

## CONSIDERATION OF ESG FACTORS IN THE BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY

Item 1. Name of the benchmark administrator.	STOXX Ltd.
Item 2. Type of benchmark.	Equity
Item 3. Name of the benchmark.	Benchmark - EURO iSTOXX Ocean Care 40 Family - STOXX Environmental Social & Governance Family
Item 4. Does the methodology take into account ESG factors?	Yes
Item 5. ESG factors taken into account for benchmark family.	
(a) List of environmental factors considered	<p>This benchmark family takes the following environmental factors into account by exclusion: Global Standards Screening; Controversy Ratings; Environmental Ratings, Overall ESG Ratings; Unconventional Oil &amp; Gas; Conventional Oil &amp; Gas; Thermal Coal; Genetically Modified Plants &amp; Seeds; Pesticides; Palm Oil; Power Generation from Fossil Fuels; Subsectorial Classification.</p> <p>This benchmark family takes the following environmental factors into account by selection: Environmental Ratings, Overall ESG Ratings.</p> <p>This benchmark family takes the following environmental factors into account by weighting: Environmental Ratings, Overall ESG Ratings; EU Climate Transition Benchmark EU CTB requirements; EU Paris Aligned Benchmark (EU PAB) requirements.</p>
(b) List of social factors considered	<p>This benchmark family takes the following social factors into account by exclusion: Global Standards Screening; Controversy Rating; Social Rating, Overall ESG Rating; Controversial Weapons; Weapons (Small Arms &amp; Military Contracting); Nuclear Power; Tobacco; Adult Environmental; Alcoholic Beverages; Fur &amp; Speciality Leather; Gambling; Abortion; Contraceptives; Human Embryonic Stem Cells; Genetically Modified Plants &amp; Seeds; Predatory Lending, Subsectorial Classification.</p> <p>This benchmark family takes the following social factors into account by selection: Social Rating; Overall ESG Rating.</p> <p>This benchmark family takes the following social factors into account by weighting: Social Rating; Overall ESG Rating.</p>
(c) List of governance factors considered.	<p>This benchmark family takes the following governance factors into account by exclusion: Global Standards Screening; Governance Rating; Overall ESG Rating.</p> <p>This benchmark family takes the following governance factors into account by selection: Social Rating; Overall ESG Rating.</p> <p>This benchmark family takes the following governance factors into account by weighting: Social Rating; Overall ESG Rating.</p>
Item 6. ESG factors applied for the stated benchmark.	

(a)List of environmental factors considered	Environmental Rating – Operations Incidents	Exclusion	
	Environmental Rating – Ocean Care KPIs	Weighting	
(a)List of social factors considered			
(c)List of governance factors considered.			
Description of factors considered.	<p>Environmental Rating – Operations Incident Score: Sustainalytics' measures the extent to which issuers have been involved in operational incidents relevant to ocean pollution.</p> <p>Environmental Rating – Ocean Care KPIs: Sustainalytics' Ocean Care KPIs measures how well issuers manage 12 environmental KPIs concerned with efficient water management and strong environmental policies.</p>		
Item 7. Data and standards used			
(a) Data input.	<p>The reported data are sourced externally from:</p> <p>(i) Sustainalytics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Morningstar Inc.  <a href="https://www.sustainalytics.com/">https://www.sustainalytics.com/</a></p>		
(b) Verification and quality of data.	<p>The verification and quality of data are checked both externally and internally by automated and manual quality assurance processes involving, inter alia, change control; change mapping; ID mapping; exception reporting; pre-publication reviews; continuous incident monitoring; quarterly rebalancing and centralised definitions.</p>		
(c) Reference standards	<p>No specific reference standards are used for this benchmark.</p>		
Date on which information has been last updated and reason for the update:	<p>December 2020 - First Version</p>		