# Corporate research — looking at the ESG reporting and beyond

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## Why research?



Improve the conditions in a workplace, company or sector



Address information asymmetries



Strengthen our bargaining position



Develop comprehensive campaigns



Use of creative tactics

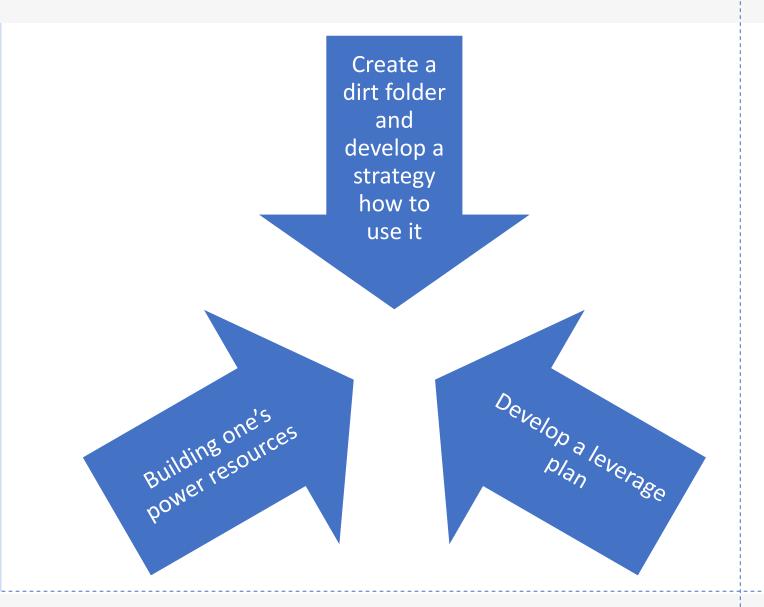


Meet new challenges

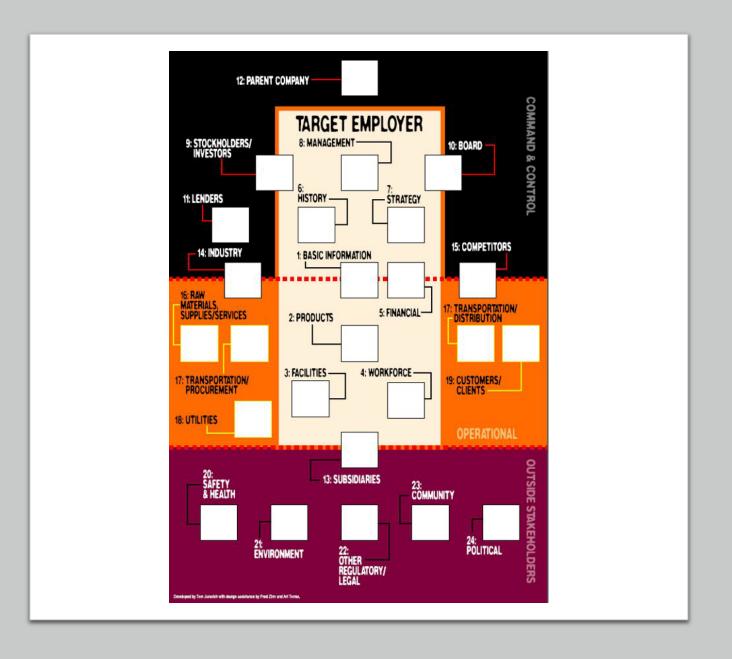


Maximise union resources

How to use the research?



