

# State Street SPDR STOXX Europe 600 SRI UCITS ETF

## Website disclosure for an Article 8 fund



### A. Sammanfattning

State Street SPDR STOXX Europe 600 SRI UCITS ETF (“**fonden**”) är en indexfond som följer resultatet för STOXX Europe 600 SRI Index (“indexet”). Indexet har valts ut i syfte att uppnå de miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden. De miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden är det index som valts av fonden och mer specifikt via en utvärdering och ett betyg från Sustainalytics rörande diverse miljörelaterade, sociala och bolagsstyrningsrelaterade egenskaper för bolag i indexmiljön.

Fonden främjar miljörelaterade eller sociala egenskaper men har inte hållbara investeringar som mål.

De miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden är det index som valts av fonden och mer specifikt med hjälp av det ESG-betyg som består av data som samlats in från investeringsobjekten och baserat på ESG-betygssättning som utförts av Sustainalytics. Dessutom utesluter indexet vissa värdepapper baserat på deras ESG-egenskaper, både med hänsyn till deras ESG-betyg och deras inblandning i vissa kontroversiella affärsaktiviteter, och baserat på nivån på deras utsläppsintensitet, enligt beskrivningen i indexmetoden.

Investeringsförvaltaren och/eller den externa investeringsförvaltaren kommer, på fondens vägnar, att investera med hjälp av en replikeringsstrategi enligt beskrivningen i avsnittet ”Investment Objectives and Policies – Index Tracking Funds” i informationsbroschyren, främst i värdepapper som ingår i indexet och under alla omständigheter i enlighet med de investeringsbegränsningar som redogörs för i informationsbroschyren.

Investeringsförvaltaren använder en bindande ESG-metod som har som mål att bygga upp en portfölj där minst 90 procent av fondens tillgångar investeras i värdepapper som är förenliga med de miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden. Den återstående delen (mindre än 10 procent) av portföljen, som består av kontanter och likvida medel och innehas efter investeringsförvaltarens gottfinnande, kommer inte att vara förenlig med de miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas. I den utsträckning fonden använder finansiella derivatinstrument kommer dessa inte att användas för att uppnå de miljörelaterade eller sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden. Fonden åtar sig inte att göra hållbara investeringar i den betydelse som avses i disclosureförordningen eller taxonomiförordningen.

Den andel av fondens portfölj som investeras i värdepapper som ingår i indexet kommer att utgöra en hållbarhetsindikator som används för att mäta uppnåendet av alla miljörelaterade eller sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden.

Länken till den indexmetod som fångar upp de miljörelaterade eller sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden är tillgänglig i den aktuella fondbilagan och framgår nedan.

De datakällor som används för att uppnå de relevanta miljörelaterade eller sociala egenskaperna beskrivs mer detaljerat i indexmetoden.

Det finns en risk att indexleverantören gör fel, exempelvis gör en felaktig utvärdering av de screeningkriterier som beskrivs i placeringsinriktningen och/eller tar med felaktiga/utelämnar korrekta beståndsdelar vid screeningprocessen. Data om hållbara investeringar kan baseras på vissa antaganden, prognoser och åsikter som kan baseras på aktuella marknadstrender eller förväntade framtida händelser. Med tanke på datamodellernas, metodernas och antagandenas utveckling och innovativa natur samt den inneboende osäkerheten vid förutsägandet av framåtblickande händelser kan det inte garanteras att data om hållbara investeringar alltid är korrekta eller att de kommer att tillfredsställa en specifik kunds eller investerares mål eller krav. Det är inte heller säkert att alla data kan tas fram på grund av bristen på tillgängliga datakällor.

State Street Investment Management utövar tillsyn över externa leverantörer, inklusive indexleverantörer, i enlighet med sitt program för hantering av tredjepartsrisk. State Street Investment Management engagerar sig regelbundet i indexleverantörer för att granska servicenivåer och utför även riktade granskningar av indexleverantörernas processer, system och systemkontroller, data, kvalitetskontroller och IT-säkerhet.

Engagemangspolicyerna är inte direkt inbyggda i fondens investeringsstrategi. Röstning genom ombud samt engagemangsaktiviteter bedrivs enligt villkoren i policyn Sustainability Stewardship Service Proxy Voting and Engagement Policy.

