

State Street World ESG Index Equity Fund

Declaración del sitio web referente al fondo conforme al artículo 8



A. Resumen

El State Street World ESG Index Equity Fund (el «**Fondo**») es un fondo indexado que replica la rentabilidad del Índice MSCI World ESG Universal (el «**Índice**»). El índice emplea las calificaciones ASG de MSCI, las puntuaciones sobre controversias ASG de MSCI y el análisis de selección basada en la implicación ASG de las empresas de MSCI para inclinar el índice hacia aquellos valores que demuestren tanto un sólido perfil ASG como una tendencia positiva de mejora de dicho perfil ASG.

Aunque el Fondo promueve características ambientales o sociales, no tiene como objetivo la inversión sostenible.

Las características ambientales y sociales promovidas por el Fondo constituyen el Índice designado por este.

La política de inversión del Fondo consiste en replicar de la forma más próxima posible la rentabilidad del Índice mediante la estrategia de replicado, tal como se describe más detalladamente en la sección «Investment Strategies» (Estrategias de inversión) del Folleto, al mismo tiempo que trata de minimizar en la medida de lo posible la diferencia entre la rentabilidad del Fondo y la del Índice a la hora de replicarlo.

El Gestor de inversiones emplea una metodología ASG vinculante que tiene como objetivo construir una cartera en la que al menos el 90% de los activos del Fondo se inviertan en valores alineados con las características medioambientales y sociales promovidas por el Fondo. El porcentaje restante (<10%) de la cartera, consistente en efectivo y equivalentes de efectivo vigentes, mantenidos según el criterio del Gestor de inversiones, no estará alineado con las citadas características promovidas. El Fondo no empleará instrumentos financieros derivados, en el caso de que pueda hacerlo, para lograr las características ambientales o sociales que este promueve,

ni tampoco tiene el compromiso de realizar inversiones sostenibles en el sentido del SFDR o del Reglamento de Taxonomía.

El porcentaje de la cartera del Fondo destinado a valores incluidos en el Índice se emplea para evaluar la consecución de cada una de las características ambientales o sociales promovidas por el Fondo.

El enlace a la metodología del Índice que recoge tales características promovidas por el Fondo se facilita en el correspondiente Suplemento, adjunto más adelante.

Las fuentes de datos empleadas para lograr las características ambientales o sociales pertinentes relacionadas con el Índice se detallan en la metodología de este.

Existe el riesgo de que el proveedor del índice cometa errores, como una evaluación incorrecta de los criterios de selección descritos en la Política de inversión o que en el proceso de selección incluya componentes incorrectos o excluya componentes correctos. Los datos ASG podrían basarse en determinadas hipótesis, previsiones, estimaciones, perspectivas y opiniones que tal vez se basen en tendencias actuales del mercado o en futuros acontecimientos esperados. Dado el carácter evolutivo e innovador de los modelos de datos, metodologías e hipótesis, así como la incertidumbre inherente a la predicción de acontecimientos a futuro, no puede garantizarse que los datos ASG siempre serán exactos o correctos ni que satisfarán los objetivos o

requisitos de un cliente o inversor concreto. Por otro lado, es posible que algunos datos no puedan obtenerse debido a la falta de disponibilidad o fuentes de datos.

SSGA supervisa a los proveedores externos, incluidos los proveedores de índices, de acuerdo con su programa de gestión de riesgos de terceros. Asimismo, SSGA colabora regularmente con los proveedores de índices para llevar a cabo revisiones de los niveles de servicio y revisiones específicas de los procesos, sistemas y controles de sistemas, datos, controles de calidad y seguridad informática aplicados por tales proveedores.

Las políticas de implicación de SSGA no vienen integradas directamente en la política de inversión del Fondo. Sin embargo, el programa Asset Stewardship de SSGA unifica todas las actividades de votación e implicación (*engagement*) en las distintas clases de activos, con independencia de su estrategia de inversión o región geográfica, incluidas las relativas al Fondo.

El Fondo ha designado al Índice a los efectos de lograr determinadas características ambientales y sociales que promueve el Fondo.

El Índice se revisa y reajusta con periodicidad trimestral, y los cambios se aplican al cierre del último día hábil de febrero, mayo, agosto y noviembre.

Remítase a la metodología del índice MSCI, que encontrará en el enlace siguiente:
<https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> (código del índice 712650)

Para obtener más información y datos más pormenorizados, remítase a las correspondientes secciones de este documento, al Folleto y al Suplemento.



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 Fund is an index fund tracking the performance of the Index. The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund is the Index designated by the Fund and more specifically the MSCI ESG Ratings as well as the MSCI ESG Controversies scores and MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research which are used in the index construction.



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. The Index measures the performance of global developed equity securities, re-weighting from free-float market cap weights using certain ESG metrics, in particular MSCI ESG Ratings, MSCI ESG Controversies and MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research to tilt the index towards securities demonstrating both a robust ESG profile and positive trend in improving that ESG profile.

The assessment of good governance practices is implemented through the negative screening utilised by the Index.



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 sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund are the ESG ratings and exclusions produced by the Index provider and incorporated into the index construction methodology. The proportion of the Fund’s portfolio invested in securities included in the Index will constitute a 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 related to the Index 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 World ESG Universal Index. The Index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The Index uses MSCI ESG Ratings, MSCI ESG Controversies scores and MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research to tilt the index towards securities demonstrating both a robust ESG profile and a positive trend in improving that ESG profile.

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 712650)

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