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# Solactive WisdomTree Global Sustainable Equity UCITS Index



## Index Construction

The Solactive WisdomTree Global Sustainable Equity UCITS Index seeks to track the performance of companies from developed markets that positively contribute to social and/or environmental objectives according to defined sustainability criteria.

### 1. Define Universe

Stocks are selected from the Solactive GBS Developed Market Large & Mid Cap Index (Parent Index). The Index tracks the performance of the large and mid-cap segment covering approximately the largest 85% of the free-float market capitalisation in the developed markets.

### 2. Apply ESG Screen

Companies are excluded from the universe based on the following ESG criteria:

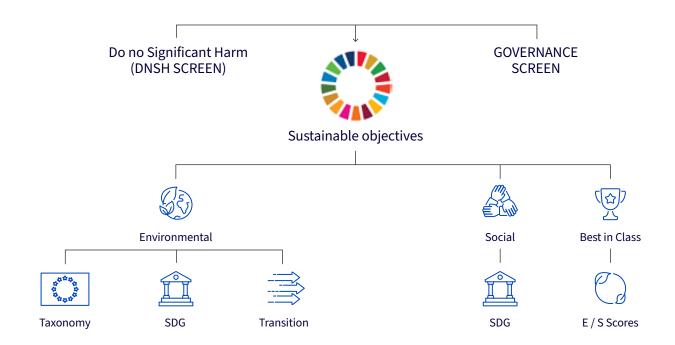
Classified as "non-compliant" with international norms and standards, such as the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and their underlying conventions.

- Deriving more than 0% of revenue from controversial weapons, or tobacco activities, except companies deriving less than 5% of revenue from tobacco distribution.
- Deriving more than 5% of revenue from thermal coal activities, such as thermal coal extraction, or thermal coal-based power generation.
- Deriving more than 5% of revenue from unconventional oil and gas activities, including oil sands extraction, arctic oil and gas exploration, or shale energy extraction and production
- Deriving more than 5% of revenue from small arms activities
- The company has a Sustainalytics
   Controversy Rating of 5 or a
   Sustainalytics Controversy Rating of 4
   with a negative outlook.
- The company has a Sustainalytics
   ESG Risk Score of greater than 30.

Additional criteria for company exclusion can be found in the <u>index methodology</u>.

### 3. Stock Selection

Figure 1: Sustainability Framework



A company is evaluated across the following criteria before being selected:

## **Taxonomy**

The company has greater or equal to 20% of revenues **aligned with the EU taxonomy**<sup>1</sup> or is in the top quintile of its sector concerning the former aligned revenue.

### UN SDGs<sup>2</sup>

- a. (Environmental) The company has greater or equal to 20% of revenues aligned with contributing to the SDGs
  6, 7, 12, 13, 14, or 15. Alternatively, the company is in the top quintile of its sector concerning the former aligned revenue.
- **b.** (Social) The company has greater or equal to 20% of revenues aligned with contributing to the SDGs 2, 3, 4, 10, or 11. Alternatively, the company is in the top quintile of its sector concerning the former aligned revenue.

1 **EU TAXONOMY** is the EU taxonomy for sustainable activities. For more information, please visit <u>finance.ec.europa.eu</u>

 $2 \ \textbf{UN SDGs} \ \text{are the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. For more information, please visit} \ \underline{sdgs.un.org/goals}$ 

### **Transition**

- a. The company's proportion of capital expenditure that is EU taxonomyaligned exceeds the proportion of revenue that is EU taxonomy-aligned by at least 10%.
- b. The company has SBTi-approved<sup>3</sup>
  carbon emission reduction targets
  and a positive "Carbon Trend" which is
  defined as a decline of at least 10% in
  Scope 1&2 GHG emissions over the
  last 3 years.

### **Best-In-Class**

- a. The company is at the intersection of the top quintiles of its sector concerning Sustainalytics' Environmental Risk Management Score and Social Risk Management Score.
- b. The company is at the intersection of the top quintiles of its sector concerning board gender diversity, workforce gender diversity, and senior management gender diversity.

The sustainability framework also features strong 'Do Not Significant Harm' (DNSH) and 'Good Governance' screens.

Additional details for the stock selection can be found in the <u>index methodology</u>.

### 4. Weighting

- + Weighted to maximize revenue proportion aligned with SDGs or EU Taxonomy.
- + Restricted diversion from the Parent Index.
- + The index is rebalanced semi-annually in May and November.



3 SBTi is short for Science Based Targets initiative. For more information, please visit www.sciencebasedtargets.org

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