

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

ISS ESG US Diversity Index NTR



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
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<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>	> Not applicable.
<b>List of social factors considered</b>	> not applicable
<b>List of governance factors considered</b>	> Index components must fulfill all three of the following criteria: (i) Company's Board has a 35% combined minimum of women or ethnically diverse Directors, (ii) Company has a combined minimum of three distinct ethnically diverse individuals among Directors or Named Executive Officers, or a minimum of two such individuals if the CEO or Board Chair is ethnically diverse. 3. Company has a combined minimum of three distinct women among Directors or Named Executive Officers, or a minimum of two women if the CEO or Board Chair is a woman.

## 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>	Not applicable.
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