

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

Solactive Developed Markets ISS ESG SDG Climate Focus USD Index TR



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 Developed Markets ISS ESG SDG Climate Focus USD Index TR (DE000SL0GYN4)
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 ongoing failure to respect established international norms. The core normative framework consists of the Prin- ciples of the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multina- tional Enterprises.
	> Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from fossil fuels services, >5% from fossil fuels distribution or >0% from power generation, extraction/mining and refining of fossil fuels.
	> Exclusion of companies generating revenues from oil sands.
	> Exclusion of companies generating revenues from arctic drilling
	Exclusion of companies with a significant negative impact on any of the 17 single Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) based on the ISS "SDG Impact Rating".
	> Only inclusion of companies with an overall significant or limited positive impact on the SDGs based on the ISS "SDG Impact Rating".
List of social factors considered	> 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 Weapons), depleted uranium munitions, cluster munitions, and anti-personnemines).
	> Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >5% from military equipment.
	> Exclusion of companies with a significant negative impact on any of the 17 single Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) based on the ISS "SDG



	Impact Rating".
	> Only inclusion of companies with an overall significant or limited positive impact on the SDGs based on the ISS "SDG Impact Rating".
List of governance factors considered	> 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 a significant negative impact on any of the 17 single Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) based on the ISS "SDG Impact Rating".
	> Only inclusion of companies with an overall significant or limited positive impact on the SDGs based on the ISS "SDG Impact Rating".

# 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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