State Street Global Emerging Markets Screened Index Equity Fund Hållbarhetsrelaterade upplysningar för webbplats för en artikel 8-fond

A. Sammanfattning

State Street Global Emerging Markets Screened Index Equity Fund (”**fonden**”) är en indexfond som följer resultatet för MSCI Emerging Markets ex UNGC and CW Index (”**indexet**”). De miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden är indexet som har utsetts av fonden. Indexet representerar resultatet på de breda globala aktiemarknaderna i tillväxtländer samtidigt som bolag som är förknippade med kontroversiella vapen eller inte efterlever principerna i FN:s Global Compact (”**FNGC”**) utesluts.

De miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden är indexet som har utsetts av fonden.

Fondens placeringsinriktning är att följa indexets resultat så nära som möjligt med hjälp av en replikeringsstrategi som beskrivs mer utförligt i avsnittet ”Investment Strategies” i informationsbroschyren samtidigt som den i den mån det går söker minimera den aktiva risken mellan fondens och indexets resultat. Praxis för god styrning bedöms via den negativa screening som tillämpas av indexet.

Förvaltaren tillämpar en bindande ESG-metod, som syftar till att skapa 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. Resten (<10 %) av portföljen, som består av kontanter och likvida medel som innehas enligt investeringsförvaltarens gottfinnande, kommer inte att vara förenlig med de miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas. I den mån 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 enligt betydelsen i disclosureförordningen eller taxonomiförordningen.

Den andel av fondens portfölj som är investerad i värdepapper som ingår i indexet utgör en hållbarhetindikator som används för att mäta uppfyllelsen av alla miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden.

Länken till indexmetoden som tar upp de miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden finns tillgänglig i tillämplig fondbilaga och här nedanför.

Indexmetoden innehåller en utförlig beskrivning av de datakällor som används för att uppnå de relevanta miljörelaterade eller sociala egenskaperna.

Det finns en risk att indexleverantören kan göra misstag såsom felaktiga bedömningar av screeningkriterierna enligt beskrivningen i placeringsinriktningen och/eller inkluderar fel/exkluderar rätt beståndsdelar i screeningprocessen. ESG-datan kan baseras på vissa antaganden, prognoser, förutsägelser, uppfattningar och åsikter som kan bygga på aktuella marknadstrender eller förväntade framtida händelser. Med tanke på att datamodeller, metoder och antaganden är innovativa och fortfarande under utveckling och den inneboende osäkerheten kring prognoser om framtida händelser finns det inga garantier för att ESG-datan alltid är noggrann och korrekt eller att ESG-datan kommer att uppfylla syftena eller kraven hos en specifik klient eller investerare. Det kan också hända att vissa data inte kan inhämtas på grund av otillgängliga datakällor.

SSGA har tillsyn över externa leverantörer, däribland indexleverantörer, i enlighet med sitt riskhanteringsprogram för tredje man. SSGA har en löpande samverkan med indexleverantörerna med genomgång av servicenivåer och mer fokuserade granskningar av indexleverantörernas processer, system, kontrollmekanismer, data, kvalitetskontroller och IT-säkerhet.

SSGA:s riktlinjer för engagemang är inte direkt integrerade i fondens investeringsstrategi. Genom SSGA:s Asset Stewardship-program sammanförs ändå allt omröstnings- och engagemangsarbete avseende olika andelsklasser, oavsett investeringsstrategi eller territorium, inklusive för fonden.

Fonden har utsett indexet i syfte att uppnå de miljörelaterade och sociala egenskaper som främjas av fonden.

Indexet utvärderas och ombalanseras kvartalsvis och eventuella ändringar genomförs vid den sista affärsdagens slut i februari, maj, augusti och november.

Se beskrivningen av MSCI:s indexmetod via följande länk: https://www.msci.com/index-methodology (indexkod 731080)

Ytterligare information framgår av respektive avsnitt nedan, av informationsbroschyren och av den aktuella fondbilagan.

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 State Street Global Emerging Markets Screened Index Equity Fund is an index fund tracking the performance of the MSCI Emerging Markets ex UNGC and CW Index. The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund is the Index designated by the Fund. The Index represents the performance of the broad global emerging equity markets while excluding companies that are associated with Controversial Weapons or fail to comply with UNGC principles.

D. Investment Strategy

The investment policy of the Fund is to track the performance of the Index as closely as possible using the Replication Strategy as further described in the "Investment Strategies" section of the Prospectus, while seeking to minimise as far as possible the tracking difference between the Fund's performance and that of the Index.

Securities in the Fund are selected primarily from the constituents of the Index. Essentially, the portfolio of the Fund would be a near mirror-image of the Index. The Fund also may, in exceptional circumstances, invest in securities not included in the Index but that are believed to closely reflect the risk and distribution characteristics of securities of the Index. The Fund may also hold (i) securities which, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, are likely to become part of the Index and (ii) securities acquired through corporate activity which may not form part of the Index. Securities in the Index are weighted by free float-adjusted market capitalisation after screening out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria i.e., non-compliance with UNGC principles and controversial weapons.

The assessment of good governance practices is implemented through the negative screening utilised by the Index. Companies deemed by the Index provider to not violate UNGC principles are considered to exhibit good governance.

E. Proportion of investments

The Investment Manager employs a binding ESG methodology which aims to build a portfolio where at least 90% of the Fund's assets are invested in securities which are aligned with environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The remaining portion (<10%) of the portfolio, consisting of cash as well as cash equivalents in place held at the Investment Manager's discretion, will not be aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

To the extent that the Fund may use financial derivative instruments, these will not be used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments within the meaning of the SFDR or the Taxonomy Regulation.

F. Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The Index represents the performance of the broad global emerging equity markets while excluding companies that are associated with Controversial Weapons or fail to comply with UNGC principles. Consequently, the attainment of the associated environmental and social characteristics is measured through the Index exclusions of companies that are associated with Controversial Weapons and the companies that fail to comply with the UNGC principles. The proportion of the Fund's portfolio invested in securities included in the Index will constitute sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The Fund rebalances on a quarterly basis, in line with the Index rebalancing frequency.

G. Methodologies

The link to the Index methodology which captures the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund is made available in the Relevant Supplement and in Section L below.

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 a company'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 identification of relevant factors for the ESG analysis; and
the quantity and quality of ESG data to be processed.

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 MSCI Emerging Markets ex UNGC and CW Index. The Index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The Index integrates exclusion criteria relating to companies that are associated with Controversial Weapons or that fail to comply with the UNGC Principles.

The Index is reviewed and rebalanced on a quarterly basis, with the changes implemented as of the close of the last business day of February, May, August and November.

Please refer to MSCI's index methodology description which can be found at the following link:

https://www.msci.com/index-methodology (index code 731080)

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