

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

Solactive ISS Quality Governance 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

<b>Name of the benchmark administrator</b>	Solactive AG
<b>Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks</b>	Equity
<b>Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks</b>	Solactive ISS Quality Governance NTR Index
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies significantly involved in the sector of nuclear power (generating revenues &gt;10% in this sector).</li></ul>
<b>List of social factors considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies significantly involved in the sector of tobacco (generating revenues &gt;10% in this sector).</li><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies significantly involved in the sector of pornography (generating revenues &gt;10% in this sector).</li><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies significantly involved in the sector of gambling (generating revenues &gt;10% in this sector).</li><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies significantly involved in the sector of alcohol (generating revenues &gt;10% in this sector).</li><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies significantly involved in the sector of military equipment (generating revenues &gt;10% in this sector).</li></ul>
<b>List of governance factors considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with an audit raw score &lt;0.</li><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with a board structure score &gt;7.</li><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with a shareholder rights score &gt;7.</li><li>&gt; Exclusion of companies with a compensation score &gt;7.</li><li>&gt; The top 100 stocks by total Governance Score are selected to the final index.</li></ul>

## Data and Standards used

<b>Data Input</b>	The data used to construct the index is sourced externally from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc.
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<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>	International standards referenced by the index methodology are listed in the respective section above.
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