

Is AI more dangerous than nukes?
An investor's view
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# Major existential threats exist



- 1. Climate change
- 2. Tech singularity
- 3. Al-driven nuclear proliferation

# SMART implementation of Paris accord & agenda 2030







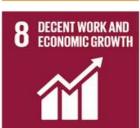




















RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION







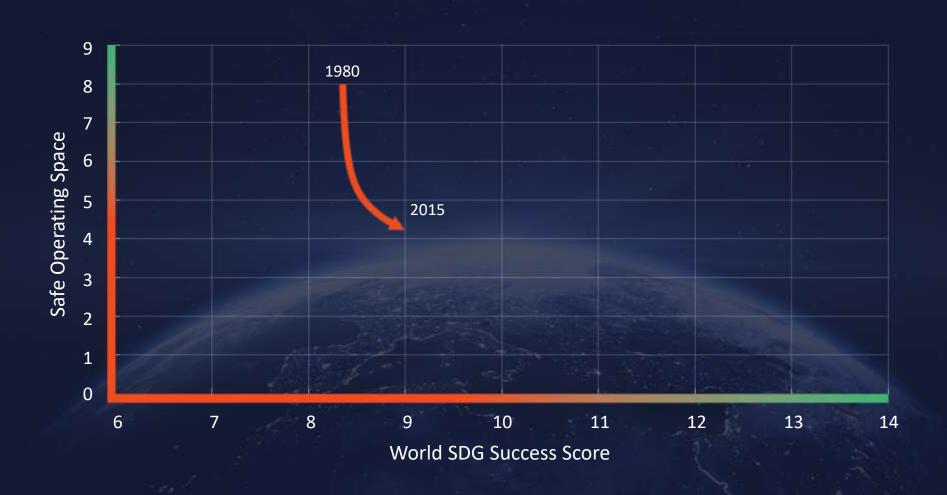




### BUT: SDG fulfillment is possible ONLY within Planetary Boundaries



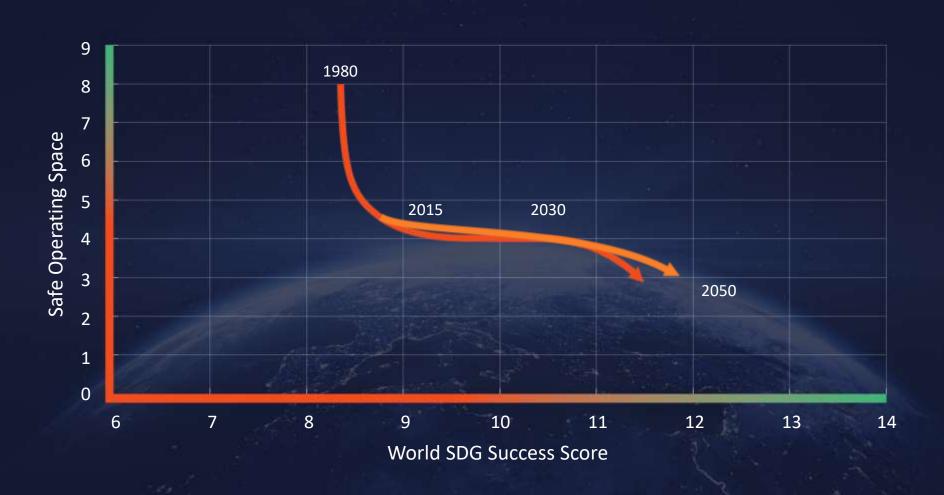
# **The whole world 1980–2015**



# How far will we get with Business as Usual?



# Can we do it with *Faster* growth?



# Can we do it by working *Harder* on all fronts?



# We can do it SMARTER with 5 transformative actions



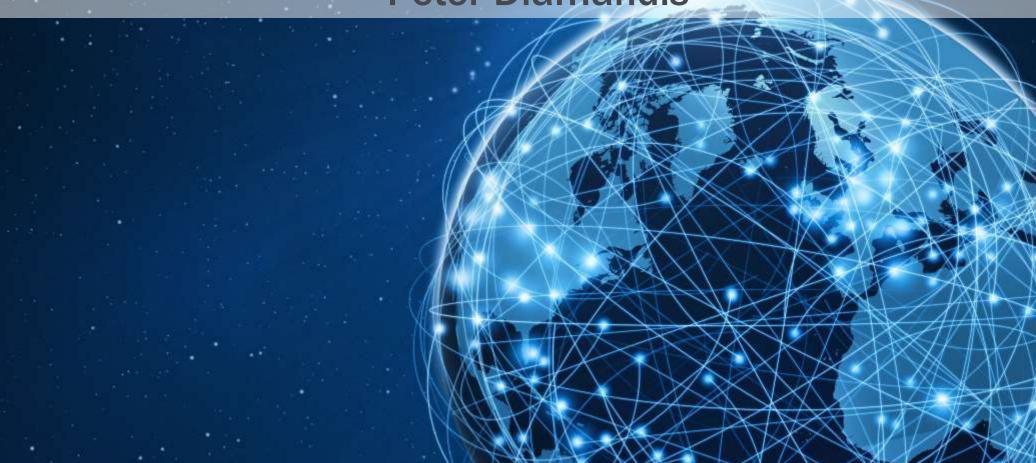
# Five transformational policies that work



