also be discarded.

Notes:

- 1. The rules apply separately for the US and Canada rosters. Any analysts over the limits will have sectors removed by II on the eve of the survey, in ascending order of votes received in 2022, starting from lowest.
- 2. Includes Economists & Strategists



Registration

RANKINGS

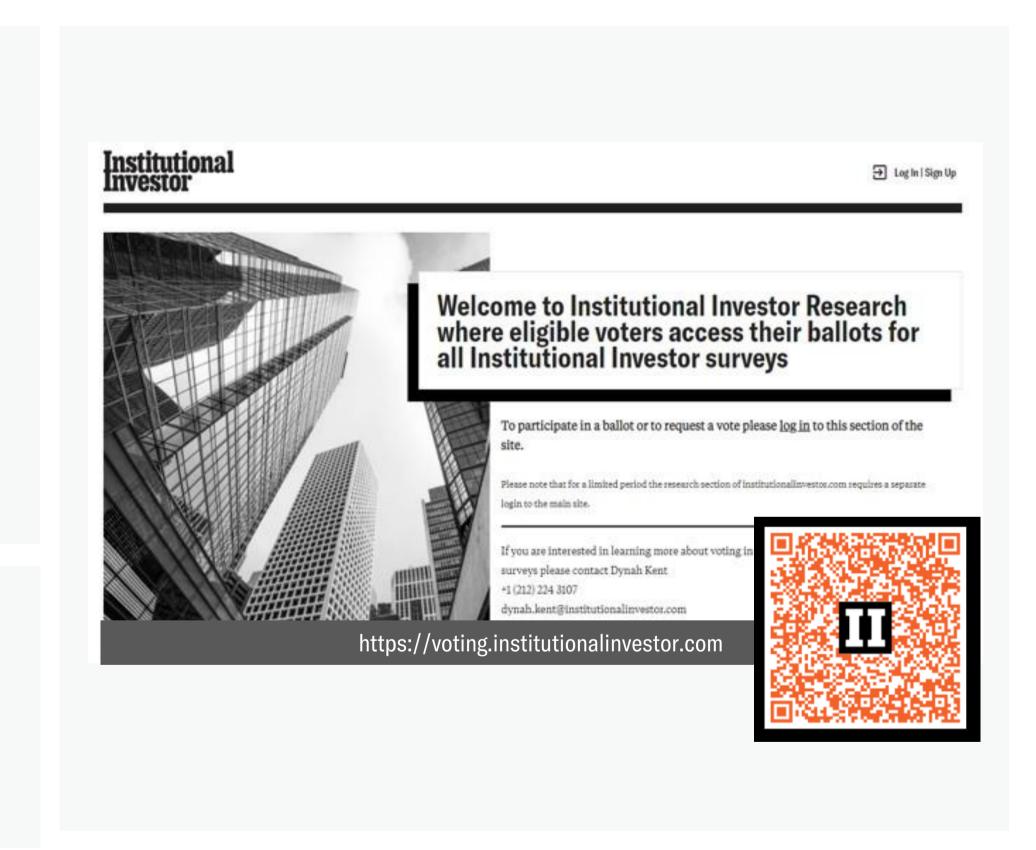
- 1. First-time users click <Sign up> in top right corner.
- 2. Validate through a professional email address.
- 3. Existing voters (registered with IIR), start voting.
- 4. New users click 'Request a vote' and complete profile question.1
- 5. New users (or unrecognised users) will need to be validated)²
- 1. After requesting ballot, validation may take up to 48 hours
- 2. Individuals that have changed email addresses (firms) will require re-validation

(Detailed step-by-step guide available in the following Voting Guide)