# Developing a research plan for your purposes



**Business Structure** 

G4S Ownership

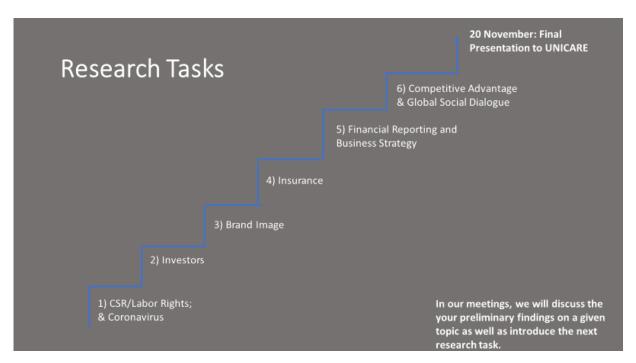
**Recent Acquisitions** 

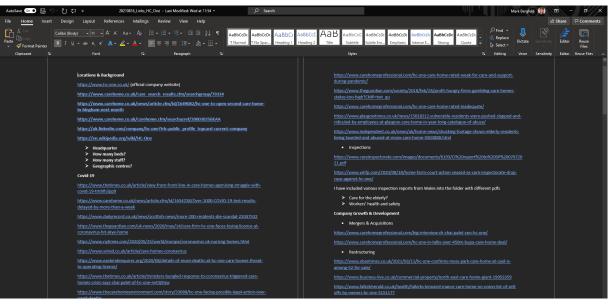
Markets & Clients

Leadership Team

**Labor Relations** 

Legal and Regulatory Issue





## Understanding Ownership & Management

### Why?

- Management and owners are not the same
- Some of the same institutional shareholders own competing companies
- Investors have ESG criteria for the companies they invest in
- Teamsters discovered that a major owner of a company is Gates Foundation

#### Europe

### **EXCLUSIVE Top investors to call** for improved working conditions in care homes

By Elizabeth Howcroft













### Management & Decision-makers

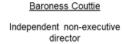
#### **Shakers & Makers**

- Executives
- Board of Directors
- Decision-Makers

### Why?

- Management promises certain things to the shareholders and investors
- CEO Compensation / Share-buybacks
- see business structure as well as well which investors/owners' interests are represented
- Links & Donations to Political Parties
- Persons in charge of subsidiaries







Baroness McGregor-Smith

Mitie's CEO (2007-2016)

Present Consevative life peer



Simon Venn
Chief Government & Strategy

- Mitie has political links with the Conservative party, and these should be explored in more depth.
  - UNI Europa could investigate Baroness Couttie and Baroness McGregor-Smith
- UNI Europa could investigate the outsourcing of the Covid-19 contracts to Mitie and the individual(s) that played a role in facilitating this.

They picked up a £32m direct deal from the DHSC to set up and operate COVID-19 testing sites

UNICARE: ACALISCARE CORPORATE PROFILE Last Updated: 20/08/2020 Prepared by: Karol Florek (research consultant)

**Amer Pacha** is a Partner and Business Development manager for Acalis Monaco, and a director of the new subsidiary in the UK, Acaliscare Technologies Limited. He is of Canadian nationality living in Monaco.

**Frank Bamelis** is Bart's cousin and (former?) co-investor in Leeward Ventures, a Luxembourg investment fund which was compulsorily liquidated due to financial irregularities creating a liquidity crisis for Senior Assist and forcing the sale of most Belgian operations.

**Juan Francisco Marinovic Vial** is the new CEO of Acalis Latin America, in this role since June 2020. Previously he was the General Manager of Medicenter SA, a medical diagnostics company in Santiago, and worked in a managerial role at Materactiva Private Equity.

**Roderick Peters** was until June 2020 the CEO of <u>Acalis</u> Latin <u>America, and</u> has been in this role since the company was founded in 2009. He is also in the management team of My-Assist in Belgium since October 2018, and <u>previous to</u> the company's restructure, was the Chief Development Officer of Senior Assist. He appears to live in Belgium, which might explain why he was replaced as CEO. According to IFC's disclosures, in 2016 he was a 15% shareholder in Seniority Chile SA.<sup>20</sup>

