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# S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted Indices Methodology

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### Introduction

#### **Index Objective and Highlights**

The S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted Indices measure the performance of securities in the TOPIX 500 (the "underlying index") that meet the sustainability criteria defined in *Eligibility Criteria*. The indices attempt to improve S&P Global ESG Score exposure with respect to the underlying index by overweighting (underweighting) companies with relatively high (low) S&P Global ESG Scores. Index constituents are weighted based on the constituents' weights in the underlying index, tilted such that companies with higher or lower S&P Global ESG scores are over or underweighted ("tilted") while maintaining tilting group neutrality, as described in *Index Construction*. Tilting Groups are the GICS Industry Groups and/or Sectors in the underlying index depending on constituent count and composition.

The weights in any given index can be tilted within each GICS industry group (or sector where necessary) or, alternatively, at the index level. The former allows similar overall industry group (or sector) weights to be maintained with respect to the underlying index.

The indices employ a range of scaling factors that, when applied to the weighting scheme, provide varying magnitudes of tilting. The scaling factor effectively controls the extent to which companies are overweighted or underweighted compared with their underlying index weight. Higher scaling factors imply the tilted index would have relatively greater S&P Global ESG Score exposure improvement, but also greater differences in constituent weights relative to the underlying index.

The indices employ a transparent, rules-based weighting scheme starting from companies' S&P Global ESG scores, which are then re-standardized. S&P Global Sustainable1 calculates these scores and derives them from their 'Corporate Sustainability Assessment' (CSA). A company's CSA score is derived using either company-provided data, publicly available information, or a combination thereof.

For information on the TOPIX 500 methodology, please refer to the Japan Exchange Group website at http://www.jpx.co.jp/english/.

For more information on the CSA process, please refer to <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/esg/csa/">https://www.spglobal.com/esg/csa/</a>.

For more information on S&P Global ESG Scores, please refer here.

#### **Supporting Documents**

This methodology is meant to be read in conjunction with supporting documents providing greater detail with respect to the policies, procedures and calculations described herein. References throughout the methodology direct the reader to the relevant supporting document for further information on a specific topic. The list of the main supplemental documents for this methodology and the hyperlinks to those documents is as follows:

Supporting Document	URL
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies &	Equity Indices Policies & Practices
Practices Methodology	Equity maices Folicies & Fractices
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics	Index Mathematics Methodology
Methodology	index Mathematics Methodology
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Float Adjustment	Float Adjustment Methodology
Methodology	Float Adjustment Methodology
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Global Industry	CICS Methodology
Classification Standard (GICS) Methodology	GICS Methodology

The methodology is created by S&P Dow Jones Indices to achieve the aforementioned objective of measuring the underlying interest of each index governed by this methodology document. Any changes to or deviations from this methodology are made in the sole judgment and discretion of S&P Dow Jones Indices so that the index continues to achieve its objective.

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# Eligibility Criteria

#### **Index Universe**

At each rebalancing, the index universe is all constituents of the underlying index.

#### **Exclusions Based on Sustainalytics' Global Standards Screening**

Sustainalytics' Global Standards Screening (GSS) provides an assessment of a company's impact on stakeholders and the extent to which a company causes, contributes, or is linked to violations of international norms and standards. The basis of the GSS assessments is the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles. Information regarding related standards is also provided in the screening, including the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, as well as their underlying conventions. Sustainalytics classifies companies into the following three statuses:

- Non-Compliant. Classification given to companies that do not act in accordance with the UNGC principles and its associated standards, conventions, and treaties.
- Watchlist. Classification given to companies that are at risk of violating one or more principles, for which all dimensions for Non-Compliant status could not be established or confirmed.
- **Compliant.** Classification given to companies that act in accordance with the UNGC principles and its associated standards, conventions, and treaties.

As of each rebalancing reference date, exclude the following:

- companies without coverage
- · companies classified as Non-Compliant

Please refer to <a href="http://www.sustainalytics.com/">http://www.sustainalytics.com/</a> for more information.

