

State Street US Value Spotlight Fund

Website disclosure for an Article 8 fund



A. Summary

The investment policy of the State Street US Value Spotlight Fund (“**Fund**”) is to invest actively using the Investment Manager’s Fundamental Value Equity Strategy while screening out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to certain ESG criteria i.e. international norms in relation to environmental and social protection.

The Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will seek to invest a minimum of 25% of its portfolio in sustainable investments under article 2(17) of SFDR using the Investment Manager’s proprietary assessment methodology.

The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are negative and norms-based screens applied to the portfolio of the Fund to screen out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria, i.e. international norms in relation to environmental and social protection. In addition, the Fund promotes environmental characteristics through investments in companies which exhibit lower carbon emissions than the Index as measured using Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (“**WACI**”).

The Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest actively using the Fundamental Value Equity Strategy as further described in section 8.1 of the Prospectus and the Relevant Supplement. This strategy uses a proprietary fundamentally driven and bottom up research process to identify companies with a dislocation between the intrinsic value of the company and the price of its equity security.

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.

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

The attainment of the environmental characteristics is measured through achieving a higher exposure of the Fund’s portfolio to companies such that the Fund’s overall portfolio exhibits lower carbon emissions (relative to the S&P 500 Index (the “**Index**”)) as measured using WACI. A further attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund is measured through the % of the portfolio invested in securities that are included in the negative and norms-based screen.

In order to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund, the Investment Manager implements the Fundamental Value Equity Strategy to build a concentrated portfolio of 30-40 securities for the Fund while evaluating an investee company's carbon emissions. In addition, a negative and norms based screen is applied to the portfolio of the Fund to screen out the following exclusion criteria:

- Controversial Weapons
- UNGC Violations
- Thermal Coal
- Arctic Drilling
- Oil and Tar Sands
- Severe ESG Controversies
- Civilian Firearms
- Tobacco

The Fund uses the following data sources:

1. ISS for WACI Metric
2. MSCI and Sustainalytics for ESG screens

State Street Investment Management implements an ongoing due diligence process in relation to ESG data providers resulting in regular data quality reports and may engage with the relevant data providers in relation to any data issues identified by the State Street Investment Management teams.

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. 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. For certain markets and types of companies or securities there may be significant limitations in the amount of screening data that is available or no screening data may be available such that no screening is performed. In certain situations where screening data is not available for a company or a security, the screen provider may, as a proxy, use data relating to a different entity to the company, which presents a risk this data may not accurately reflect the sustainability or other characteristics of the relevant company.

Engagement policies are not directly embedded into the Fund's investment strategy. Proxy voting and engagement activities are conducted pursuant to the terms of the Sustainability Steward Service Proxy Voting and Engagement Policy.

For further information and details please refer to the relevant sections below, the Prospectus and Relevant Supplement.



B. No sustainable investment objective

The Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will seek to invest a minimum of 25% of its portfolio in sustainable investments under article 2(17) of SFDR using the Investment Manager's proprietary assessment methodology.

The Investment Manager applies a negative and norms-based screen to the Fund to screen out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria including securities of companies identified as being non-compliant with UNGC Principles (relating to environmental protection, human rights, labour standards, anti-corruption), and securities of companies associated with Severe ESG Controversies, controversial weapons, civilian firearms, thermal coal, arctic oil & gas exploration, oil sands extraction and tobacco. By applying the relevant negative and norms-based screen, the Investment Manager deems the Fund's sustainable investments not to cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective.

The Fund considers principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by applying the negative and norms-based ESG screen prior to the construction of the portfolio. Specifically, the Fund considers:

- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector
- Violations of UN Global Compact Principles
- Exposure to controversial weapons.

The Fund excludes companies that the Investment Manager has deemed to violate UNGC principles as part of the negative screening utilised by the Fund. The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights are considered as part of the UNGC principles assessment.



C. Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are negative and norms-based screens applied to the portfolio of the Fund to screen out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria, i.e. international norms in relation to environmental and social protection. Specifically, the Fund promotes environmental characteristics through exclusion of investments in companies which violate UNGC principles relating to environment (Principles 7 to 9) and which are active in thermal coal, arctic oil & gas exploration, and oil sands extraction.

The Fund also promotes social characteristics through exclusion of investments in companies which violate UNGC Principles relating to human rights (Principles 1 and 2), labour standards (Principles 3 to 6), anti-corruption (Principle 10) and companies associated with controversial weapons, civilian firearms and tobacco. The UNGC Principles is the world largest corporate sustainability initiative aimed at companies to align their strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and take actions that advance societal goals.

