

# The Case for SPDR STOXX Europe 600 SRI UCITS ETF

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In response to industry developments and demand from investors, we changed the benchmark for our European equity ESG ETF. The fund now offers access to the SRI methodology for STOXX Europe 600, a key investor benchmark. STOXX Europe 600 SRI adds best-in-class ESG scoring and carbon considerations to exclusions.

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## Overview

SPDR STOXX Europe 600 ESG Screened UCITS ETF was launched in November 2019. Since then the ESG investment market has continued to evolve. Investors now demand more ESG consideration and are willing to accept greater risk versus parent benchmarks.

In November 2021, we changed the benchmark index on our broad European equity ESG ETF while retaining the popular exclusion screens and integrating best-in-class ESG selection.\*

The fund also retains its Article 8 categorisation under SFDR requirements and, at 12bp, has a relatively low TER in the marketplace.

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## STOXX Europe 600 SRI: Index Construction

The STOXX Europe 600 SRI index tracks the performance of the popular STOXX Europe 600 Index after a set of emission intensity, compliance, involvement and ESG performance screens are applied.

Companies that rank in the highest 10% in terms of their emission intensities are not eligible for selection. Thereafter, exclusion filters screen out companies for compliance based on the Sustainalytics Global Standards Screening assessment and involvement in controversial weapons, tobacco, alcohol, adult entertainment, gambling, weapons (small arms and military contracting), thermal coal, oil and gas, and nuclear power.

In order to integrate best-in-class scoring, the remaining securities are ranked in descending order of their ESG scores within each of the 11 ICB Industry groups. The STOXX SRI indices select the top-ranking securities in each group until the number of selected securities reaches a third of the number in the parent index.

These exclusion screens and best-in-class ranking result in an index of 200 stocks.

\*The previous benchmark was the STOXX® Europe 600 ESG-X.

## Risk/Return Profile vs. Parent Index

Over the past 5 years, the SRI and parent index have seen similar returns. However, the SRI index has incurred lower risk, resulting in a higher information ratio.

	STOXX® Europe 600 SRI	STOXX® Europe 600
Performance (1 Year) (%)	26.30	24.90
Performance (3 Year) (%)	16.10	15.80
Performance (5 Year) (%)	8.80	8.90
STD (1 Year) (%)	11.50	12.30
STD (3 Year) (%)	17.10	18.60
STD (5 Year) (%)	14.80	15.90
Information Ratio (3 Year)	0.94	0.85
Information Ratio (5 Year)	0.59	0.56
Max Drawdown* (%)	32.30	35.36
Tracking Error (5 Year) (%)	2.70	—
Turnover (Trailing 12M) (%)	24.09	3.06

Source: Qontigo, as of 31 December 2021. Net return EUR. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. Index returns reflect capital gains and losses, income, and the reinvestment of dividends. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. \*Common inception: 24 March 2014.

## Top 10 Stock Exclusions

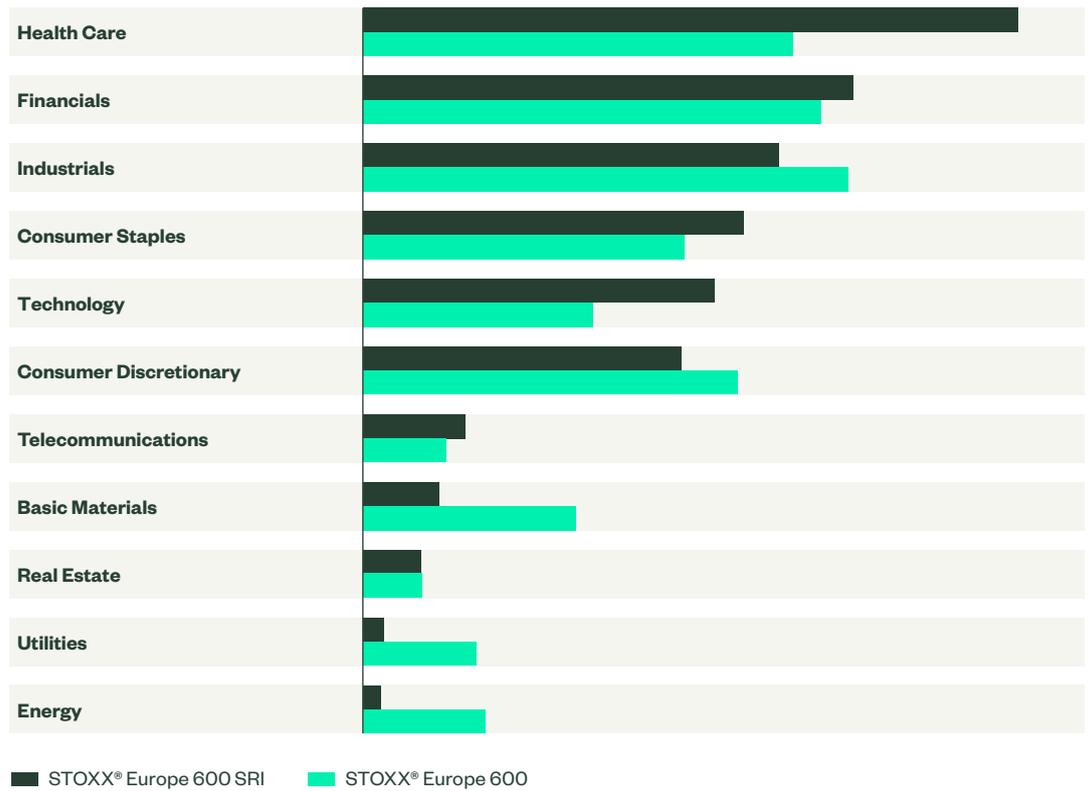
The largest stock exclusions from the parent index are listed in the table along with the main reason for their exclusion.

