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# **S&P Sustainability Enhanced Indices Consultation**

**AMSTERDAM, DECEMBER 20, 2024**: S&P Dow Jones Indices ("S&P DJI") is conducting a consultation with market participants on potential changes to the S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Indices included in the S&P Sustainability Enhanced Indices methodology.

In order to reduce the indices' tracking error relative to the respective underlying index universe, S&P DJI is proposing to remove the exclusions based on S&P Global Environmental Score and Revenue Thresholds in Fossil Fuel Power Generation. Additionally, S&P DJI will change the Optimization Constraints to remove the Weighted-average S&P Global Environmental Score constraint and modify the Weighted-average S&P Global ESG Score constraint. More details on the proposals are below.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

	Current	Proposed
Exclusions based on S&P Global ESG and Environmental Scores	At each rebalancing, exclude companies without an S&P Global ESG Score or S&P Global Environmental Score.	At each rebalancing, exclude companies without an S&P Global ESG Score.
	Any company with an S&P Global Environmental Score ranking in the lowest 5% (by count) of Environmental Scores in each index universe.	
Exclusions Based on Revenue Thresholds in Fossil Fuel Power Generation	As of each rebalancing reference date, exclude the following:   • companies without coverage   • companies where the sum of a company's revenue derived from the relevant Trucost sectors breaches the revenue thresholds:   Exclusion Revenue   Type Trucost Revenue Sectors   Power Petroleum Power Generation Generation   As of each rebalancing reference date, exclude the following:	

# **Optimization Constraints**

Constraint	Current	Proposed
Weighted-average S&P Global ESG Score (waESG)	≥ min(110% x underlying index waESG*, ESG Score ceiling**)	≥ min(underlying index waESG*)
Weighted-average S&P Global Environmental Score (waE)	≥ min(110% x underlying index waE***, Environmental Score ceiling****)	

\* Stocks without an S&P Global ESG Score are excluded from the waESG calculation.

\*\* ESG Score ceiling is defined as the eligible universe waESG after 50% by index market capitalization (IMC) weight of the lowest S&P Global ESG scoring stocks are removed and the weight redistributed.

\*\*\* Stocks without an S&P Global Environmental Score are excluded from the waE calculation.

\*\*\*\* Environmental Score ceiling is defined as the eligible universe *waE* after 50%, by IMC weight, of the lowest S&P Global Environmental scoring stocks are removed and the removed weight redistributed.

# **IMPACTED INDICES**

Index Name	Index Code
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Communication Services Index (USD)	SPDSECUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Consumer Discretionary Index (USD)	SPDSEDUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Energy Index (USD)	SPDSEEUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Financials Index (USD)	SPDSEFUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Health Care Index (USD)	SPDSEHUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Industrials Index (USD)	SPDSEIUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Materials Index (USD)	SPDSEMUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Real Estate Index (USD)	SPDSERUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Consumer Staples Index (USD)	SPDSESUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Information Technology Index (USD)	SPDSETUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Utilities Index (USD)	SPDSEUUP
S&P World Sustainability Enhanced Banks Index (USD)	SPDSEBUP

## IMPACT ANALYSIS

An impact analysis on the proposed changes is available *here*.

Additional data and analysis may be made available in the Client Resource Center <u>www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/client-services/</u>, which may be updated from time to time throughout the consultation without notice. Additional data and analysis may also be made available upon request.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION TIMING**

S&P DJI is proposing to implement the previously described methodology changes, if adopted, in conjunction with the next rebalance which will take effect prior to the market open on **Thursday, May 1**, **2025**. If adopted, the changes will first be visible to clients in pro-forma files beginning on **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**.

## QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions and provide S&P DJI with the reasoning behind your answers:

- 1. Do you agree with the proposal to remove the exclusion based on S&P Global Environmental Score?
- 2. Do you agree with the proposal to remove the exclusion based on Revenue Thresholds in Fossil Fuel Power Generation?
- 3. Do you agree with the proposal to change the Optimization Constraints?
- 4. If any of the proposed changes are adopted, do you agree with the proposed implementation date?
- 5. Do you have any other comments or feedback regarding the proposed changes outlined above?

Participation in this consultation is important as S&P DJI gathers information from various market participants to properly evaluate the market participants' views and preferences. Please respond to this survey by **Friday, January 3, 2025**, as S&P DJI does not accept responses post the survey closure date. Prior to the Index Committee's final review, S&P DJI may request clarifications from respondents as part of that review.

To participate in this consultation, please visit the online survey available <u>here</u>.

#### CONSULTATION

Please be advised that S&P DJI reviews and considers all feedback before a final decision is made. However, S&P DJI makes no guarantees and is under no obligation to comply with any of the responses. The survey may result in no changes or outcome of any kind. If S&P DJI decides to change the index methodology, the change(s) will be announced to clients and posted on the S&P DJI website with prior notice ahead of the effective date.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

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