- 1. Accelerated renewable energy growth:
  - halving emissions every decade from 2030 on
- 2. Accelerated productivity in food chains:
  - +1% p.a. better productivity
- 3. New development models in developing countries:
  - copying features of S-Korea, Chinese, Ethiopian successes
- 4. Active inequality reduction:
  - ensuring 10% richest < 40% of income
- 5. Investment in education, gender equality, family planning, health stabilizing the world population
  - improving well-being but with reduced ecological footprint

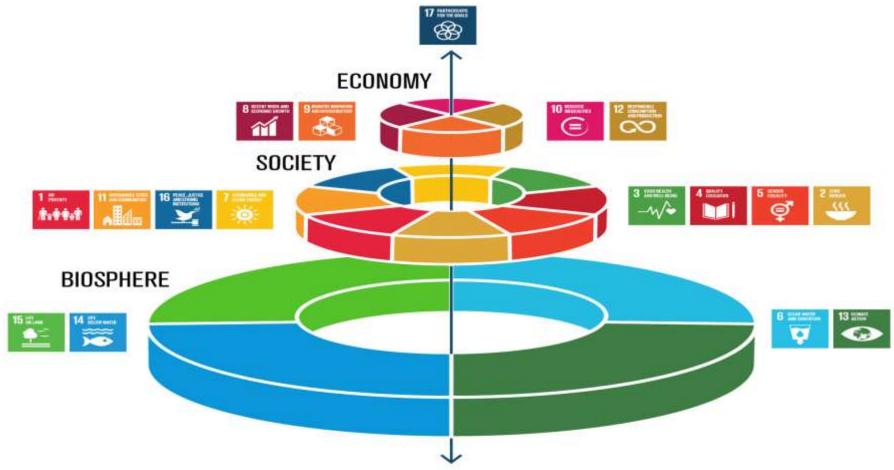
Source: Randers J, Rockström J et al (2018) Transformation is feasible

# "Tomorrow's speed of change will make today look like we're crawling" Peter Diamandis



### **KEY: The Great Mindshift to a world-centric view**





Education must support the great mindshift

### The Investment Turnaround





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# Integral Investing Includes and Transcends Current Investing Paradigms



# IMPACT INVESTING

Sustainability Metrics UN SDG ESG, GIIRS, IRIS e.g.

