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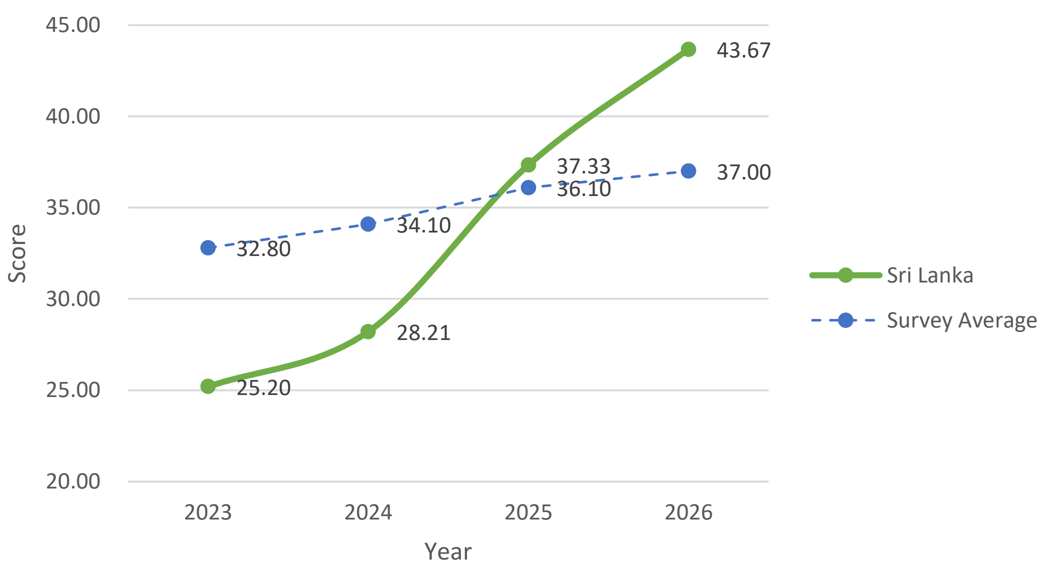
Sri Lanka becomes the fourth among the highest score improvers in the IIF Survey

Sri Lanka has recorded a second consecutive year of significant improvement in its sovereign investor relations practices, according to the Institute of International Finance (IIF) Investor Relations and Debt Transparency Report 2026, published in July 2026. The assessment evaluated the investor relations and debt transparency practices of 57 emerging markets and developing economies against internationally recognized best practices.

Sri Lanka's overall Investor Relations Country Score increased to 43.67 out of 50 in 2026 from 37.33 in 2025, representing an improvement of 6.34 points. The country's score placed it within the top quartile of the economies assessed, while Sri Lanka recorded the fourth-largest improvement in Investor Relations Country Scores and was recognized for notable progress in Debt Transparency and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Data and Policy Dissemination.

Sri Lanka's Investor Relations Country Score vs. Survey Average (2023–2026)



Sri Lanka's improvement among the fast movers in the final score of the survey was notably based on the improvements in its debt transparency score and the ESG data and policy dissemination score. The country became the fifth highest score improver in debt transparency in 2026, which is a significant improvement from its position of 19 in 2025. This is ample evidence for the sound debt management practices that had been adopted between the two years. The report also identifies Sri Lanka as the fifth among the ESG data and policy dissemination score improvers, highlighting the readiness of the country to reduce information asymmetry for ESG sensitive investors.

This achievement reflects the sustained efforts of the Public Debt Management Office (PDMO) to strengthen Sri Lanka's sovereign investor relations framework through the continued enhancement of investor relations and debt transparency practices, in collaboration with relevant stakeholder institutions. These continued improvements are expected to further strengthen investor confidence, broaden the sovereign investor base, support market access, and enhance Sri Lanka's credibility in international capital markets.

The IIF Investor Relations and Debt Transparency Report 2026 is available at: https://www.iif.com/Publications/ID/6634/2026-IIF-Investor-Relations-and-Debt-Transparency-Report-The-Transparency-Dividend