The Fund may use additional ESG screens from time to time in order to exclude securities based on their involvement with an activity that is deemed non-compliant with one or more of such ESG criteria.

The Fund further promotes environmental and social characteristics through its allocation of a portion of the portfolio to sustainable investments. In order for the security to qualify as a sustainable investment, it must be classified as a “Leader” or “Outperformer” as determined by the Investment Manager using the ESG score generated by its proprietary process.

In addition, the Fund promotes environmental characteristics through investments in companies which exhibit lower carbon emissions than the Index as measured using WACI.

No reference benchmark has been designated to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

For further details of the exclusions applied by the Investment Manager at any time please refer to Section G below.



D. Investment Strategy

The Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest actively using the Fundamental Value Equity Strategy as further described in section 8.1 of the Prospectus and the Relevant Supplement. This strategy uses a proprietary fundamentally driven and bottom up research process to identify companies with a dislocation between the intrinsic value of the company and the price of its equity security.

In implementing this strategy, the Investment Manager builds a concentrated portfolio of 30-40 securities. The securities in the Fund are selected without taking into account the securities in the Index and the Investment Manager applies the negative and norms-based ESG screen prior to the construction of the portfolio of the Fund and on an ongoing basis.

Application of the ESG screens results in the exclusion of any securities from the portfolio based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria defined by the Investment Manager. The Fund will screen out securities identified as being non-compliant with UNGC Principles relating to environmental protection, human rights, labour standards and anti-corruption, as well as companies associated with Severe ESG Controversies, controversial weapons, civilian firearms and tobacco. The Fund may use additional ESG screening techniques from time to time in order to exclude securities based on their involvement with an activity that is deemed non-compliant with one or more of such ESG criteria referred to in the previous sentence.

The assessment of good governance practices is implemented by the Investment Manager through the assessment of potential investments when implementing the Fundamental Value Equity strategy. The Investment Manager deploys a proprietary governance assessment framework that includes a governance scorecard and a qualitative assessment. The framework considers factors such as board independence, diversity and experience as well as the configuration of executive compensation and accounting and tax compliance. The assessment of good governance practices is further

implemented through the negative screening utilised by the Fund. Companies deemed by the Investment Manager to not violate UNGC principles are considered to exhibit good governance. The Investment Manager will only invest in companies that they deem to follow good governance practices.



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. It is intended that, within such portion of the portfolio, at least 25% of the Fund's assets are invested in securities which are sustainable investments with environmental and / or social objectives. 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 Taxonomy Regulation.



F. Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The attainment of the environmental characteristics is measured through achieving a higher exposure of the Fund's portfolio to companies such that the Fund's overall portfolio exhibits lower carbon emissions (relative to the Index) as measured using WACI.

A further attainment of the environmental characteristics promoted by the Fund is measured through:

- % of the portfolio invested in securities that are included in the negative and norms based screen specifically related to environmental characteristics, namely companies violating UNGC Principles in regards to the environment and which are active in thermal coal, arctic oil & gas exploration, and oil sands extraction

The attainment of the social characteristics promoted by the Fund is measured through:

- % of the portfolio invested in securities that are included in the negative and norms based screen specifically related to social characteristics, namely companies violating UNGC Principles and companies associated with controversial weapons, civilian firearms and tobacco.

The environmental and social characteristics are embedded in the investment policy of the Fund and the associated sustainability indicators are monitored by the Investment Manager through its investment oversight program including pre- and post-trade compliance monitoring for ESG screens and regular reviews by a sub-committee of the Investment Manager.



G. Methodologies

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to outperform the performance of the Index over the long term.

ESG Screens

The ESG screens applied to the Fund include the following:

1. Controversial Weapons
2. UNGC Violations
3. Thermal Coal
4. Arctic Drilling
5. Oil and Tar Sands
6. Severe ESG Controversies
7. Tobacco
8. Civilian Firearms

Further details on the methodologies used for the ESG screens is as follows:

1. **Controversial Weapons:** Companies with focused involvement in the following controversial weapons are excluded.