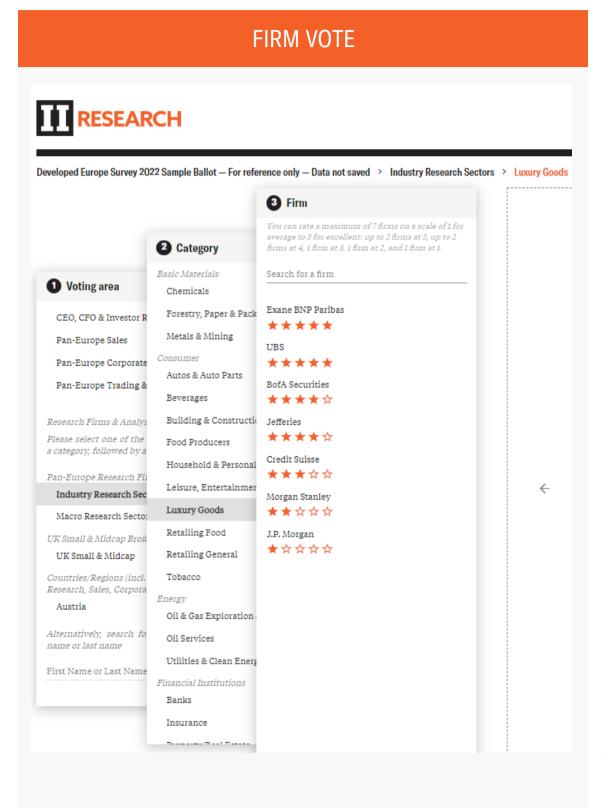
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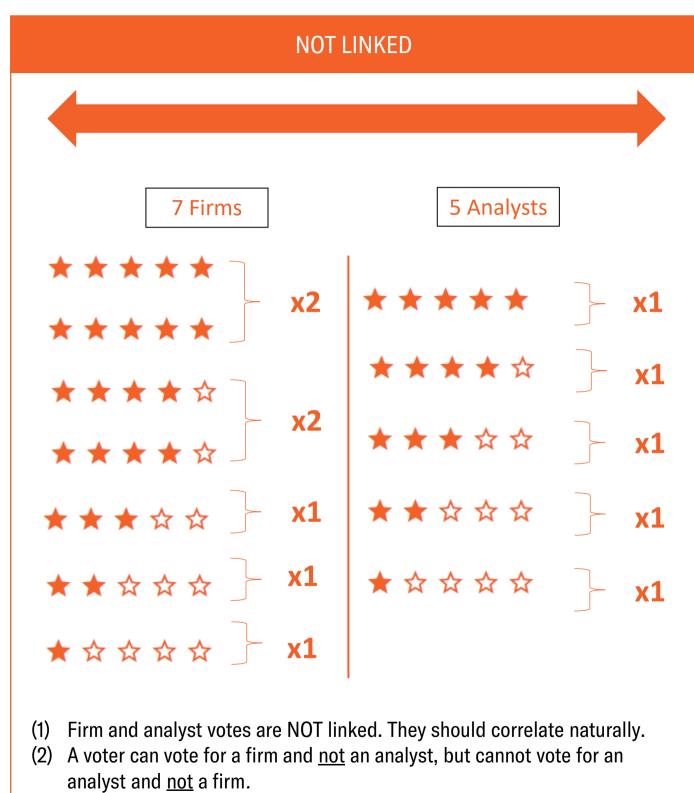
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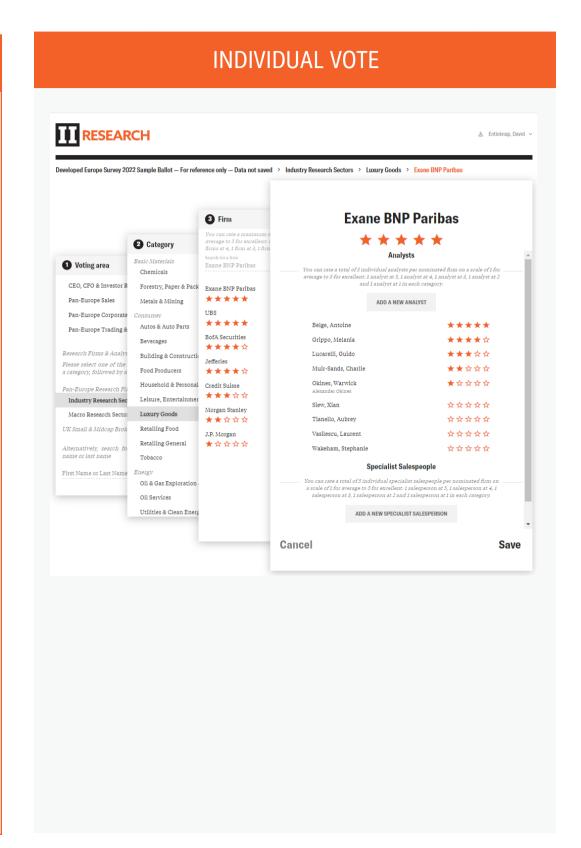
- 1. Information on IR structure.
- 2. Evaluation of buy- and sell-side engagement.