#### **Multiple Classes of Stock**

All publicly listed multiple share class lines are eligible for index inclusion, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria. For more information regarding the treatment of multiple share classes, please refer to Approach A within the Multiple Share Classes section of the S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology. All publicly listed multiple share class lines of a company are assigned and assessed using the same S&P Global ESG score.

#### **Exclusions Based on Controversies: Media and Stakeholder Analysis**

In addition to the above, S&P Global uses RepRisk for daily filtering, screening, and analysis of ESG risk incidents and controversial activities related to companies within the indices<sup>1</sup>.

In cases where risks are presented, S&P Global releases a Media and Stakeholder Analysis (MSA) which includes a range of issues such as economic crime and corruption, fraud, illegal commercial practices, human rights issues, labor disputes, workplace safety, catastrophic accidents, and environmental disasters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RepRisk, an ESG data science company, leverages the combination of AI and machine learning with human intelligence to systematically analyze public information in 23 languages and identify material ESG risks. With daily data updates across 100+ ESG risk factors, RepRisk provides consistent, timely, and actionable data for risk management and ESG integration across a company's operations, business relationships, and investments.

The Index Committee reviews constituents that have been flagged by S&P Global's MSA to evaluate the potential impact of controversial company activities on the composition of the indices. If the Index Committee decides to remove a company in question, that company is ineligible for re-entry into the index for at least one full calendar year, beginning with the subsequent rebalancing.

For more information on RepRisk, please refer to <u>www.reprisk.com</u>. This service is not considered a direct contribution to the index construction process.

### **Index Construction**

#### **Constituent Selection**

At each rebalancing, select the eligible constituents of the underlying index and form each index.

#### **Constituent Weighting**

At each rebalancing, the weights of all tilting groups are neutral to their weights in the eligible universe. Constituents' weights in each tilting group are determined using an ESG Tilt Score ( $S_i$ ).

Each ESG Tilt Score ( $S_i$ ) is calculated as follows:

- a. The S&P Global ESG Score for each company is transformed into an ESG z-score ( $Z_i$ ) at the underlying index level by:
  - Dividing by 100 and taking the inverse of the normal cumulative distribution function with a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one.
  - ii. The ESG z-score  $(Z_i)$  for each security is re-standardized using the mean and standard deviation of the available S&P Global ESG z-scores for the unique companies within the index universe before applying exclusions based on Sustainalytics' Global Standards Screening and controversies.
- b. If a company does not have an S&P Global ESG Score, it will be assigned an ESG z-score ( $Z_i$ ) set as equal to the lowest available ESG z-score value from the companies within its Tilting Group. If no companies have scores within the Tilting Group, the company will be assigned an ESG z-score of zero.
- c. The ESG z-score ( $Z_i$ ) for each company is transformed into the ESG Tilt Score ( $S_i$ ) as follows:

If 
$$Z_i > 0$$
,  $S_i = 1 + \lambda Z_i$ 

If 
$$Z_i < 0$$
,  $S_i = 1/(1 - \lambda Z_i)$ 

If 
$$Z_i = 0$$
,  $S_i = 1$ 

Where  $\lambda$  = Tilt Scaling Factor (as defined in the table below).

#### **Tilt Scaling Factors**

S&P ESG Tilted Index	Tilt Scaling Factor	Tilting Group
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (0.25) Index	0.25	Industry Group or Sector
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (0.5) Index	0.5	Industry Group or Sector
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (1.0) Index	1.0	Industry Group or Sector
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (2.0) Index	2.0	Industry Group or Sector

Each index is Industry Group / Sector Tilted, with the Tilting Groups determined on each rebalancing reference date as follows:

- Where a GICS Sector contains any GICS Industry Group with fewer than two S&P Global ESG Scores available, the GICS Sector is the Tilting Group.
- For the remaining Sectors (if any) where all Industry Groups have at least two S&P Global ESG scores, the Industry Groups each form individual Tilting Groups.

