

Company Portraits



AMERICAN WATER

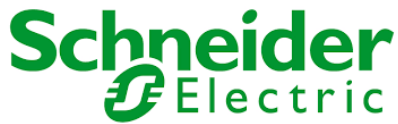
The American company **American Water Works Company Inc.** is a water utility company headquartered in New Jersey. Founded in 1886, it is the largest regulated water and wastewater company in the United States. With its extensive expertise, the company offers high-quality water as well as safe and effective wastewater treatment. Over 14 million people in 14 states receive clean and reliable drinking water and wastewater services from the company.

American Water is committed to minimizing its environmental impact and promoting sustainability. These ambitions are supported by goals in the area of greenhouse gas emissions. By 2025, the company aims to reduce absolute Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by more than 40% compared to the baseline year 2007. In the long term, the company aims to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions to zero by 2050. Among other efforts, the company has received an MSCI ESG rating of A for its sustainability initiatives.



Akamai Technologies Inc. is a global leader in content delivery network (CDN) services, delivering digital content quickly and securely to users around the world. The company also offers solutions in cybersecurity, cloud computing, and web performance optimization. Through its global server network, Akamai enhances website load times while protecting against attacks and outages.

Akamai also places a strong emphasis on sustainability: the company has set ambitious goals including net-zero emissions, 100% renewable energy for its cloud operations, increased energy efficiency, a responsible supply chain, and 100% recycling of electronic waste. With its proprietary CO₂ calculator, Akamai also helps its customers reduce their carbon footprint. MSCI has awarded the company a top ESG rating of AA.



Schneider Electric SE is a German company specializing in energy management and automation solutions for a wide range of industries and infrastructures. Its portfolio includes intelligent power distribution and automation systems, building management solutions, and digital platforms such as “EcoStruxure,” which enable real-time monitoring, analysis, and optimization of energy flows and operational processes. Schneider Electric combines electrification, automation, and digitalization into an integrated approach that helps customers reduce their CO₂ emissions, minimize downtime, and lower costs.

Sustainability is at the core of the company’s business model and is anchored in clearly defined goals – particularly in the areas of climate protection, resource efficiency, and social and ethical responsibility, which Schneider Electric embraces as a business partner, employer, and active member of local communities. With this holistic approach, the company significantly contributes to achieving numerous UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and has received multiple awards, including an MSCI ESG rating of “AAA,” a Top 1% rating from EcoVadis, and the No. 1 spot in the Corporate Knights Global 100 ranking.



Advanced Energy Industries Inc. is a globally active technology company based in Colorado that specializes in the development and production of highly precise solutions for power supply, measurement, and control. Its products are used in critical application areas such as semiconductor manufacturing, data centers, telecommunications, medical technology, and the solar industry.

As an innovation leader in the field of energy-efficient power conversion, the company plays a key role in helping its customers reduce their energy consumption and thus their CO₂ emissions. In its own production processes, the company focuses primarily on minimizing waste – both hazardous and non-hazardous – as well as reducing wastewater. This commitment is reflected in its strong MSCI ESG rating of “AA.”



Bechtle AG is one of Europe's leading IT system houses, headquartered in Germany, with over 100 locations across 14 European countries. The company combines direct sales of hardware and software through multiple online shops with comprehensive IT services – including strategic consulting, project implementation, managed services, cloud solutions, and cybersecurity. Bechtle serves customers from the midmarket, large enterprises, and the public sector, offering future-ready IT architectures, modern workplace concepts, data center solutions, and IT security from a single source.

The company also takes responsibility in the area of sustainability: with clearly defined targets, Bechtle aligns its efforts with ten of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing in particular on ethical business practices, environmental protection, social responsibility, and the digital transformation. It holds a solid ESG rating of "A" from MSCI.