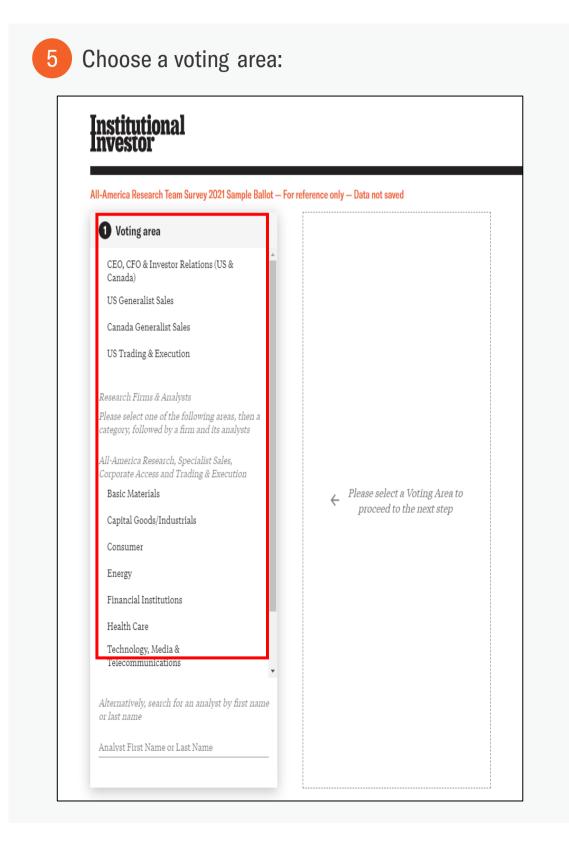
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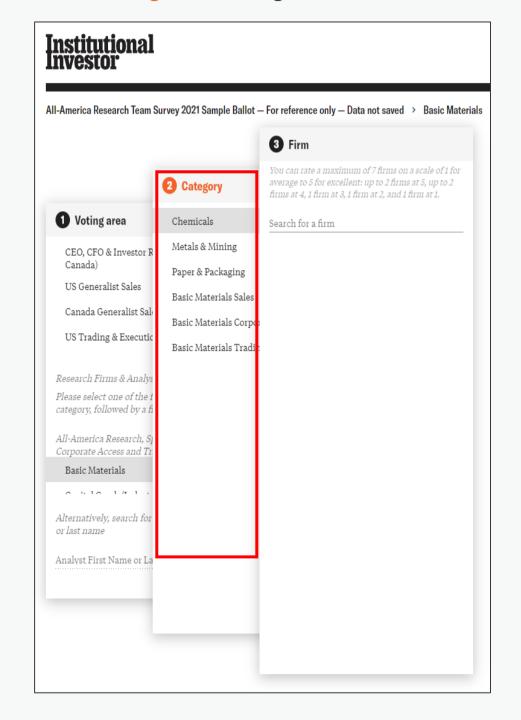