After the Tilting Group(s) are determined as above, the constituent weights are calculated as follows:

1. A Tilting Group's weight in the index is calculated as the sum of constituents' weights in the Tilting Group divided by the sum of all index constituents' weights in the eligible universe.

$$Weight_{Tilting\ Group} = \frac{\sum Index\ Weight,\ for\ all\ constituents\ in\ Tilting\ Group}{\sum Index\ Weight,\ for\ all\ index\ constituents}$$

2. Within each Tilting Group, constituents' weights are multiplied by their company ESG Tilt Score  $(S_i)$ . The constituents' weights within the Tilting Group are determined by dividing the constituent's tilted weight by the sum of all tilted weights within the Tilting Group.

$$Weight_{Constitutent\ in\ Tilting\ Group} = \frac{\textit{Constituent\ Index\ Weight} * \textit{S}}{\sum \textit{Index\ Weight} * \textit{S},\ \textit{for\ all\ constituents\ in\ Tilting\ Group}}$$

3. To ensure Tilting Group neutrality, the final constituent weight in each index is the product of Step 1 and Step 2 above.

$$Weight_{Constituent} = Weight_{Tilting\ Group}^* Weight_{Constituent\ in\ Tilting\ Group}$$

#### **Index Calculations**

The indices calculate by means of the divisor methodology used in all S&P Dow Jones Indices' equity indices.

For more information on the index calculation methodology, please refer to the Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

### **Index Maintenance**

#### Rebalancing

The indices rebalance semi-annually, effective after the close of the last business day of May and November. The rebalancing reference date is the last trading day of April and October.

#### **Quarterly UNGC Eligibility Review**

The index reviews index constituents for ongoing eligibility under the UNGC exclusion criteria and removes, without replacement, all ineligible companies effective after the close of the third Friday of March, June, September, December using a reference date for as of after the close of the last business day of the previous month. The review does not consider or include coverage changes.

#### **Ongoing Maintenance**

Index constituents are drawn from the underlying index. Specific changes to index constituents, such as share changes, Investable Weight Factor (IWF) changes, dividend distributions, and price adjustments, follow the treatment for Market Capitalization Indices defined in S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

For more information on Share Updates, Float Adjustment, and IWFs, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology and S&P Dow Jones Indices' Float Adjustment Methodology.

The indices are reviewed on an ongoing basis to account for corporate events such as mergers, takeovers, delistings, suspensions, spin-offs/demergers, or bankruptcies. Changes to index composition and related weight adjustments are made as soon as they are effective. These changes are typically announced prior to the implementation date.

#### **Quarterly Updates**

Changes to a constituent's shares and IWF as a result of the quarterly updates are effective after the close on the third Friday in March, June, September, and December.

#### **Additions and Deletions**

**Additions.** Except for spin-offs, no stocks are added to the indices between rebalancings. Spinoffs from the eligible universe are added to the index at the same AWF as the parent, and are evaluated for continued index inclusion at the subsequent rebalancing.

**Deletions.** Between rebalancings, a stock can be deleted from an index due to corporate events such as mergers, takeovers, delistings, suspensions, spin-offs/demergers, or bankruptcies.

In addition, at the discretion of the Index Committee, a deletion may occur if an MSA is raised.

#### **Corporate Actions**

For information on Corporate Actions, please refer to the Market Capitalization Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

#### **Currency of Calculation and Additional Index Return Series**

The indices calculate in Japanese yen and U.S. dollars.

In addition to the indices detailed in this methodology, additional return series versions of the indices may be available, including, but not limited to the following: currency, currency hedged, decrement, fair value, inverse, leveraged, and risk control versions. For a list of available indices, please refer to the <a href="Mailto:S&P DJI">S&P DJI</a> <a href="Methodology & Regulatory Status Database">Methodology & Regulatory Status Database</a>.

For information on various index calculations, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

For the inputs necessary to calculate certain types of indices, including decrement, dynamic hedged, fair value, and risk control indices, please refer to the Parameters documents available at <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/spdji">www.spglobal.com/spdji</a>.

