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- 2. As both specialist firms and mainstream investors have moved towards more intensive and granular ESG research, a consensus is building around the importance of human capital management. In particular, a greater focus is being placed on workforce diversity in differentiating a company's potential for value creation.
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