

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

WILDERHILL Clean Ocean Index (JPY 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

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| Name of the benchmark administrator | Solactive AG |
| Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks | Equity |
| Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks | WILDERHILL Clean Ocean Index (JPY 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

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| List of environmental factors considered | <p>> For a company to be reviewed for consideration for inclusion in the IN-DEX, it must pass a screen by achieving an internal score of 3 or better out of 5 for oceans and sustainability. The scores are assigned by WilderShares® LLC based on recommendations of an Advisory Committee with experts in marine science and related fields. The members of the Advisory Committee are disclosed by the WilderShares® LLC on the website www.cleanoceanindex.com. The scores are qualitative emphasizing impacts for ocean health, biodiversity, preventing pollution, or lowering greenhouse gases. Sustainability & environment are emphasized. In determining the scores, there is a strong bias in favor of purer-play companies focused on products, goods, services for (i) clean healthy oceans; (ii) robust marine ecosystems; (iii) renewable energy and efficiency; (iv) sustainability; (v) water treatment; (vi) greener ports; (vii) better efficiency in shipping; (viii) pollution prevention upstream such as greener alternatives, eco-thinking such as in agriculture, non-meat substitutes; or (ix) climate change solutions. Companies in emerging related fields ahead may be considered too with respect to their advancing or reflecting this clean ocean sector. In addition, the purer purer-play companies need to derive significant market value from their environmentally relevant activities. There is a clear focus on companies providing more sustainable solutions with particular focus on advancing healthy oceans. These include for example companies reflecting certified fishing practices, low-carbon renewable energy, and prevention of coastal pollution in the first place. In addition, external ESG scores of B- (or equivalent) or better for E (Environmental) criteria are generally required to be held by at least 90% of those companies reviewed for consideration for inclusion in the Index that do have an ESG score. Scores for the ESG filter process are derived by WilderShares® LLC from recognized ESG data providers.</p> |
| List of social factors considered | > Not applicable |
| List of governance factors considered | > Not applicable |



Data and Standards used

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| Data Input | The data used to construct the index is sourced externally from WilderShares® LLC. |
| 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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