Level of involvement	
Land mines Manufacturer = True	Landmines are explosives that are designed to detonate at the presence, proximity or contact of a person or vehicle. After being planted, antipersonnel mines can remain undetonated for years, posing a serious risk to civilians after a conflict has ended.
Biological/Chemical Weapons Maximum Revenue Percentage >= 10%	Biological and chemical weapons are munitions that utilize pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, and disease-causing biological agents, toxins, or chemical substances that have toxic properties, to inflict death or harm. Either type can be dispersed in gas, liquid, or solid forms. As these munitions are based on organisms or chemicals, civilians are often unintended victims since the impact zone is constrained only by how far the particles can disperse. For biological weapons, person-to-person transmission of the illness can further exacerbate the civilian impact.
Cluster Munitions Manufacturer = True	Cluster weapons are air-dropped explosives: bombs, missiles, rockets, or shells that carry sub munitions and disperse them over an area. The sub munitions have a wide impact zone, and often remain undetonated on the ground. These munitions can remain dangerous for years after the conflict has ended, posing a serious risk to civilians.
Depleted Uranium Manufacturer = True	Depleted Uranium (DU) munitions are projectiles (bullets, rockets, etc.) that have been equipped with the radioactive chemical substance DU, a byproduct of the uranium enrichment process used to make nuclear weapons and nuclear-reactor fuel. Because of its high density, DU is often used as a penetrator in ammunition to help pierce armor. However, areas where depleted uranium munitions have been used are exposed to its radioactive qualities, causing people living in the area to be more prone to cancers, congenital birth defects, and other illnesses.

Nuclear Weapons Manufacturer Maximum Revenue Percentage >= 10%	Nuclear Weapons: A nuclear weapon is a device that is capable of releasing nuclear energy in an uncontrolled manner, due to fusion and/or fission reactions, making it a highly destructive explosive. The indiscriminate and disproportionate impact on civilians makes nuclear weapons a controversial weapon.
Incendiary Weapons (White Phosphorous) = True	White Phosphorus (WP) is an allotrope of the chemical element phosphorus, which burns fiercely when exposed to oxygen. A WP munition is any projectile (eg flares, grenades, or mortars) that is equipped with WP, in order to act as a smoke-producing agent, or as tracer, illumination, or incendiary munition.

2. **UNGC Principles:** Companies directly complicit in violations of core international norms and conventions, as described in the UNGC Principles are excluded.

Level of involvement: Global compact principles breached = Noncompliant

The UNGC is the world’s largest corporate sustainability initiative with 13,000 participants from 170 countries. It consists of a set of internationally recognized principles that encompass important issues, such as human rights, labour, the environment, and anti-corruption practices. The 10 principles are as follows:

Human Rights

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-Corruption

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

3. **Thermal Coal:** Companies involved in the extraction or power generation of thermal coal are excluded.

Level of Involvement	Definition
Thermal Coal Extraction >=10%	The company derives revenue from thermal coal extraction
Thermal Coal Power Generation >=10%	The company derives revenue from generating electricity from thermal coal.

4. **Arctic Drilling:** Companies involved in oil and gas exploration in the Arctic regions are excluded.

Level of Involvement	Definition
Arctic Oil and Gas Exploration >=10%	The company derives revenue from oil and gas exploration and extraction in the Arctic.

5. **Oil and Tar Sands:** Companies for whom a meaningful portion of their average daily production comes from oil sands are excluded.

Level of Involvement	Definition
Oil Sands Extraction >=10%	The company derives revenue from the extraction of oil sands.

6. **Severe ESG Controversies:** Companies involved in incidents/events that may pose business or reputational risk due to the potential impact on stakeholders, the environment, or the company’s operations are excluded.

Level of Involvement	Definition
Category 5 — Severe Controversies	The event has a severe impact on the environment and society, posing serious business risks to the company. This category represents exceptionally egregious corporate behaviour, high frequency of recurrence of incidents, very poor management of sustainability-related risks, and a demonstrated lack of willingness by the company to address such risks.

7. **Civilian Firearms:** Companies involved in the manufacturing and/or retailing of small arms and associated ammunition/components for civilian use are excluded.

Level of Involvement	Definition
Small Arms, Civilian Customers, Assault Weapons >=10%	The company derives revenue from manufacturing and selling small arms to civilian customers.
Manufacture of key components, >=10%	The company derives revenue from manufacturing and selling key components of small arms.
Small Arms, Retail and Distribution of Assault Weapons >=10%	The company derives revenue from retailing and/or distribution of small arms.

Firearms Production Maximum Revenue Percentage $\geq 10\%$	Recent-year percent of revenue, or maximum estimated percent, a company has derived from manufacturing firearms and small arms ammunition for civilian markets.
Firearms Retailer Maximum Revenue Percentage $\geq 10\%$	Recent-year percent of revenue, or maximum estimated percent, a company has derived from the distribution (wholesale or retail) of firearms or small arms ammunition intended for civilian use.