Table 2 Pension funds that hold shares in G4S<sup>30</sup>

#	Investor	Country	% of outstanding shares	Value (\$)
56	California Public Employees' Retirement System	United States	0.20%	8,344,187
61	Nuveen LLC	United States	0.17%	7,217,039
67	MLC Investments Limited	Australia	0.12%	4,753,670
69	California State Teachers Retirement System	United States	0.11%	4,427,308
70	Sjunde AP-fonden	Sweden	0.11%	5,832,666
72	Shell Asset Management Company B.V.	Netherlands	0.10%	4,184,010
78	BAE Systems Pension Funds Investment Management Ltd.	United Kingdom	0.08%	3,158,803
83	PGGM Vermogensbeheer B.V.	Netherlands	0.07%	2,889,974
92	Caisse de Depot et Placement du Quebec	Canada	0.06%	1,547,659
94	PSP Investments	Canada	0.05%	2,189,824
95	Florida State Board of Administration	United States	0.05%	1,952,089
106	Fjärde AP-Fonden	Sweden	0.04%	1,665,377
156	British Columbia Investment Management Corp.	Canada	0.02%	562,047
201	Vestcor Investment Management Corporation	Canada	0.00%	112,148

### Information sources – Outside and inside

Industry magazines

Court documents

Government documents

investopedia.com

yahoo! finance

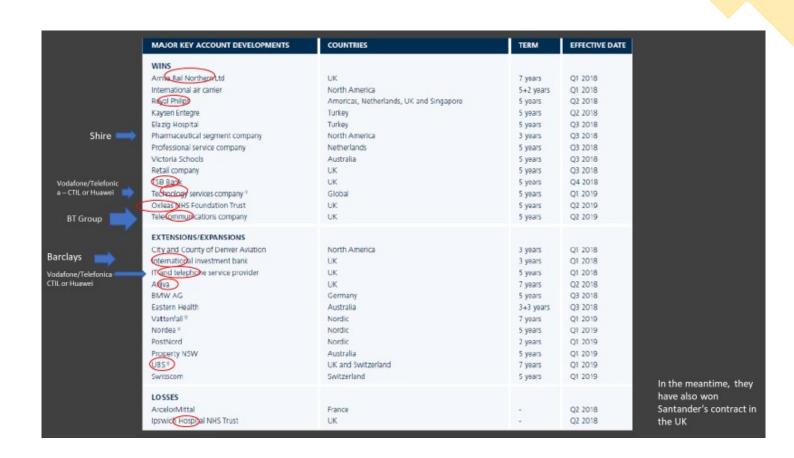
LinkedIn

Google Google

### Insider sources of information

- Company website & Documents
- Company Intranet
- Conference calls (you can listen to them if you check out the days)
- Press Releases (businesswire)
- European Works Councils

Don't forget to talk with the workers and employees themselves!



## Google – What do you find?



Google news



Google Maps



Google scholar (court cases; academic articles)



Google.com + [company name] + pdf documents



Google.com: [address]

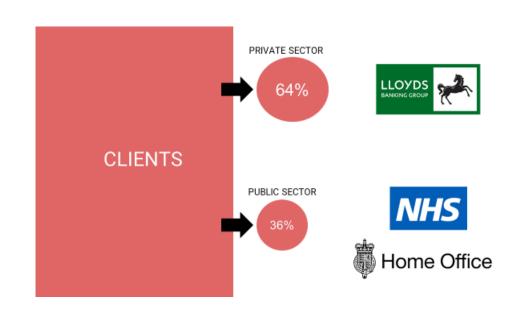


Google.com: [company name] + subsidiaries

Mark's example: Securitas AB

# Narratives and Numbers – Revenues & Profits (Mitie)

£m	HI 20/21	HI 19/20	Change
Technical Services	367.5	470.6	(21.9)%
Maintenance & Repairs	303.4	374.4	(19.0)%
Engineering Projects	56.9	86.8	(34.4)%
International	7.2	9.4	(23.4)%
<b>Business Services</b>	500.0	490.7	1.9%
Security	298.4	279.6	6.7%
Cleaning	169.4	169.6	(0.1)%
Office Services	32.2	41.5	(22.4)%
Specialist Services	104.9	116.7	(10.1)%
Care & Custody	50.7	55.5	(8.6)%
Waste	33.5	39.8	(15.8)%
Landscapes	20.7	21.4	(3.3)%
Group Total	972.4	1,078.0	(9.8)%





