

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 Global ESG Environmental Leaders 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; 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	Global Standards Screening	Exclusion

	Product Involvement – Unconventional Oil & Gas	Exclusion
	Product Involvement – Fossil Fuels	Exclusion
	Product Involvement – Thermal Coal	Exclusion
	Controversy Rating – Severe	Exclusion
	ESG Rating	Exclusion
	ESG Score	Selection
(a)List of social factors considered	Global Standards Screening	Exclusion
	Controversy Rating – Severe	Exclusion
	Business Involvement – Controversial Weapons	Exclusion
	Product Involvement – Military Contracting	Exclusion
	Product Involvement – Small Arms	Exclusion
	Product Involvement – Tobacco	Exclusion
	ESG Rating	Exclusion
	ESG Score	Selection
(c)List of governance factors considered.	Global Standards Screening	Exclusion
	Controversy Rating – Severe	Exclusion
	Governance Rating	Exclusion
	ESG Rating	Exclusion
	ESG Score	Selection
Description of factors considered.	<p>Global Standards Screening: the Sustainalytics Global Standards Screening assessment identifies companies that violate or are at risk of violating commonly accepted international norms and standards, enshrined in the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation 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: Sustainalytics assesses companies' involvement in banned or controversial weapons, including cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, depleted uranium, nuclear weapons, and biological and chemical weapons.</p> <p>Controversy Rating: Sustainalytics assesses companies' involvement in incidents with negative environmental, social and governance (ESG) implications. Controversy involvement is one key measure of ESG performance. A controversy is defined as an event or aggregation of events relating to an ESG topic. An event is assessed on its severity on a scale of 1 to 5 (1- Low, 2- Moderate, 3- Significant, 4- High, 5- Severe). The highest event rating under a controversy indicator, automatically becomes the Controversy Rating for a given company.</p> <p>Product Involvement: Sustainalytics Product Involvement Research identifies companies' involvement on a range of product involvement categories.</p>	

	<p>ESG Rating: the ESG ratings are sourced from Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating. The ESG Risk Rating evaluates the degree of a company's unmanaged material ESG risk by assessing a company's exposure to, and management of, the ESG issues that are considered most material for that company from a financial perspective. Sustainalytics assess and categorizes companies into five risk categories (Negligible, Low, Medium, High, Severe).</p> <p>ESG Score: the ESG scores are sourced from the Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating dataset. ESG Risk Rating Management Scores assesses how well a company is managing the ESG issues that are considered most material for that company from a financial perspective. It can be considered as a set of company commitments, actions and outcomes that demonstrate how well a company is managing the ESG risks it is exposed to. The scoring is based on a profound analysis performed by Sustainalytics analysts who evaluate every single company. The evaluation is based on a continuous research and analysis process using company data, media reports, sector studies and public institutions. The scores range from 0 to 100, with 0 indicating no (evidence of) management of the issues and 100 very strong management of the issues.</p> <p>More detailed information on the application of these categories is available within the relevant methodology guides.  <a href="https://www.stoxx.com/rulebooks">https://www.stoxx.com/rulebooks</a></p>
Item 7. Data and standards used	
(a) Data input.	<p>The 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>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>
Date on which information has been last updated and reason for the update:	<p>May 2025 - Third Version</p> <p>Switch from Sustainalytics to ISS-ESG and addition of new ESG screens</p>