

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

Solactive ISS ESG Global Water Select Index 5% AR



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	Solactive ISS ESG Global Water Select Index 5% AR
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">> 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 and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.> Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from activities in the sector of conventional oil and gas.> Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >0% from activities in the sector of unconventional oil and gas.> Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from activities in the sector of coal, i.e. mining and power generation.> Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from activities in the sector of nuclear power.> Each security receives two scores, one based on the Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation and one based on the Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water Scores. Each score is standardized by the respective sector in the index universe. Both scores are standardized by subtracting the average score per sector and dividing by the standard deviation of scores in the respective sector. All securities with a sector standardized Clean Water and Sanitation Score below 1 or a sector standardized Life Below Water Score below or equal to 0 are excluded.
List of social factors considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> 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 and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.> Exclusion of companies with verified ongoing involvement in the area of controversial weapons (including chemical, biological and nuclear weapons (both under and outside the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear



	<p>Weapons), depleted uranium munitions, cluster munitions, and anti-personnel mines).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from activities in the sector of tobacco. > Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from activities in the sector of cannabis. > Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from activities in the sector of defense and weapons, i.e. military equipment and civilian firearms. > Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from activities in the sector of pornography. > Each security receives two scores, one based on the Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation and one based on the Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water Scores. Each score is standardized by the respective sector in the index universe. Both scores are standardized by subtracting the average score per sector and dividing by the standard deviation of scores in the respective sector. All securities with a sector standardized Clean Water and Sanitation Score below 1 or a sector standardized Life Below Water Score below or equal to 0 are excluded.
List of governance factors considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 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 and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

Data and Standards used

Data Input	The data used to construct the index is sourced externally from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc.
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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