8. **Tobacco:** Companies that are involved in the production and manufacturing of tobacco-related products are excluded.

Level of Involvement	Definition
Tobacco Production, Level of Involvement $\geq 10\%$	The company derives revenue from the production of tobacco and tobacco-related products.
Tobacco Production Maximum Revenue Percentage $\geq 10\%$	The recent-year percentage of revenue, or maximum estimated percentage, a company has derived from the manufacture of tobacco products (such as cigars, blunts, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, inhalers, beedis, kreteks, smokeless tobacco, snuff, snus and dissolvable and chewing tobacco). This also includes companies that grow or process raw tobacco leaves.

The exclusion list generated by the ESG screening process is updated once per quarter.

The ESG screen methodology and screening criteria applied to the Fund are subject to State Street Investment Management’s governance approval process.



H. Data sources and processing

The Fund utilises the following data sources:

- ISS for WACI metric

The Fund utilises the following data sources to derive the ESG screens:

Controversial Weapons State Street Investment Management receives universe-level data from two ESG screening data providers: Sustainalytics and MSCI. A screen is then applied to the data to generate lists from each data provider of excluded securities for this category. State Street Investment Management determines the parameters that define the screen which are then approved by the firm’s Global Product & Investment Committee (“**GPIC**”). Companies are excluded if they appear on either or both of the lists from the two data providers.

UNGC Violations Data is sourced from Sustainalytics. A screen is then applied to the data to generate a list of excluded securities for this category. State Street Investment Management determines the parameters that define the screen which are then approved by the firm’s GPIC.

Thermal Coal Data is sourced from Sustainalytics. A screen is then applied to the data to generate a list of excluded securities for this category. State Street Investment Management determines the parameters that define the screen which are then approved by the firm’s GPIC.

Arctic Drilling Data is sourced from Sustainalytics. A screen is then applied to the data to generate a list of excluded securities for this category. State Street Investment Management determines the parameters that define the screen which are then approved by the firm's GPIC.

Oil and Tar Sands Data is sourced from Sustainalytics. A screen is then applied to the data to generate a list of excluded securities for this category. State Street Investment Management determines the parameters that define the screen which are then approved by the firm's GPIC.

Severe ESG Controversies Data is sourced from Sustainalytics. A screen is then applied to the data to generate a list of excluded securities for this category. State Street Investment Management determines the parameters that define the screen which are then approved by the firm's GPIC.

Civilian Firearms State Street Investment Management receives universe-level data from two ESG screening data providers: Sustainalytics and MSCI. A screen is then applied to the data to generate lists from each data provider of excluded securities for this category. State Street Investment Management determines the parameters that define the screen which are then approved by the firm's GPIC. Companies are excluded if they appear on either or both of the lists from the two data providers.

Tobacco State Street Investment Management receives universe-level data from two ESG screening data providers: Sustainalytics and MSCI. A screen is then applied to the data to generate lists from each data provider of excluded securities for this category. State Street Investment Management determines the parameters that define the screen which are then approved by the firm's GPIC. Companies are excluded if they appear on either or both of the lists from the two data providers.

State Street Investment Management receives ESG data from a wide variety of data providers covering various themes including, but not limited to, climate, controversies and governance and leverages multisource data architecture for the analysis and dissemination of ESG data.

State Street Investment Management implements an ongoing due diligence process in relation to ESG data providers resulting in regular data quality reports. Such process tracks correlation and coverage dimensions of key ESG and climate metrics and scores between a selection of data providers over time for the covered universe. State Street Investment Management may engage with the relevant data providers in relation to any data issues identified by the State Street Investment Management teams.



I. Limitations to methodologies and data

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. In certain situations where screening data is not available for an issuer, an investee company or a security, the screen provider may, as a proxy, use data relating to a different entity to the issuer or the investee company, which presents a risk 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 screen 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 given that the sustainable investing data available for U.S. large and midcap equities is widely available.



J. Due diligence

The Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest actively using the Fundamental Value Equity Strategy as further described in section 8.1 of the Prospectus and the Relevant Supplement.

This strategy uses a proprietary fundamentally driven and bottom up research process to identify companies with a dislocation between the intrinsic value of the company and the price of its equity security. The Investment Manager employs a negative and norms-based screen prior to the construction of the portfolio and on an ongoing basis.



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

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