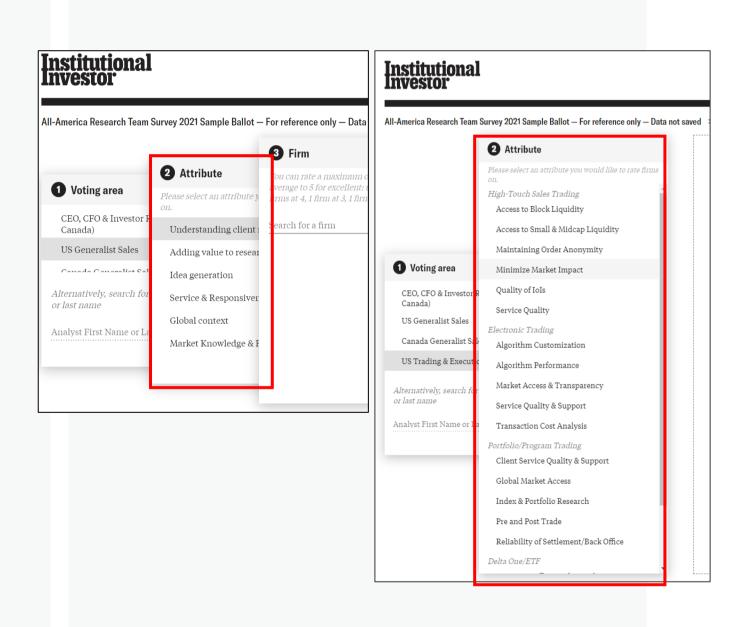
Sell-Side Voting (All-America)



For Research, Specialist Sales, Corporate Access & Sector Trading, select categories.



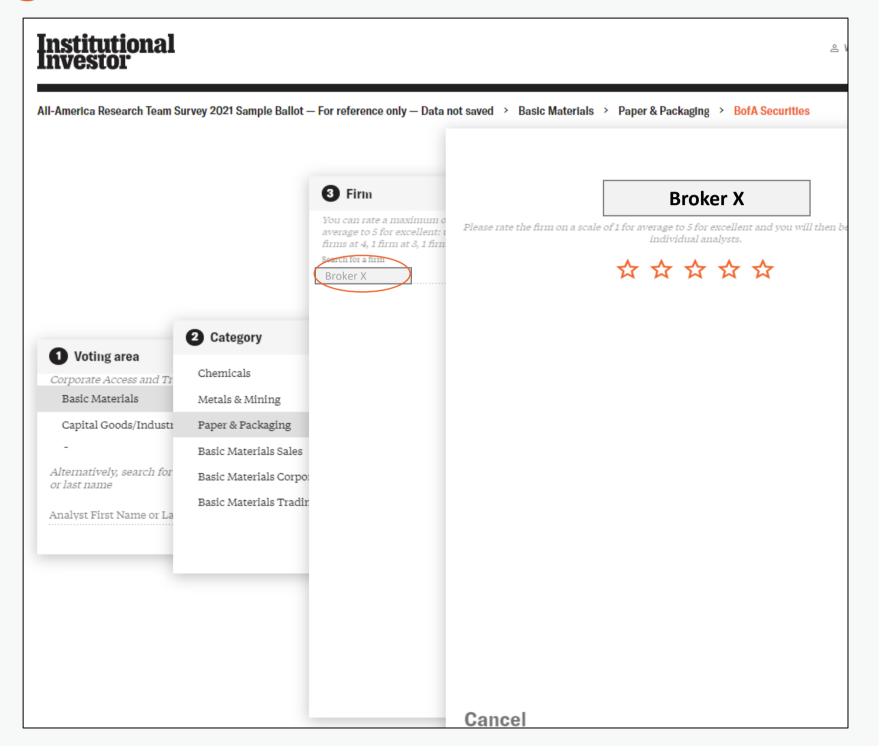