Grameen Bank
LGT Venture
Philanthropy

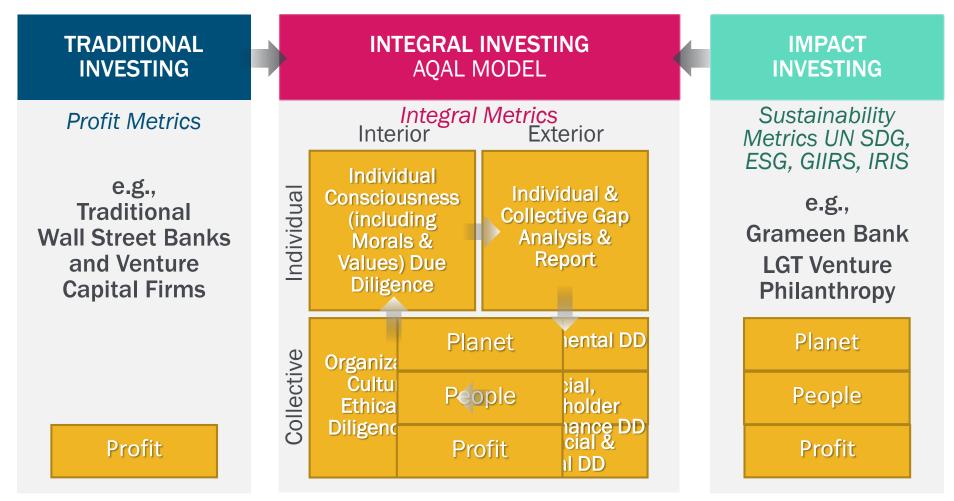
Planet

People

Profit

# Integral Investing includes and transcends current paradigms in early stage investing



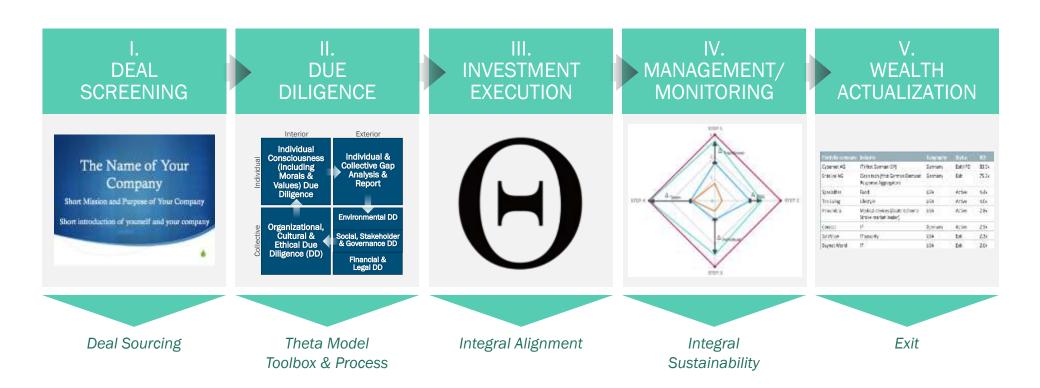


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### **Our Secret Sauce: The Theta Model**



AQAL investment management process



Source: AQAL Capital

### Integral Due Diligence is performed in 5 steps



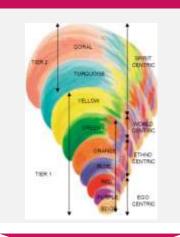
STEP 1:
Financial/
Legal/ Commercial DD



STEP 2: ESG Assessment



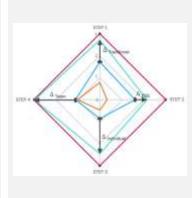
STEP 3: Individual Assessment



STEP 4: Team Assessment



STEP 5:
Gap Analysis & Report



Traditional VC

GIIRS/IRIS/Bcorp

Vertical & Horizontal Development Cultural & Org. Alignment Test Theta Model Scoring

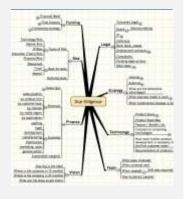
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### **Step 1: Financial and Legal Due Diligence**



#### STEP 1: Financial & Legal DD

#### Traditional VC



Validating the Business Plan

Uncovering missing pieces
Defining the Unknown

Contain and define the financial and legal risk of an investment

# Initial screening passed with flying colors and a term sheet was issued

### **Step 1 Due Diligence includes:**

- Financial & Legal
  - Income statements, revenue projections, timeline, margins, cash flow, capitalization structure, EBITDA
  - · Strategy incl. capital requirement, structure, validation, exit strategy
  - Review contracts; loan agreements, customer contracts, Outstanding/potential (IP) litigation
- The Market:
  - Macro: Size, growth rate, concentration, barriers to entry
  - · Micro: Revenue model, first-to-market, economics, clients, segmentation, USP
- Business Model: value proposition, distribution strategy, competition, growth, site visits, references, board members
- Technical/IP

### Step 2 **ESG** Assessment





GIIRS/IRIS/Bcorp

Exterior Individual Individual & Consciousness (including Morals & **Collective Gap** Analysis & Values) Due Report Diligence Environmental DD Organizational. Cultural & Social, Stakeholder & Governance DD **Ethical Due** Diligence (DD) Financial & Legal DD

**Environmental**, Social Governance (ESG) Assessment

i.e. B-Corp Assessment

ESG Scoring according to existing standards

### We are committed to UN SDG within **Planetary Boundaries**





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14 LIFE BELOW WATER





















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Community Products & Services	NA		495
Serving Those In Need	N/A		
Community Practices		18%	341
Suppliers & Distributors	- 1	11%	419
Local Involvement	3	49%	391
Diversity	0	7%	281
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Civic Engagement & Girling	0	3%	299
Environment	34	47%	421
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# Step 3 Individual Assessment Tool Box



