

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 STOXX Europe Low Carbon Footprint 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 & Gas; Conventional Oil & Gas; Thermal Coal; Genetically Modified Plants & 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 & Military Contracting); Nuclear Power; Tobacco; Adult Environmental; Alcoholic Beverages; Fur & Speciality Leather; Gambling; Abortion; Contraceptives; Human Embryonic Stem Cells; Genetically Modified Plants & 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	Subsectorial Classification - Coal	Exclusion
	Subsectorial Classification - Chemicals	Exclusion
	Subsectorial Classification - Utilities	Exclusion
	Subsectorial Classification - Energy	Exclusion
	Subsectorial Classification - Construction & Materials	Exclusion
	Subsectorial Classification - Travel & Leisure	Exclusion
	Subsectorial Classification - Real Estate	Exclusion
	Subsectorial Classification - Basic Resources	Exclusion
	Environmental Ratings: – Carbon Intensity Score	Exclusion
	Environmental Ratings: – Carbon Intensity Score	Selection
	Environmental Ratings: – Carbon Intensity Score	Weighting
(a)List of social factors considered		
(c)List of governance factors considered.		
Description of factors considered.	<p>Environmental Ratings: – Carbon Intensity Score is derived from issuers' disclosed GHG emissions data on the CDP database and their turnover. Where this data is not disclosed' issuers are excluded..</p> <p>Subsectorial Classification. FTSE Russell Industry Classification Benchmark Subsectors are the lowest level of taxonomic hierarchy for the categorization and comparison of companies.</p>	
Item 7. Data and standards used		
(a) Data input.	<p>The reported data are sourced externally from:</p> <p>(i) CDP, a not-for-profit charity that runs a global environmental disclosure system. https://www.cdp.net/en</p> <p>(ii) FTSE Russell, a a wholly owned subsidiary of London Stock Exchange Group. https://www.ftserussell.com/</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>None used for this benchmark</p>	
Date on which information has been last updated and reason for the update:	<p>December 2020 - First Version</p>	