

# SIFM Quarterly Conference The SEC Climate Disclosure Rule

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### The SEC Mandate

#### ...the debate



• Proposed draft rule for mandatory climate disclosures (March 2022)



- **Debate** surrounding:
  - Regulatory burden
  - Materiality definition
  - Standardization challenges



• Legal challenge regarding SEC's authority

## The demand for clarity Why investors need this



 Increased investor awareness of climate change risks and their impact on companies



Demand for standardized, comparable, and decision-useful climate information



- Reasons for investor demand:
  - Heightened awareness of scientific consensus
  - Long-term investment horizons
  - Climate-aware investing becoming mainstream

## The limits of voluntary frameworks What they have not delivered so far

Greenwashing

Lack of comprehensiveness

Global fragmentation

### Overview of the rule **Disclosure areas**





## Overview of the rule **Key takeaways**

Scope 3 emissions not mandated

Existing voluntary disclosures may trigger disclosures

Materiality qualifiers means new work

While scaled back financial disclosures, still include significant work

#### The road ahead

### The potential impact of the Rule

Shape corporate behavior

Influence investment decisions

Accelerate the transition

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