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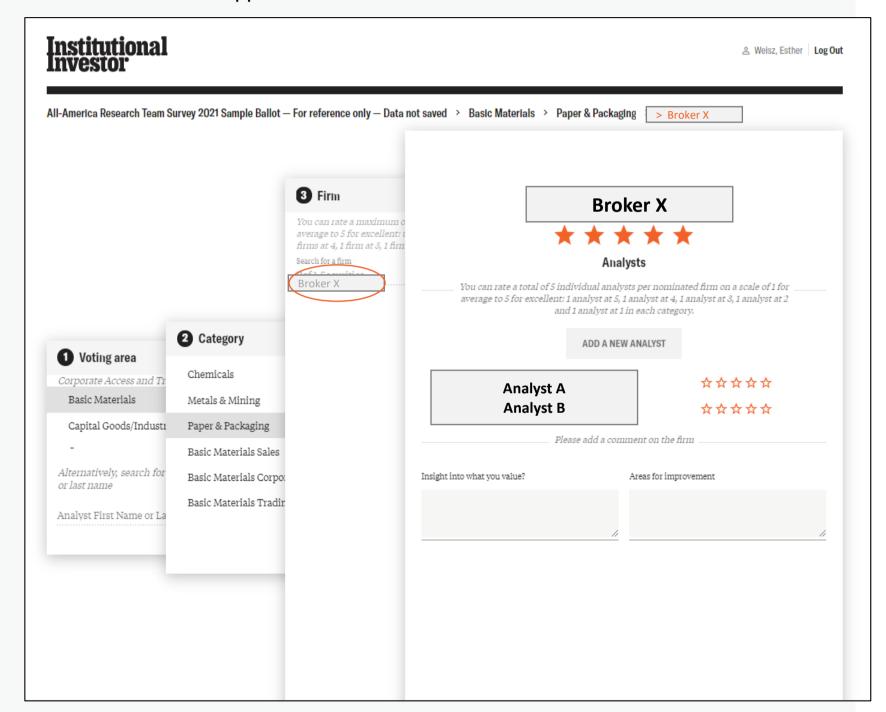
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Voting (All-America)

