

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

RAFI Fundamental Emerging Markets Carbon Neutral Exclusion
Screened NTR 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	Equity
Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks	RAFI Fundamental Emerging Markets Carbon Neutral Exclusion Screened NTR 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Calculation of Individual, Baseline, and Index Carbon Intensity.> The index starts with RAFI Fundamental Emerging Markets and at each rebalance tilts index constituent weights in order to reduce the overall index carbon intensity to roughly match the carbon intensity of the market.> For each Emerging Markets region, companies are sorted in descending order by their Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G) scores respectively. Companies which belong in the bottom 15% by fundamental weight, for each respective E, S and G categorization are excluded.> Exclusion of companies that derive at least 5% of their revenue from exploration or production of fossil fuels, unless the company has a transition plan that is considered compatible with the Paris accord.> A list of company level exclusions is applied at each quarterly rebalance. Exclusions are provided semi-annually in April and October by a third party pension organization. The following companies are excluded: Companies that have a verified failure to respect established international norms.
List of social factors considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> For each Emerging Markets region, companies are sorted in descending order by their Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G) scores respectively. Companies which belong in the bottom 15% by fundamental weight, for each respective E, S and G categorization are excluded.> A list of company level exclusions is applied at each quarterly rebalance. Exclusions are provided semi-annually in April and October by a third party pension organization. The following companies are excluded:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> • Companies that have a verified involvement in controversial weapons.> • Companies that derive at least 5% of their revenue from military equipment and services.> • Companies that derive at least 5% of their revenue from tobacco production> • Companies that have a verified failure to respect established international norms.



List of governance factors considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> For each Emerging Markets region, companies are sorted in descending order by their Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G) scores respectively. Companies which belong in the bottom 15% by fundamental weight, for each respective E, S and G categorization are excluded.> A list of company level exclusions is applied at each quarterly rebalance. Exclusions are provided semi-annually in April and October by a third party pension organization. The following companies are excluded: Companies that have a verified failure to respect established international norms.
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Data and Standards used

Data Input	The data used to construct the index is sourced externally from Research Affiliates, LLC.
Verification and quality of data	The provider of ESG-related data input is selected by the Index Owner (RAFI Indices) and approved by the Index Administrator (Solactive AG) 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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