Fonden har valt indexet i syfte att uppnå de miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden. Indexet granskas kvartalsvis i mars, juni, september och december.

Se indexmetoden för STOXX Europe 600 SRI Index:

<https://www.stoxx.com/index-details?symbol=SXXRSRI>



## **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 environmental and social factors promoted by the Fund are those which contribute to the Sustainalytics' (the ESG research, ratings and data firm utilised by the Index provider) ESG Ratings, which are a function of an assessment and rating by Sustainalytics of various environmental, social and governance characteristics for companies in the index universe.

For more information on Sustainalytics' ESG Ratings scores, please refer to the Overview of Sustainalytics' ESG Risk Ratings:

[https://connect.sustainalytics.com/hubfs/SFS/Sustainalytics%20ESG%20Risk%20Ratings\\_Issuer%20Backgrounder.pdf](https://connect.sustainalytics.com/hubfs/SFS/Sustainalytics%20ESG%20Risk%20Ratings_Issuer%20Backgrounder.pdf).

In addition, the index excludes securities based on their ESG characteristics, considering both their ESG rating and their involvement in certain controversial business activities and based on the level of their emission intensities 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 European companies that are eligible for the STOXX Europe 600 Index, (the "**Standard Index**"), while excluding securities based on their ESG characteristics, considering both their ESG rating and their involvement in certain controversial business activities, and based on the level of their emission intensities as outlined in the Index methodology. The adoption of these screens within the Index correspond to the environmental and social factors which the Fund promotes, as further described in the "ESG Screening" and "ESG Best in Class Investing" subsection of the "ESG Investing" section of the Prospectus. Companies deemed by the Index provider to adhere to international norms and principles are considered to exhibit good governance.

The Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest using the replication 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 by the Index provider to adhere to international norms and principles are considered to exhibit good governance.

For more information, please refer to the ESG Reporting section of Benchmark Statement:

[https://www.stoxx.com/document/Indices/otherinformation/esgreporting/ESG\\_regulatory\\_methodology\\_SXXP\\_SRI.pdf](https://www.stoxx.com/document/Indices/otherinformation/esgreporting/ESG_regulatory_methodology_SXXP_SRI.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 sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund is the ESG rating that is constituted by data collected from investee companies and based on ESG scoring undertaken by Sustainalytics.

The Fund rebalances on a quarterly 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. Sustainable investing scoring and screening is subject to inherent methodological limitations. Any assessment of sustainable investing 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 sustainable investing performance. In particular there may be potential inconsistencies, inaccuracy or a lack of availability of required sustainable investing 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 sustainable investing data to be processed; and
- The identification of relevant factors for the sustainable investing analysis.

Sustainable investing 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 sustainable investing data is always accurate or correct or that the sustainable investing 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. For certain markets and types of issuers, companies or securities there may be significant limitations in the amount of sustainable investing data that is available or no sustainable investing data may be available such that no screening is performed by the index provider. In certain situations where screening data is not available for an issuer, an investee company or a security, the index provider may develop and use alternative screening methodologies, as a proxy, use data relating to a different entity to the issuer or the investee company, which presents a risk that this data may not accurately reflect the sustainability or other characteristics of the issuer or the investee company. In certain situations, even where screening data is available it may not be used as part of the index provider's screening process. It is not expected that such limitations would affect how the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are met.



## J. Due diligence

State Street Investment Management oversees external vendors, including index providers, in line with its third party risk management programme. State Street Investment Management 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 engagement policies are not directly embedded into the Fund's investment strategy, proxy voting and engagement activities in respect of securities held by the Fund are conducted pursuant to the terms of the Sustainability Stewardship Service Proxy Voting and Engagement Policy (the "**Sustainability Policy**"). The Sustainability Policy focuses on risks and opportunities that may impact long-term value creation, with a focus on sustainability priorities such as climate change, nature, human rights and diversity.



## 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 STOXX Europe 600 SRI 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 using the ESG rating that is constituted by data collected from investee companies and based on ESG scoring undertaken by Sustainalytics.

The Index reviews are conducted on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December.

Please refer to STOXX Europe 600 SRI Index methodology:

<https://www.stoxx.com/index-details?symbol=SXXRSRI>

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