Research Excellence & Faculty Achievements

The Suliman S. Olayan School of Business is the second business school in the MENA area to be acknowledged as a partner by the Responsible Research in Business and Management (RRBM) project. The global network of business & management scholars is committed to rigorous & relevant research in supporting business & organizations by impacting society. 4 to 5 MOUs are in the pipeline with accredited and established business schools are currently under review with the purpose of improving internationalization, engagement, and impact. Additionally, OSB faculty members continued to receive prestigious research awards.

Research Impact Metrics Where we stand in last calendar year

OSB tracks quality and impact of research across the three tracks: Finance, Accounting and Managerial Economics (FAME), Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship (MME), and Business Information and Decision Systems (BIDS) using several impact indicators. Impact indicators measure the impact that a journal has had on scientific literature. This impact is measured by analyzing the citations received by the articles published within that journal. Impact indicators measure the importance of a publication within a specific subject area. They make it possible to create comparisons between, and rankings of journals in addition to measuring the relevance of each title in the subject area that it is associated with.

SJR Quartiles

Rankings of journals in each subject category are divided into quartiles, these quartiles rank the journals from highest to lowest based on their impact factor or impact index. There are four quartiles: Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 . Each subject category of journals is divided into four quartiles: Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4. Q1 is occupied by the top 25% of journals in the list; Q2 is occupied by journals in the 25 to 50% group; Q3 is occupied by journals in the 50 to 75% group and Q4 is occupied by journals in the 75 to 100% group.
The most prestigious journals within a subject area are those occupying the first quartile, Q1. The importance of the other journals declines as we move down through the quartiles. The chart below reflects a breakdown of the percentage of publications that were in Q1 and Q2 by track.

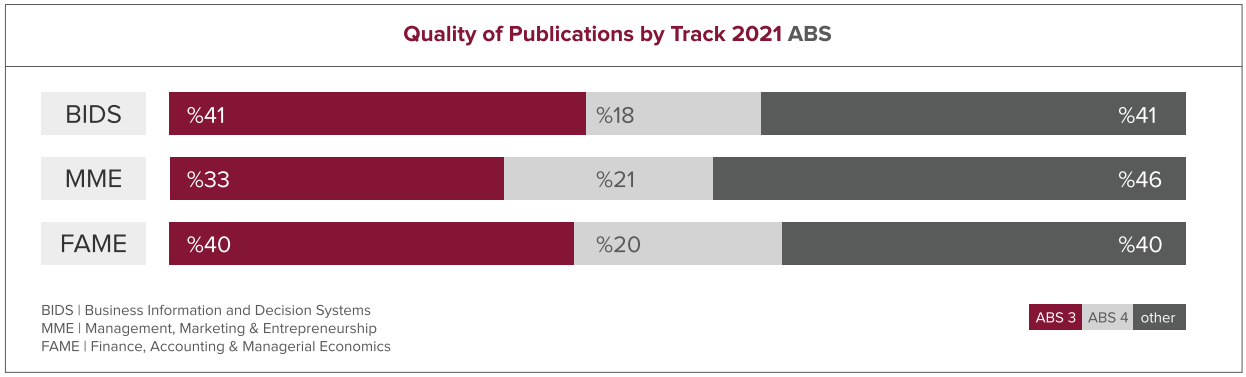
Quality of Publications by Track 2021 Quartiles

BIDS | Business Information and Decision Systems
MME | Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship
FAME | Finance, Accounting & Managerial Economics

Q1 Q2 other

The Chartered Association of Business Schools ('ABS') journal ranking

The Chartered Association of Business Schools ('ABS') journal rankings go from 4* (highest) to 1 (lowest). Researchers in many institutions are strongly encouraged to publish only in journals ranked 3 and above.
The chart below reflects a breakdown of the percentage of publications that were published in journals ranked 3 or 4.



The Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) Journals ranking

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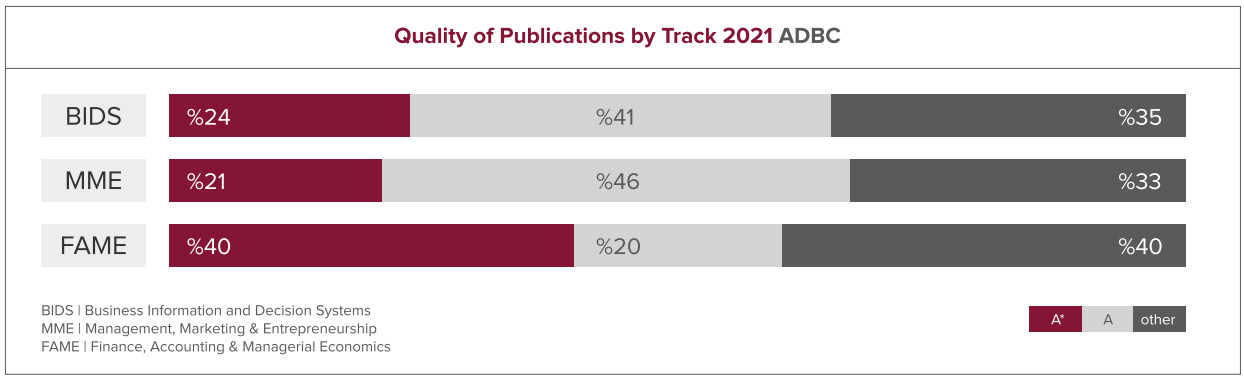

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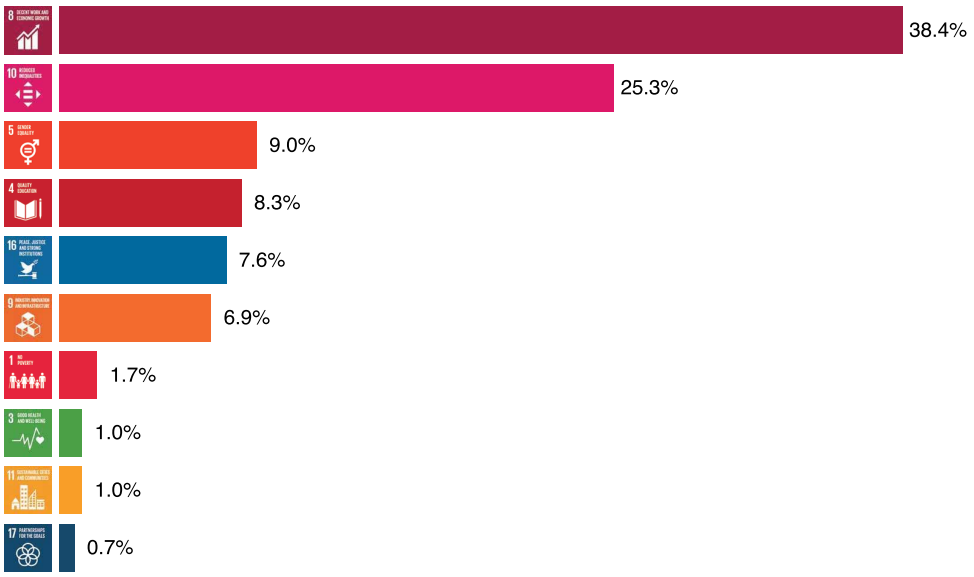

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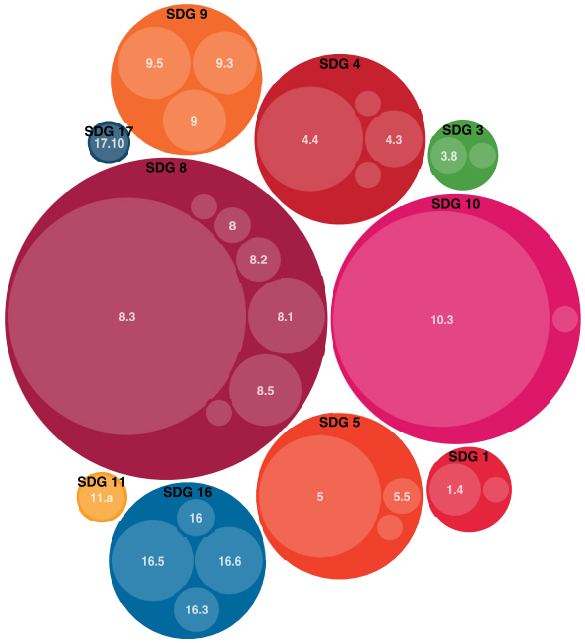

