

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

Solactive Paris Aware Global Aggregate EUR Hedged Index



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**

Name of the benchmark administrator	Solactive AG
Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks	Fixed Income – Mixed
Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks	Solactive Paris Aware Global Aggregate EUR Hedged Index
Does the benchmark methodology for the benchmark or family of benchmarks take into account ESG factors?	Yes

#### ESG Factors Applied in the Benchmark Methodology

List of environmental factors considered	Exclusion of companies with verified failure to respect established norms such as the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the Organ isation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines fo Multinational Enterprises, or UN Guiding Principles for Business and Hu man Rights.
	Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their tota revenues) >1% from coal mining and coal power generation.
	<ul> <li>Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their tota revenues) &gt;10% from fossil fuel production, exploration, distribution and services.</li> </ul>
	Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their tota revenues) >50% from electric power generation from fossil fuel sources.
	Exclusion of companies with significant negative impact on one of the fol lowing sustainable development goals (SDGs): Sustainable Developmen Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, Sustainable Develop ment Goal 13: Climate Action, Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Be low Water, Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.
	> At least 50% reduction in carbon emissions (based on Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions) compared to the investable universe for corporate issuers.
	> At least 7% reduction per year in carbon emissions (based on Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions) for corporate issuers.
	> At least 50% reduction in carbon intensity (based on Scope 1, 2, and 3 emis sions and book values of equity and debt) compared to the investable uni verse for corporate issuers.
	<ul> <li>&gt; At least 7% reduction per year in carbon intensity (based on Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions and book values of equity and debt) for corporate issuers.</li> </ul>
List of social factors considered	Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their tota revenues) >0% from tobacco cultivation and production.

	<ul> <li>Exclusion of companies with verified or alleged ongoing involvement in the area of controversial weapons.</li> <li>Exclusion of companies with verified failure to respect established norms such as the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the Organ-</li> </ul>
	isation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, or UN Guiding Principles for Business and Hu- man Rights.
List of governance factors considered	Exclusion of companies with verified failure to respect established norms such as the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles, the Organ- isation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, or UN Guiding Principles for Business and Hu- man Rights.

### Data and Standards used

Data Input	The data used to construct the index is sourced externally from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. and from the Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research (EDGAR) for sovereign issuers.
Verification and quality of data	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.
Reference standards	International standards referenced by the index methodology are listed in the respective section above.
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