

S&P ESG Dividend Aristocrats Indices and Dow Jones Asia ESG Select Dividend 30 Index Consultation on Eligibility Requirements – Results

AMSTERDAM, APRIL 1, 2022: S&P Dow Jones Indices (“S&P DJI”) has conducted a [consultation](#) with market participants on potential changes to the S&P ESG Dividend Aristocrats Indices and the Dow Jones Asia ESG Select Dividend 30 Index.

S&P DJI will make changes to the eligibility requirements used in these indices. The changes are detailed below.

EXCLUSIONS BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT (“UNGC”)

S&P DJI will change the provider of UNGC data for the **S&P ESG Dividend Aristocrats Indices**¹ from Arabesque to Sustainalytics, and will exclude companies that are deemed by Sustainalytics to be Non-Compliant. The aim of this change is to move away from the use of a continuous data set and towards a discrete data set.

EXCLUSIONS BASED ON BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

S&P DJI will introduce additional, expanded, and revised exclusions based on a company’s involvement in certain defined business activities. The additional exclusions cover Oil Sands, Small Arms and Military Contracting, the expanded exclusions cover Controversial Weapons, and the revised exclusions cover Tobacco. These changes were proposed following feedback about our current exclusions. In addition, Significant Ownership exclusions will no longer be applied for categories where the Direct Level of Involvement Threshold is non-zero. This change aims to avoid situations where companies could potentially end up being treated more harshly, as a result of the level of their indirect involvement, than they would be for their direct involvement. The table below details the changes:

Product Involvement	Category of Involvement and Description	S&P DJI Level of Involvement Threshold		S&P DJI Significant Ownership Threshold		Summary
		Previous	Updated	Previous	Updated	
Controversial Weapons	Tailor Made and Essential: The company is involved in the core weapon system, or components/services of the core weapon system that are considered tailor-made and essential for the lethal use of the weapon.	>0%	>0%	≥25%	≥25%	No change
	Non-tailor-made or non-essential: The company provides components/ services for the core weapon system, which are either not considered tailor-made or not essential to the lethal use of the weapon.	N/A	>0%	N/A	≥25%	New

¹ This is not applicable to the Dow Jones Asia ESG Select Dividend 30 Index, which already uses data from Sustainalytics.

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		Previous	Updated	Previous	Updated	
Thermal Coal	Extraction: The company extracts thermal coal.	≥5%	≥5%	N/A	N/A	No change
	Generation: The company generates electricity from thermal coal.	≥5%	≥5%	N/A	N/A	No change
Tobacco Products	Production: The company manufactures tobacco products.	>0%	>0%	≥25%	≥25%	No change
	Related Products/Services: The company supplies tobacco-related products/ services.	≥10%	≥5%	≥25%	N/A	Revision
	Retail: The company derives revenues from the distribution and/or retail sale of tobacco products	≥10%	≥5%	≥25%	N/A	Revision
Oil Sands	Extraction: The company extracts oil sands.	N/A	≥5%	N/A	N/A	New
Small Arms	Civilian customers (assault weapons): The company manufactures and sells assault weapons to civilian customers.	N/A	>0%	N/A	≥25%	New
	Civilian customers (non-assault weapons): The company manufactures and sells small arms (non-assault weapons) to civilian customers.	N/A	>0%	N/A	≥25%	New
	Military/law enforcement customers: The company manufactures and sells small arms to military/law enforcement.	N/A	>0%	N/A	≥25%	New
	Key components: The company manufactures and sells key components of small arms.	N/A	>0%	N/A	≥25%	New
	Retail/Distribution (assault weapons): The company is involved in the retail and/or distribution of assault weapons.	N/A	≥5%	N/A	N/A	New
	Retail/distribution (non-assault weapons): The company is involved in the retail and/or distribution of small arms (non-assault weapons).	N/A	≥5%	N/A	N/A	New
Military Contracting	Weapons: The company manufactures military weapon systems and/or integral, tailor-made components or these weapons.	N/A	≥10%	N/A	N/A	New
	Weapon-related products and services: The company provides tailor-made products and/or services that support military weapons.	N/A	≥10%	N/A	N/A	New

QUARTERLY ELIGIBILITY CHECK FOR BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT AND UNGC EXCLUSIONS

S&P DJI will introduce a quarterly eligibility check, whereby any current member of the index that is now found to be failing the Business Involvement or UNGC eligibility criteria will be removed from the index. The aim of this is to ensure that any changes to a company's eligibility are handled in a timely manner. No constituent will be added to the index as a result of any deletion that may take place.

INDEX ANNOUNCEMENT

IMPLEMENTATION TIMING

Dow Jones Asia ESG Select Dividend 30 Index. S&P DJI will implement the previously described methodology changes in conjunction with the upcoming rebalancing, which takes effect prior to the market open on Monday, May 2, 2022. The changes will first be visible to clients beginning on Friday, April 22, 2022.

S&P Euro ESG High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Index. S&P DJI will implement the previously described methodology changes in conjunction with upcoming rebalancing, which takes effect prior to the market open on Monday, June 20, 2022. The changes will first be visible to clients beginning on Friday, June 10, 2022.

All Other Indices. S&P DJI will implement the previously described methodology changes in conjunction with upcoming rebalancing, which takes effect prior to the market open on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. The changes will first be visible to clients beginning on Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

Please note that the methodologies on S&P DJI's website are being updated to reflect these changes.

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