

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

Solactive Sustainable Europe Low Risk Equity 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

Name of the benchmark administrator	Solactive AG
Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks	Equity
Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks	Solactive Sustainable Europe Low Risk Equity Index NTR
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">> Companies with any involvement in the animal testing for non-pharmaceutical products.> Producers with more than 5% revenue and Retailers with more than 10% revenue from the fur and specialty leather-related business activities.> Companies with more than 5% revenue from development, cultivation, and growing genetically modified seeds, plants, and crops.> Producers with more than 5% revenue from ownership and operation of nuclear power generators and Companies with more than 10% revenue from distribution of utilities generated from nuclear power and Companies with more than 10% revenue from providing products and services to support nuclear power-related business activities.> Producers with more than 5% revenue from palm oil and Companies with more than 5% revenue from trading palm oil and Retailers and refiner with more than 50% of revenue from palm oil.> Producers with more than 5% revenue and Retailers with more than 50% revenue from pesticide-related business activities> 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.
List of social factors considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Producers with more than 5% revenue and Distributors with more than 10% revenue from the adult entertainment-related business activities.> Producers with more than 5% revenue from selling small arms to civilian customers, and military/law enforcement and Distributors/retailers with more than 5% revenue from small arms or key components.> Companies with more than 5% revenue from operation of gambling-related business activities and Companies with more than 10% revenue from the



	<p>manufacturing specialized equipment and providing supporting products and services to the gambling-related business activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Producers with more than 5% revenue from providing military weapons, offensive weapons systems or secondary components of weapons and Companies with more than 5% revenue from providing products or services that support military weapons and Companies with more than 5% revenue from providing non-weapon related products or services to the military or defense industry.> Producers with more than 5% revenue from tobacco products and Retailers with more than 10% revenue from tobacco products and Companies with more than 10% revenue from providing products and services from tobacco-related business activities.> 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 and Companies with >10% share in the involved companies and Companies with >10% ownership by the involved companies 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-personnel mines).
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 Sustainalytics
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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