

CONSIDERATION OF ESG FACTORS IN THE BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY

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| Item 1. Name of the benchmark administrator. | STOXX Ltd. | |
| Item 2. Type of benchmark. | Equity | |
| Item 3. Name of the benchmark. | Benchmark - iSTOXX Global Women Leadership Select 30 Family - STOXX Factor Based 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; 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.</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 | | |

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| (a) List of social factors considered | | | |
| (c) List of governance factors considered. | Governance Rating – Women Leadership Score | Exclusion | |
| Description of factors considered. | Governance Rating: Sustainalytics' Women Leadership Score measures the proportion of women on an issuer's Management Board | | |
| 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. https://www.sustainalytics.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>UNGC Violations: The United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), and their underlying conventions.</p> <p>Controversial Weapons: International treaties and conventions used to define Controversial Weapons include Non-proliferation Treaty (1968), Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (1972), Chemical Weapons Convention (1997), Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (1999), Convention on Cluster Munitions (2008), United Nations Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (1980), and Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (1980).</p> | | |
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