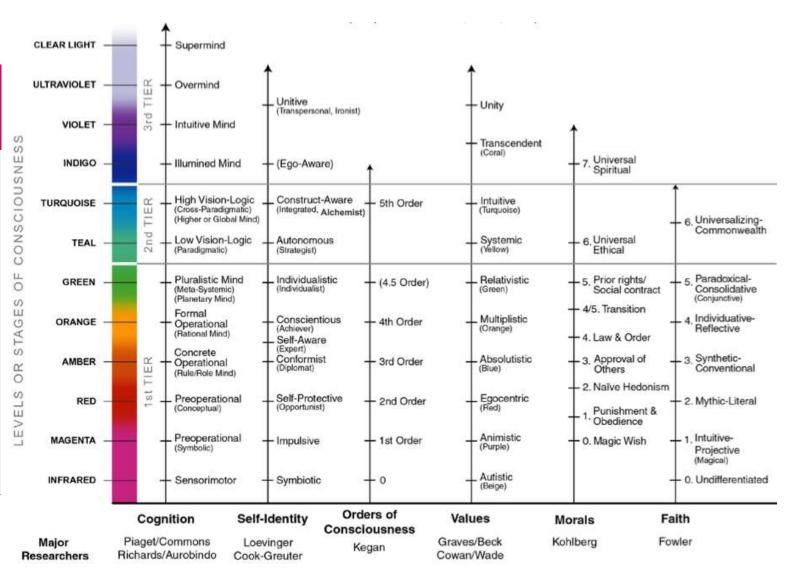


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Individual growth stage and potential assessed within the team context and business objective



# Step 3

# Individual Assessment Tool Example Using LDMA



#### STEP 3: Individual Assessment

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Individual growth stage and potential assessed within the team context and business objective **Collaborative capacity**: The ability to bring together diverse perspectives to develop inclusive, innovative, and effective solutions

**Contextual thinking:** The ability to consider problems in terms of the broader systems and contexts in which they are embedded

**Cognitive complexity:** The ability to think well about complex issues

### Using 8 scales:

- Developmental level (LDMA)
- Perspective-taking skill
- 3. Perspective-seeking skill
- 4. Perspective coordination
- 5. Collaborative capacity
- 6. Contextual thinking
- 7. Cognitive coherence
- 8. Decision-making process



digest, and some of our learning recommendations are time

### **Evolution of Human Needs: Maslow's Pyramid**

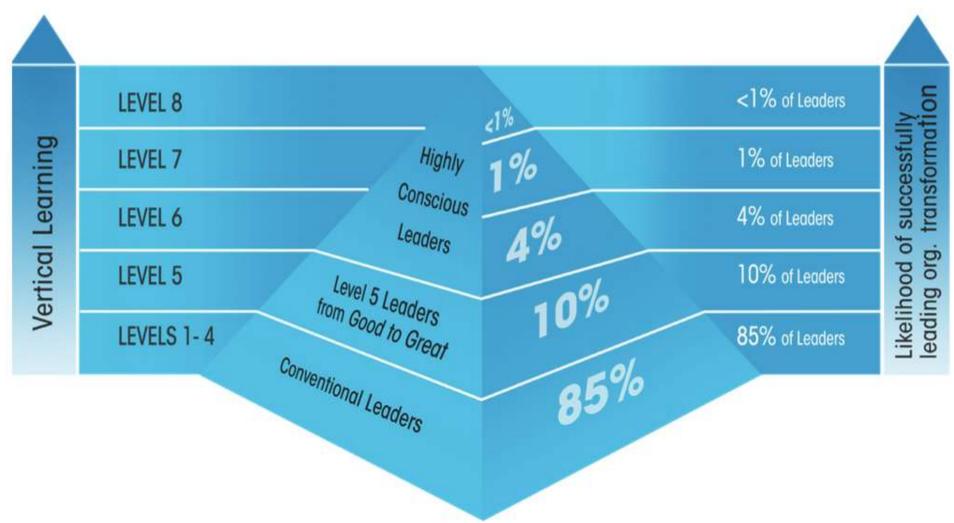




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### **Looking for Highly Conscious Leaders**



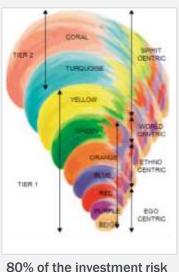


Source: Brown, B. C. (2014). The Future of Leadership for Conscious Capitalism. MetaIntegral Associates., p. 3.