# Follow the money

- Identify Profit centres to organize workers at TRICO Marine in the Gulf Coast, The Offshore Mariner's Union discovered that the company's most profitable segment was not in the Gulf but in the North Sea and shifted the focus of their campaign.
- Identify Creditors/Outstanding Loans Whom does the company owe money? Steelworkers campaign against Ravenswood Aluminum was pressure on the NMB Postbank in the Netherlands, one of the firm's major lenders (Juravich and Bronfenbrenner 1999)
- Capital structure refers to the mix of debt and equity employed by the firm. It is measured by the debt-to-equity (D/E) ratio

# 5. Business Stakeholders& How to leverage them

Clients & Client Segments

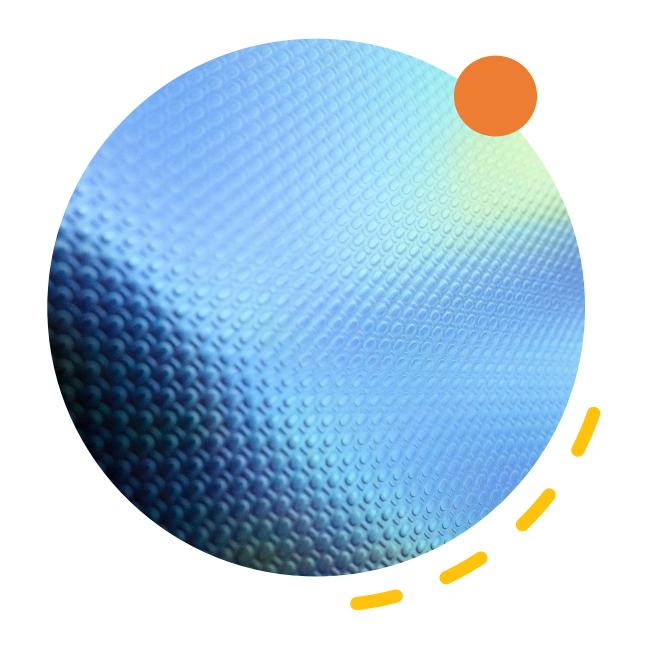
Customers

Competitors

Government

**Suppliers** 

Community



### **Employees**

- Full-time employees / part-time employees
- Agency workers
- Subcontractors
- How many are unionised
- Turnover per employee compare to competitors
- Employee Review websites



#### Treatment of workers:

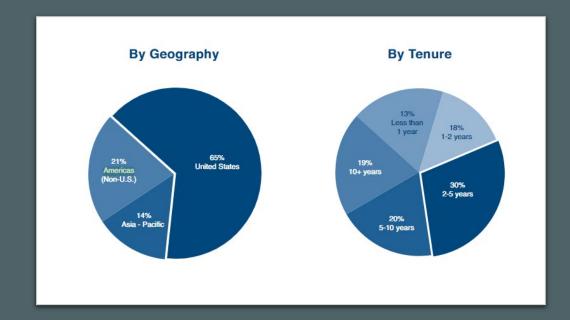
Brinks - 2.7 stars, 883 employee reviews. 32% CEO approval.





Prosegur - 3.6 stars, 685 employee reviews. 74% CEO approval.





# Ethical, Environmental and Labour Standards

- ESG and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Which Of xxx's Ethical, Labour, Human Rights And Environmental Policies Can Trade Unions Use To Improve Labour Standards?

#### **Code of Ethics**



- . We must obey the law and act ethically in everything we do
- Our Company encourages a culture of openness where employees can raise their concerns without fear of retaliation
- We maintain an workplace that is free from harassment intimidation and other inappropriate or unprofessional behaviour
- We comply at all times with Brink's established <u>safety and</u> security practices, policies and standards
- Our basic rule is that we <u>always abide by the laws of the</u> countries where we operate
- We respect universal human rights

### **Brand image & Reputation**

- Values
- Marketing
- Awards, Recognition & Standards
- Giving back to the community



### Mitie

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION







### CSR/Human and Labour Rights - Brink's values



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