6 For Research, Sales, Corporate Access, Trading, search for and select the firm*:



Rate the firm from 5 (excellent) to 1 (average). For Research, the analysts for that firm will appear.

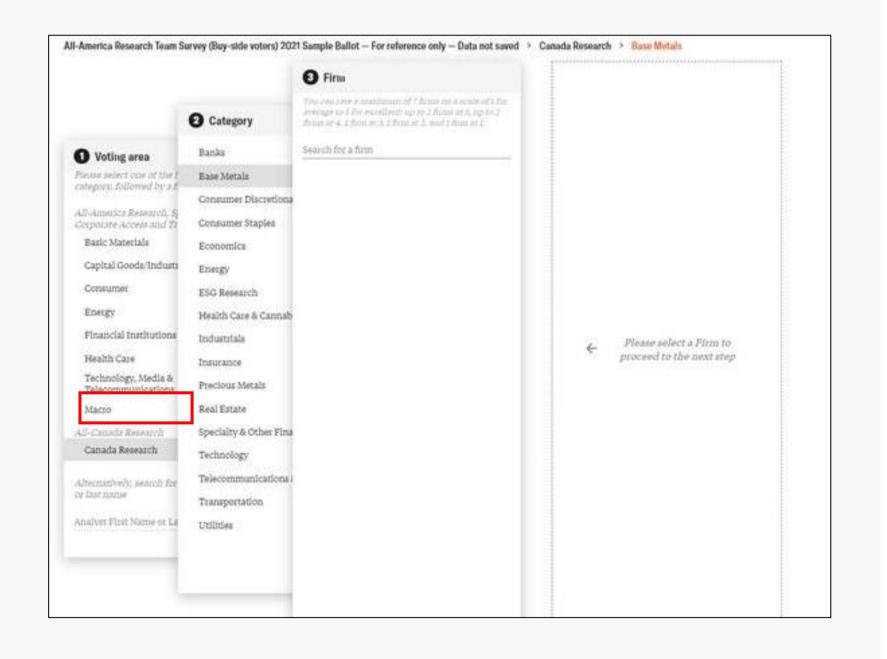


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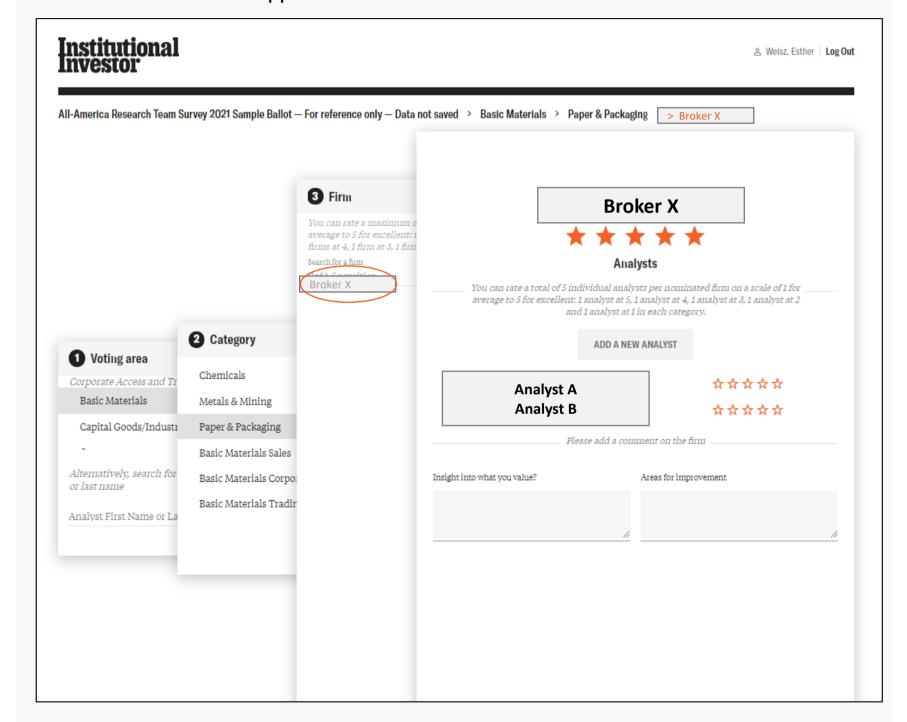
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Voting (All-Canada)