# **Step 4 Team Assessment and Corporate Culture**







Organizational development potential assessed Consciousness Leadership

Consciousness Leadership alignment potential uncovered 80 percent of the risk in early stage investment is associated with the team

**Example:** The *Five Dysfunctions of a Team* process is based on the book with the same title by Patrick Lencioni

**Dysfunction #1:** 

**Absence of Trust** 

**Dysfunction #2:** 

Fear of Conflict

**Dysfunction #3:** 

Lack of Commitment

**Dysfunction #4:** 

Avoidance of Accountability

**Dysfunction #5:** 

Inattention to Results



# Step 5 Gap Analysis, Report, and Recommendations



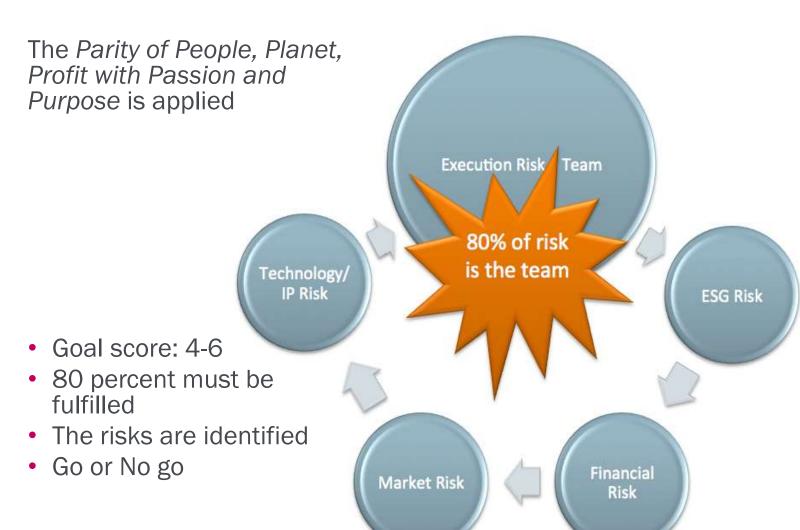


Theta Model Scoring



Assess the overall Top Rating Potential for business idea, integral company & team

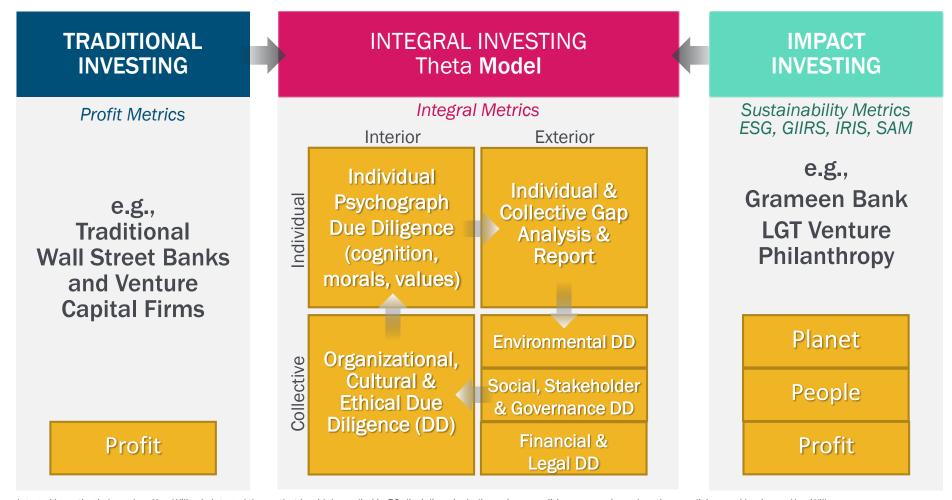
The Theta Model Score is decisive for Go/No go of investment



### Our Solution: "The 6 Ps"



### PARITY OF PEOPLE, PLANET, & PROFIT WITH PASSION & PURPOSE



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### Integral Investing: Long-term Integral Sustainability



Parity of people, planet, and profit — with passion and purpose

# Impact Investments (1) (2)

# TRADITIONAL INVESTING

**Financial-only** 

Limited or no consideration of UN SDG factors

#### **RESPONSIBLE**

Focus on UN
SDG risks
ranging from a
wide
consideration
of ESG factors
to negative
screening of
harmful
products

#### (1) SUSTAINABLE

Focus on
UN SDG
investments
through
selection,
portfolio
management,
and
shareholder
advocacy

#### (2) SPECIFIC

Focus on UN SDG investment opportunities that create market rate returns or higher

#### (3) IMPACT-FIRST

Focus on UN SDG investments with some financial tradeoffs

# TRADITIONAL PHILANTHROPY

Impact-only
Focus on areas
where the UN
SDG need
requires 100%
financial tradeoff

High-impact solutions

**UN SDG Opportunities** 

UN SDG Risk Management

#### Competitive financial returns

Source: Brandstetter, L., & Lehner, O. M. (2015). Opening the Market for Impact Investments: The Need for Adapted Portfolio Tools. Entrepreneurship Research Journal, 5(2), 87-107. P. 5. http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2519671.