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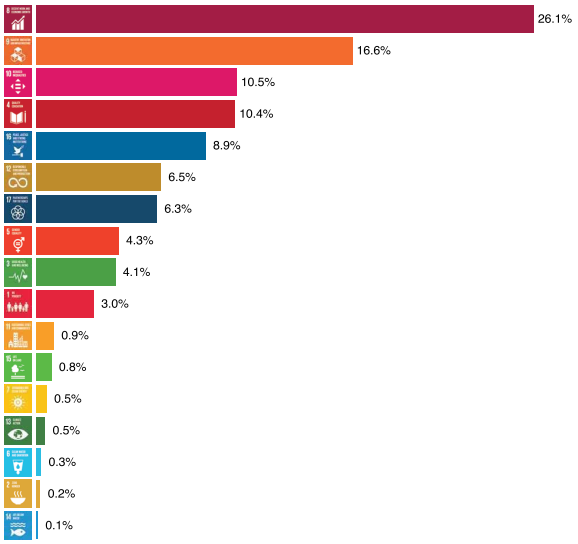

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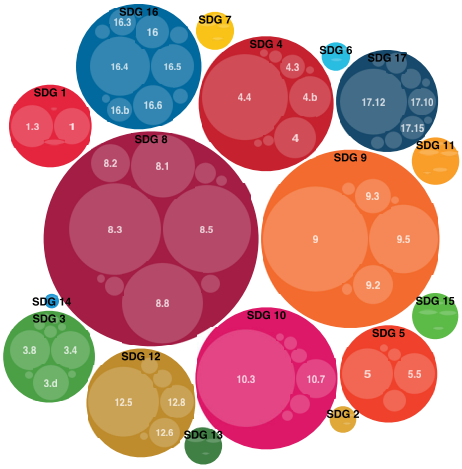

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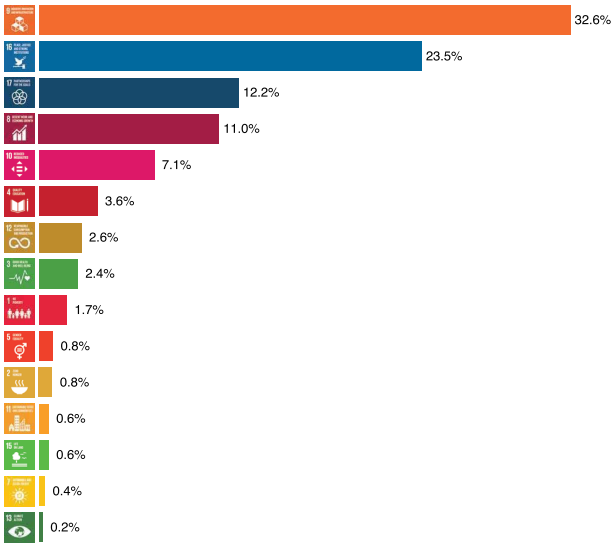

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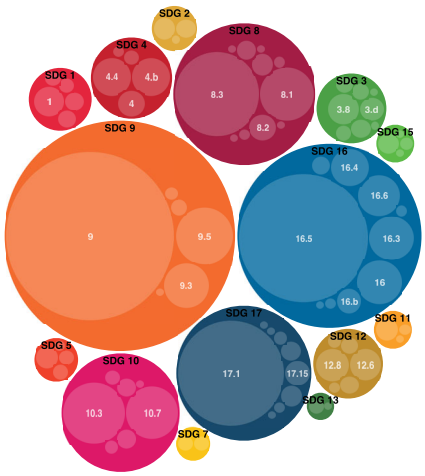

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