#### **Base Dates and History Availability**

Index history availability, base dates, and base values are shown in the table below.

Index	Launch Date	First Value Date	Base Date	Base Value
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (0.25) Index	03/28/2022	05/31/2010	05/31/2010	1000
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Titled (0.5) Index	03/28/2022	05/31/2010	05/31/2010	1000
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (1.0) Index	03/28/2022	05/31/2010	05/31/2010	1000
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (2.0) Index	03/28/2022	05/31/2010	05/31/2010	1000

### **Index Data**

#### **Calculation Return Types**

S&P Dow Jones Indices calculates multiple return types which vary based on the treatment of regular cash dividends. The classification of regular cash dividends is determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices.

- Price Return (PR) versions are calculated without adjustments for regular cash dividends.
- Gross Total Return (TR) versions reinvest regular cash dividends at the close on the ex-date without consideration for withholding taxes.
- Net Total Return (NTR) versions, if available, reinvest regular cash dividends at the close on the ex-date after the deduction of applicable withholding taxes.

In the event there are no regular cash dividends on the ex-date, the daily performance of all three indices will be identical.

For a complete list of indices available, please refer to the daily index levels file (".SDL").

For more information on the classification of regular versus special cash dividends as well as the tax rates used in the calculation of net return, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

For more information on the calculation of return types, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

# **Index Governance**

#### **Index Committee**

An S&P Dow Jones Indices Index Committee maintains the indices. The Index Committee meets regularly. At each meeting, the Index Committee reviews pending corporate actions that may affect index constituents, statistics comparing the composition of the index to the market, companies that are being considered as candidates for addition to the index, and any significant market events. In addition, the Index Committee may revise index policy covering rules for selecting companies, treatment of dividends, share counts or other matters.

S&P Dow Jones Indices considers information about changes to its indices and related matters to be potentially market moving and material. Therefore, all Index Committee discussions are confidential.

S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Committees reserve the right to make exceptions when applying the methodology if the need arises. In any scenario where the treatment differs from the general rules stated in this document or supplemental documents, clients will receive sufficient notice, whenever possible.

In addition to the daily governance of indices and maintenance of index methodologies, at least once within any 12-month period, the Index Committee reviews the methodology to ensure the indices continue to achieve the stated objectives, and that the data and methodology remain effective. In certain instances, S&P Dow Jones Indices may publish a consultation inviting comments from external parties.

For information on Quality Assurance and Internal Reviews of Methodology, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

# **Index Policy**

#### **Announcements**

All index constituents are evaluated daily for data needed to calculate index levels and returns. All events affecting the daily index calculation are typically announced in advance via the Index Corporate Events report (.SDE), delivered daily to all clients. Any unusual treatment of a corporate action or short notice of an event may be communicated via email to clients.

Press releases are posted on our Web site, <u>www.spglobal.com/spdji</u>, and are released to major news services.

#### **Pro-forma Files**

In addition to the corporate events file (.SDE), S&P Dow Jones Indices provides constituent pro-forma files each time the indices rebalance. The pro-forma file is typically provided daily in advance of the rebalancing date and contains all constituents as well as their corresponding weights and index shares effective for the upcoming rebalancing.

Please visit <u>www.spglobal.com/spdji</u> for a complete schedule of rebalancing timelines and pro-forma delivery times.

#### **Holiday Schedule**

The indices calculate daily, throughout the calendar year. The only days an index is not calculated are on days when all exchanges where an index's constituents are listed are officially closed or if WMR exchange rates services are not published.

A complete holiday schedule for the year is available at <a href="www.spglobal.com/spdii">www.spglobal.com/spdii</a>.

#### Rebalancing

The Index Committee may change the date of a given rebalancing for reasons including market holidays occurring on or around the scheduled rebalancing date. Any such change will be announced with proper advance notice where possible.

#### **Unexpected Exchange Closures**

For information on Unexpected Exchange Closures, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

#### **Recalculation Policy**

For information on the recalculation policy, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

For information on Calculations and Pricing Disruptions, Expert Judgment and Data Hierarchy, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

#### **Contact Information**

For any questions regarding an index, please contact: index\_services@spglobal.com.

