

# EXPLANATION OF HOW KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY REFLECT ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) FACTORS

Solactive Sustainable Development Goals High Dividend Low  
Volatility USD Index T



This document provides an explanation of how the key elements of the benchmark methodology reflect ESG factors. It is compiled in accordance with the requirements of point (d) of Article 13 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 (the "Benchmarks Regulation") and of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1817.

## General Information

<b>Name of the benchmark administrator</b>	Solactive AG
<b>Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks</b>	Equity
<b>Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks</b>	Solactive Sustainable Development Goals High Dividend Low Volatility USD Index T
<b>Does the benchmark methodology for the benchmark or family of benchmarks take into account ESG factors?</b>	Yes

## ESG Factors Applied in the Benchmark Methodology

<b>List of environmental factors considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with verified ongoing failure to respect established international norms. The core normative framework consists of the Principles of the UN Global Compact.</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies generating revenues from thermal coal extraction.</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies generating revenues from arctic oil &amp; gas exploration or oil sands extraction or shale energy extraction.</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies generating revenues from oil &amp; gas production or oil &amp; gas supporting products/services.</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) from electricity generation &gt;25% from nuclear production or &gt;25% from nuclear supporting products/services or &gt; 25% from nuclear distribution or &gt; 0% from thermal coal power generation or &gt;25% from oil &amp; gas generation.</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with a negative aggregate score from an assessment of revenue derived from products or services obstructing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Solutions Assessment)</li> </ul>
<b>List of social factors considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with verified ongoing failure to respect established international norms. The core normative framework consists of the Principles of the UN Global Compact.</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) &gt;0% from controversial weapons or &gt;10% from civilian firearms or &gt;10% from Military equipment and services.</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies classified in the industry "Aerospace &amp; Defense"</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies generating revenues in the sector of tobacco.</li> <li>&gt; Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) &gt;10% from gambling products/services or &gt; 10% from specialized gambling equipment or &gt;10% from gambling operations.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) &gt;10% from adult entertainment production or &gt; 10% from adult entertainment distribution.</li><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with a negative aggregate score from an assessment of revenue derived from products or services obstructing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Solutions Assessment)</li></ul>
<b>List of governance factors considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with a negative aggregate score from an assessment of revenue derived from products or services obstructing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Solutions Assessment)</li></ul>

## Data and Standards used

<b>Data Input</b>	The data used to construct the index is sourced externally from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc.
<b>Verification and quality of data</b>	The provider of ESG-related data input is selected by the Administrator based on an assessment of its existing processes in order to ensure the reliability and representativeness of the ESG-related data. The data provider has established processes in accordance with accepted and established market standards that ensure the permanent quality and reliability of the ESG-data provided.
<b>Reference standards</b>	International standards referenced by the index methodology are listed in the respective section above.
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