

SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats ESG UCITS ETF

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A. Sintesi

SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats ESG UCITS ETF (il “Fondo”) è un fondo indicizzato che replica la performance dell’Indice S&P Global ESG Dividend Aristocrats Quality Income. L’Indice è stato designato al fine di soddisfare le caratteristiche ambientali e sociali promosse dal Fondo. Le caratteristiche ambientali e sociali promosse dal Fondo sono rappresentate dall’Indice che ha designato, più in particolare attraverso l’esclusione di alcuni titoli azionari sulla base delle loro caratteristiche ESG, tenendo conto sia del loro rating ESG che del loro coinvolgimento in alcune attività commerciali controverse, come illustrato in dettaglio nella metodologia dell’Indice.

Il Fondo promuove caratteristiche ambientali o sociali, ma non ha come proprio obiettivo l’investimento sostenibile.

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Il Gestore degli investimenti e/o il Subgestore degli investimenti, per conto del Fondo, investiranno adottando la strategia di ottimizzazione, descritta in maggiore dettaglio nella sezione del Prospetto denominata “Obiettivi e politiche d’investimento – Fondi indicizzati”, sempre in conformità con i Limiti agli investimenti illustrati nel Prospetto.

Il Gestore degli investimenti adotta una metodologia ESG vincolante che punta a costruire un portafoglio in cui almeno il 90% del patrimonio del Fondo sia investito in titoli allineati alle caratteristiche ambientali e sociali promosse dal Fondo. La quota residua (<10%) del portafoglio, composta da liquidità e strumenti liquidi equivalenti detenuti a discrezione del Gestore degli investimenti, non sarà allineata alle caratteristiche ambientali e sociali promosse. Nella misura in cui il Fondo possa ricorrere a strumenti finanziari derivati, questi non verranno utilizzati per soddisfare le caratteristiche ambientali o sociali promosse dal Fondo. Il Fondo non si impegna a effettuare investimenti sostenibili ai sensi del SFDR o del Regolamento sulla tassonomia.

La quota del portafoglio del Fondo investita in titoli inclusi nell’Indice costituirà l’indicatore di sostenibilità utilizzato per misurare il rispetto di ciascuna delle caratteristiche ambientali o sociali promosse dal Fondo.

Il link alla metodologia dell'Indice che rileva le caratteristiche ambientali o sociali promosse dal Fondo è disponibile nel Supplemento pertinente ed è riportato di seguito.

Nella metodologia dell'Indice sono illustrate in dettaglio le fonti di dati utilizzate per conseguire le caratteristiche ambientali o sociali rilevanti.

Esiste il rischio che il fornitore dell'indice possa commettere errori, come l'errata valutazione dei criteri di selezione descritti nella Politica d'investimento, e/o includere nel processo di selezione componenti non corretti o escluderne di corretti. I dati ESG possono essere basati su determinate ipotesi, previsioni, proiezioni, visioni e opinioni, che a loro volta possono basarsi su tendenze di mercato correnti o eventi futuri previsti. Considerata la natura emergente e innovativa dei modelli di dati, delle metodologie e delle ipotesi, nonché l'incertezza insita nelle previsioni di eventi futuri, non si può garantire che i dati ESG siano sempre accurati o corretti o che raggiungano le finalità o soddisfino i requisiti di un cliente o di un investitore specifico. Alcuni dati potrebbero inoltre non essere ottenuti a causa della mancanza di disponibilità di fonti di dati.

SSGA supervisiona i fornitori esterni, compresi i fornitori di indici, in linea con il suo programma di gestione del rischio di terzi. SSGA è periodicamente in contatto con i fornitori degli indici in relazione allo svolgimento di revisioni del livello del servizio ed esegue altresì revisioni mirate di processi, sistemi e controlli di sistemi, dati e sistemi di controllo della qualità e della sicurezza informatica dei fornitori degli indici.

Le politiche di impegno di SSGA non sono direttamente integrate nella strategia d'investimento del Fondo. Tuttavia, il programma di Asset Stewardship di SSGA consolida tutte le attività di voto e di impegno nelle varie classi di attività, indipendentemente dalla strategia d'investimento o dalla regione geografica, anche per il Fondo.

Il Fondo ha designato l'Indice al fine di soddisfare le caratteristiche ambientali e sociali promosse dal Fondo. La metodologia dell'Indice prevede una revisione continua e un ribilanciamento nell'ultimo giorno lavorativo di gennaio.

Si rimanda alla metodologia dell'Indice S&P Global ESG Dividend Aristocrats Quality Income:

<https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/documents/methodologies/methodology-sp-esg-divarist-indices.pdf>



B. No sustainable investment objective

The Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective a sustainable investment.



C. Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats ESG UCITS ETF is an index fund tracking the performance of the S&P Global ESG Dividend Aristocrats Quality Income Index (the “Index”). The Index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The Index represents the performance of high-yielding stocks from developed and emerging markets around the world while excluding certain stocks based on their ESG characteristics considering both their ESG rating, and their involvement in certain controversial business activities as outlined in the Index methodology.



D. Investment Strategy

The investment policy of the Fund is to track the performance of the Index (or any other index determined by the Directors from time to time to track substantially the same market as the Index) as closely as possible, while seeking to minimise as far as possible the tracking difference between the Fund’s performance and that of the Index.

The Index measures the performance of high-yielding stocks from developed and emerging markets around the world that meet the eligibility criteria defined in the S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats Quality Income Index, “the Standard Index”. In addition, the Index aims to exclude certain stocks based on their ESG characteristics considering both their ESG rating, and their involvement in certain controversial business activities as outlined in the index methodology. The remaining securities are then weighted according to the size of their dividend.

The Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest using an optimisation strategy as further described in the "Investment Objectives and Policies – Index Tracking Funds" section of the Prospectus, primarily in the securities of the Index, at all times in accordance with the Investment Restrictions set forth in the Prospectus.

Companies deemed not in violation by the Index provider of the UNGC principles are considered to exhibit good governance. For information on the methodologies used in the construction of the Index and further information on the exclusion criteria and data sources, please refer to S&P’s index methodology description which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/documents/methodologies/methodology-sp-esg-divarist-indices.pdf>



E. Proportion of investments

At least 90% of the Fund’s assets are invested in securities that are constituents of the Index and aligned with environmental and / or social characteristics, while the Index provider applies ESG ratings on all the Index constituents. The Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments within the meaning of the SFDR or the Taxonomy Regulation. The Fund may hold 10% of its assets in cash or cash equivalents and derivatives used for currency hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes, at the Investment Manager’s discretion. Such assets will not be aligned with environmental and social characteristics, nor will there be any environmental or social safeguards in place.



F. Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The Index represents the performance of high-yielding stocks from developed and emerging markets around the world while excluding certain stocks based on their ESG characteristics considering both their ESG rating, and their involvement in certain controversial business activities. Consequently, the attainment of the associated environmental and social characteristics is measured through the Index exclusions of companies that are associated with controversial weapons, thermal coal, tobacco products, oil sands, small arms and military contracting and the companies that fail to comply with the UNGC principles.

As such, the Fund does not intend to hold any securities that do not meet the relevant ESG criteria above.

The Fund rebalances on an annual basis, in line with the Index rebalancing frequency.



G. Methodologies

The index methodology which captures the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product is made available in the fund supplement.



H. Data sources and processing

The data sources used to attain the relevant environmental or social characteristics are detailed in the index methodology.



I. Limitations to methodologies and data

There is a risk that the index provider may make errors, such as incorrect assessment of the screen criteria described in the Investment Policy and/or include incorrect/exclude correct constituents in the screening process. ESG scoring and screening is subject to inherent methodological limits. Any assessment of ESG criteria by an Index is based on the data provided by third parties. Such assessments are dependent upon information and data that may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause incorrect assessment of an issuer's ESG performance. In particular there may be potential inconsistencies, inaccuracy or a lack of availability of required ESG data, particularly where this is issued by external data providers. These limitations may include but are not limited to issues relating to: - Missing or incomplete data from companies (for example, relating to their capacity to manage their Sustainability Risks) which have been used as input for any scoring model; - The quantity and quality of ESG data to be processed; and - The identification of relevant factors for the ESG analysis.

ESG data may be based on certain assumptions, forecasts, projections, views and opinions which may be based on current market trends or anticipated future events. To assess company involvement in different activities and to estimate revenue shares as accurately as possible, data providers strive to obtain information directly from companies and issuers. Sources of data include annual reports, regulatory filings, sustainability reports, press releases, investor presentations, company websites, and other company disclosures. Given the developing and innovative nature of data models, methodologies and assumptions and the inherent uncertainty in predicting forward-looking events, it cannot be guaranteed that the ESG data is always accurate or correct or that the ESG data will satisfy the aims or requirements of any specific client or investor. Furthermore, there may be data that cannot be sourced due to the lack of availability of data sources.



J. Due diligence

SSGA oversees external vendors, including index providers, in line with its third party risk management programme. SSGA engages with index providers regularly for service level reviews and also undertakes targeted reviews of index providers' processes, systems & systems controls, data, quality controls & IT security.



K. Engagement policies

Is engagement part of the environmental or social investment strategy?

- Yes
 No

While SSGA engagement policies are not directly embedded into the Fund's investment strategy, for SSGA the informed exercise of voting rights coupled with targeted and value-driven engagement is the most effective mechanism of creating value and managing Sustainability Risk for the investors. SSGA's Asset Stewardship programme consolidates all voting and engagement activities across asset classes, irrespective of investment strategy or geographic region. The engagement strategy is built on SSGA's ability to prioritise and allocate resources to companies and issues that have the greatest potential impact. SSGA's Asset Stewardship programme is underpinned by 3 separate pillars, that is, (i) providing information and guidance to investee companies on the development of ESG practices across key issues, (ii) engaging with portfolio companies to encourage transparent, accountable, high performing boards and companies, and (iii) by exercising voting rights in a manner that reflects long term investment objectives for the purpose of influencing the activity or behaviour of the issuers. To support this process, SSGA has developed proprietary in-house tools to help identify companies for active engagement based on various financial and ESG indicators.



L. Reference benchmark

Has a reference benchmark been designated for the purpose of attaining these characteristics promoted by the Fund?

Yes

No

The Fund is an index fund tracking the performance of the S&P Global ESG Dividend Aristocrats Quality Income Index. The Index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The Index applies an ESG scoring and screening methodology via the adoption of screens to exclude securities related to certain sectors, companies or practices, based on specific ESG criteria .

The Index methodology provides for ongoing review and rebalances on the last business day of January.

Please refer to S&P Global ESG Dividend Aristocrats Quality Income Index methodology:

<https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/documents/methodologies/methodology-sp-esg-divarist-indices.pdf>

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The Fund uses (within the meaning of the Benchmark Regulation) the following SPDJI benchmark:

S&P Global ESG Dividend Aristocrats Quality Income Index

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