## **Index Dissemination**

Index levels are available through S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at <a href="www.spglobal.com/spdji/">www.spglobal.com/spdji/</a>, major quote vendors (see codes below), numerous investment-oriented Web sites, and various print and electronic media.

#### **Tickers**

The table below lists headline indices covered by this document. All versions of the below indices that may exist are also covered by this document. Please refer to the <a href="S&P DJI Methodology & Regulatory Status Database">S&P DJI Methodology & Regulatory Status Database</a> for a complete list of indices covered by this document.

Index	Return Type	BBG
	Price Return	SPJPELJP
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (0.25) Index (JPY)	Total Return	SPJPELJT
	Net Total Return	SPJPELJN
	Price Return	SPJPELUP
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (0.25) Index (USD)	Total Return	SPJPELUT
	Net Total Return	SPJPELUN
	Price Return	SPJPEMJP
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (0.5) Index (JPY)	Total Return	SPJPEMJT
	Net Total Return	SPJPEMJN
	Price Return	SPJPEMUP
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (0.5) Index (USD)	Total Return	SPJPEMUT
	Net Total Return	SPJPEMUN
	Price Return	SPJPEAJP
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (1.0) Index (JPY)	Total Return	SPJPEAJT
	Net Total Return	SPJPEAJN
	Price Return	SPJPEAUP
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (1.0) Index (USD)	Total Return	SPJPEAUT
	Net Total Return	SPJPEAUN
	Price Return	SPJPEHJP
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (2.0) Index (JPY)	Total Return	SPJPEHJT
	Net Total Return	SPJPEHJN
	Price Return	SPJPEHUP
S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted (2.0) Index (USD)	Total Return	SPJPEHUT
	Net Total Return	SPJPEHUN

#### **Index Data**

Daily constituent and index level data are available via subscription.

For product information, please contact S&P Dow Jones Indices, www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/contact-us.

#### Website

For further information, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at www.spglobal.com/spdji/.

# Appendix A

#### **Backward Data Assumption**

The indices employ a "Backward Data Assumption" method for some datapoints used in the derivation of historical index membership prior to the Live Data Effective Date (defined below). The "Backward Data Assumption" method involves applying the earliest available actual live data point for an index constituent to all prior, historical instances of that constituent in the index universe.

Backward Data Assumption affects only the historical, hypothetical constituents of any index back-test. Only actual live data is ever used in live index rebalancings and in the historical rebalancing calculation of an index after its Live Data Effective Date.

For more information on S&P DJI's principles and processes for using Backward Data Assumption, please refer to the FAQ.

#### **Designated Datasets Subject to Backward Data Assumption**

The Backward Data Assumption within the historical back-test, with respect to the indices identified above, applies only to designated datasets and associated time horizons as defined below. For each designated dataset, all historical rebalancing events prior to the Live Data Reference Date listed below are subject to use of the Backward Data Assumption.

Data Provider	Designated Dataset	Live Data Reference Date	Live Data Effective Date
S&P DJI	S&P DJI ESG Score	04/30/2020	06/01/2020
Sustainalytics	Global Standard Screening	04/30/2020	06/01/2020

The Live Data Reference Date refers to the first rebalancing reference date from which only actual live data is used.

The Live Data Effective Date refers to the first date from which index constituents are determined solely on actual live data for each respective dataset.

#### **Exclusions Based on Missing Coverage**

This index excludes companies based on missing coverage with respect to the designated datasets above. However, for rebalancing dates prior to each respective Live Data Reference Date, the eligibility of companies is determined based on the coverage after applying the Backward Data Assumption and is not dictated by actual live data coverage.