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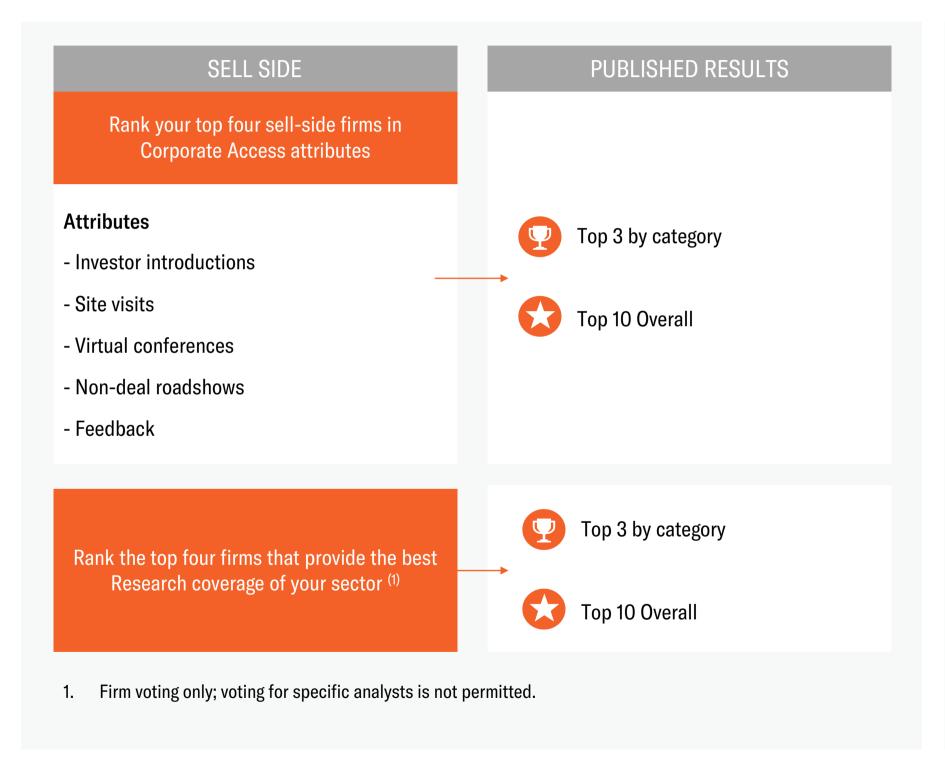
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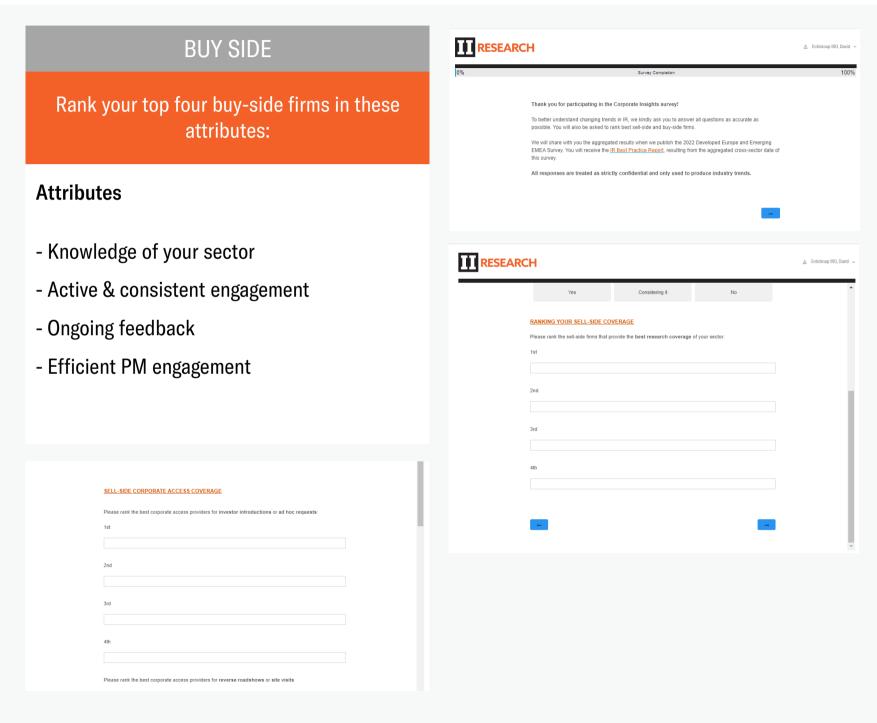


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Corporates Voting Through CIV For..

Contributions are invited for listed companies to rate the research and corporate access of the sell-side firms that cover them, and the engagement of asset managers. The CIV (Corporate Insights & Verification) form is distributed to listed companies ahead of the research survey and includes details of their Executive Team, Investor Relations Program and their relationships across the sell-side and buy-side.



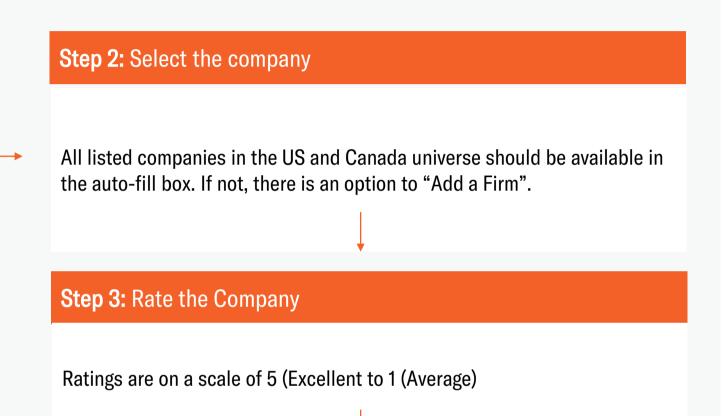


Executive Team Survey

Sell-side analysts are encouraged to vote for Corporates in the Executive Team Survey.