#### **Historical Coverage Assessment per Designated Dataset**

**S&P DJI ESG Score Coverage** (with respect to underlying index universe):

S&P/JPX 500 ESG Score Tilted Indices

Rebalancing	Underlying Index	Point-in-Time Data		After Using the Da	ata Assumption
Date	Stock Count	Stock Count	Index Weight	Stock Count	Index Weight
5/31/2010	495	324	93.3%	485	99.7%
11/30/2010	500	324	92.9%	492	99.8%
5/31/2011	498	332	92.0%	490	99.8%
11/30/2011	500	330	91.4%	495	99.8%
5/31/2012	499	290	90.1%	496	99.9%

Rebalancing	Underlying Index	Point-in-Time Data		After Using the D	ata Assumption
Date	Stock Count	Stock Count	Index Weight	Stock Count	Index Weight
11/30/2012	501	289	89.4%	498	99.9%
5/31/2013	502	317	91.9%	499	99.9%
11/29/2013	500	317	91.8%	497	99.9%
5/30/2014	502	318	92.1%	499	99.9%
11/28/2014	501	318	91.8%	498	99.9%
5/29/2015	502	350	93.9%	499	99.9%
11/30/2015	500	349	93.3%	499	100.0%
5/31/2016	503	387	95.7%	502	100.0%
11/30/2016	500	384	95.4%	499	100.0%
5/31/2017	499	472	99.2%	498	100.0%
11/30/2017	500	473	99.1%	499	100.0%
5/31/2018	501	483	99.4%	500	100.0%
11/30/2018	501	482	99.3%	500	100.0%
5/31/2019	500	485	99.6%	499	100.0%
11/29/2019	500	483	99.4%	499	100.0%
5/29/2020	498	497	100.0%	n/a	n/a
11/30/2020	499	499	100.0%	n/a	n/a
5/31/2021	496	496	100.0%	n/a	n/a
11/30/2021	500	497	99.9%	n/a	n/a

Sustainalytics Global Standards Screening Coverage (with respect to underlying index universe):

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Rebalancing	Underlying Index	Point-in-Time Data		After Using the D	ata Assumption
Date	Stock Count	Stock Count	Index Weight	Stock Count	Index Weight
5/31/2010	495	325	92.5%	484	99.6%
11/30/2010	500	327	92.7%	492	99.7%
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11/30/2011	500	325	91.8%	495	99.7%
5/31/2012	499	335	92.5%	496	99.8%
11/30/2012	501	329	91.5%	498	99.8%
5/31/2013	502	380	94.1%	499	99.8%
11/29/2013	500	379	94.1%	497	99.8%
5/30/2014	502	386	94.5%	499	99.8%
11/28/2014	501	444	97.1%	499	99.9%
5/29/2015	502	443	96.7%	500	99.9%
11/30/2015	500	454	98.2%	499	99.9%
5/31/2016	503	457	98.0%	502	99.9%
11/30/2016	500	453	98.2%	500	100.0%
5/31/2017	499	463	98.8%	499	100.0%
11/30/2017	500	465	98.7%	500	100.0%
5/31/2018	501	500	99.9%	501	100.0%
11/30/2018	501	500	99.9%	501	100.0%
5/31/2019	500	499	99.3%	500	100.0%
11/29/2019	500	498	99.3%	499	99.9%
5/29/2020	498	496	99.9%	n/a	n/a
11/30/2020	499	499	100.0%	n/a	n/a
5/31/2021	496	496	100.0%	n/a	n/a
11/30/2021	500	500	100.0%	n/a	n/a

# Appendix B

### **Methodology Changes**

Methodology changes since March 28, 2022, are as follows:

	Effective Date	Met	thodology
Change	(After Close)	Previous	Updated
ESG Score Data	05/31/2024	The index uses S&P DJI ESG Scores as part of the constituent selection process.	The index uses S&P Global ESG Scores as part of the constituent selection process.
Quarterly UNGC Eligibility Review	05/31/2024		The index reviews index constituents for ongoing eligibility under the UNGC exclusion criteria and removes, without replacement, all ineligible companies effective after the close of the third Friday of March, June, September, December using a reference date for as of after the close of the last business day of the previous month. The review does not consider or include coverage changes

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#### Performance Disclosure/Back-Tested Data

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