Portfolio Managers and Buy-side Analysts are required to vote for Corporates in the Executive Team Survey.

Step 1: Select the Executive Team role and/or IR Program Attribute **IR Program Functions Executive Team Service and Communications CEO** (or **CEO** equivalent) - Business & Market Knowledge - Leadership - Authority & Credibility - Communication - Responsiveness - Credibility - Virtual Meetings/Presentations - Investor/Analyst Event (virtual or live) **CFO** (or **CFO** equivalent) - Earnings Calls - Financial Stewardship **ESG Metrics** - Capital Allocation - Financially Material ESG Disclosure - Communication - ESG Engagement - Corporate ESG Strategy **Investor Relations Officers Financial Disclosure Company Board of Directors** - Quality & Relevance - Consistency - Granularity



Step 4: Add comments

For each of the ratings and attributes above, add comments in two boxes:

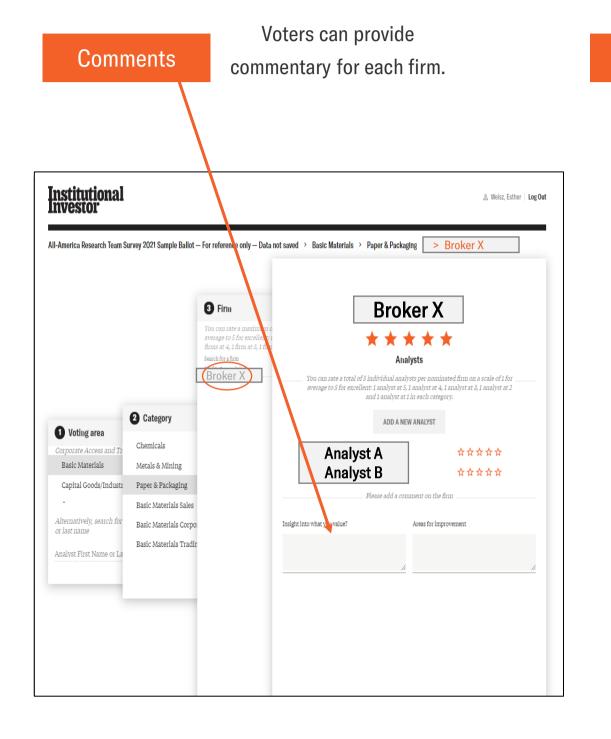
- Constructive
- Positive

Note: Comments are anonymous and II Research reserves the right to edit any defamatory content!

- 1. It is mandatory for buy-side voters to rate at least one company in all IR Program attributes and one IR Professional before they can proceed to vote for the sell side.
- 2. Quant Analysts, Economists, Strategists and Traders are exempt from this requirement.

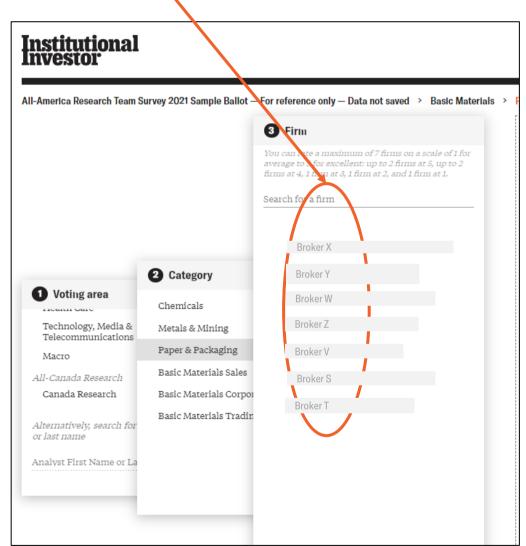
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Comments & Review



Review

Voters can move back one level to rate additional firms in each category. The list of firms already rated will be shown.



Change

Voters can switch between categories and voting areas to add or change ratings. They can return to the platform at any time during polling. Any votes entered at the end of polling will be considered final.





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