Stock	Currency	Weight in STOXX Europe 600 (%)	Reason for Exclusion from Europe 600 SRI Index
LVMH Moët Hennessy	EUR	1.8	Product Involvement
Linde	EUR	1.4	ISS Emission Threshold
TotalEnergies	EUR	1.1	Product Involvement
Diageo	GBP	1.0	Product Involvement
HSBC	GBP	1.0	Outside Top 200 by ESG Score
Schneider Electric	EUR	0.9	Product Involvement
Royal Dutch Shell A	EUR	0.7	Product Involvement
BP	GBP	0.7	Product Involvement
Air Liquide	EUR	0.7	ISS Emission Threshold
Cie Fin. Richemont	CHF	0.6	Product Involvement

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**Industry Profile vs.  
Parent Index  
(Market Weight in %)**

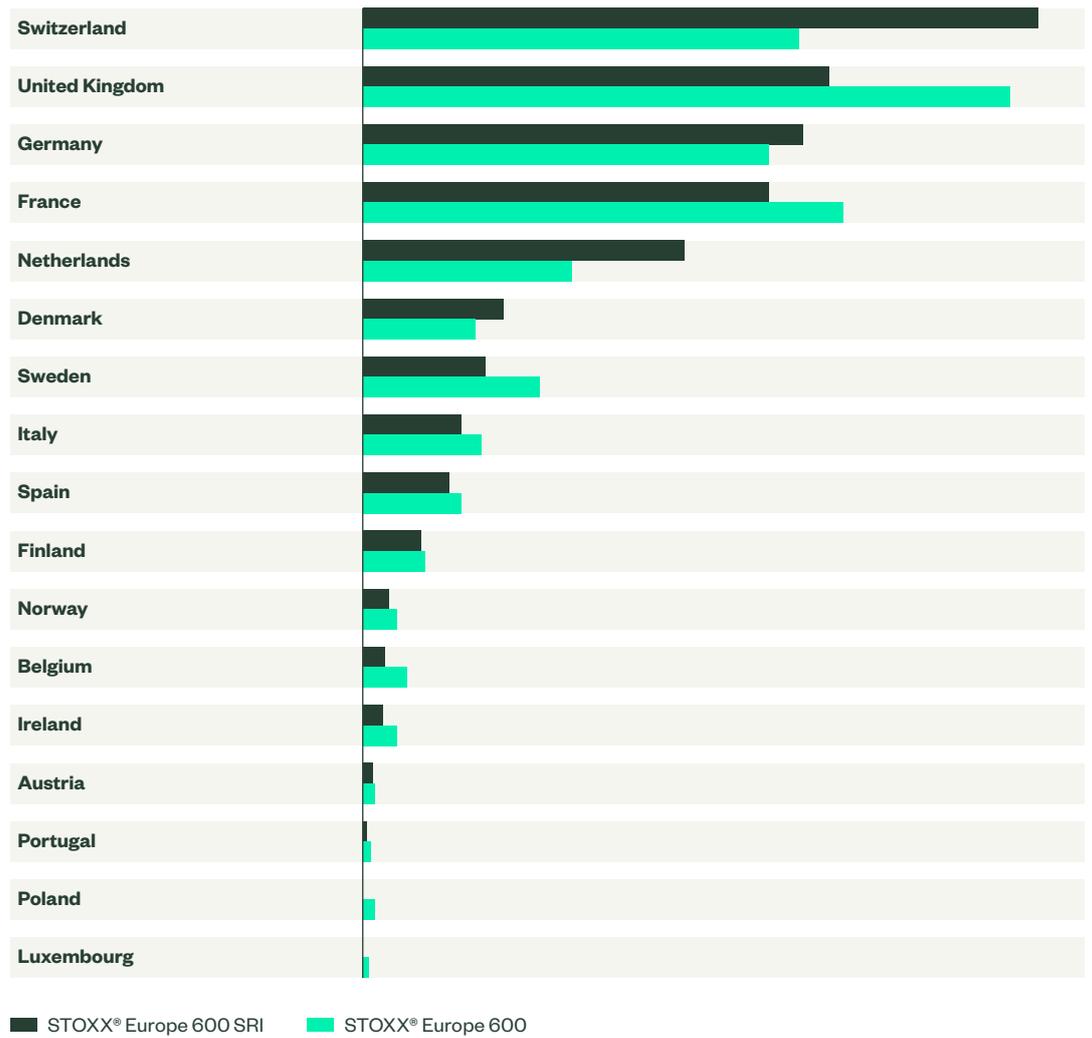
After the product and norms-based stock exclusions and best-in-class methodology, the SRI index is most overweight in health care, with the largest underweights in basic materials, energy and utilities.



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**Country Profile vs. Parent Index (Market Weight in %)**

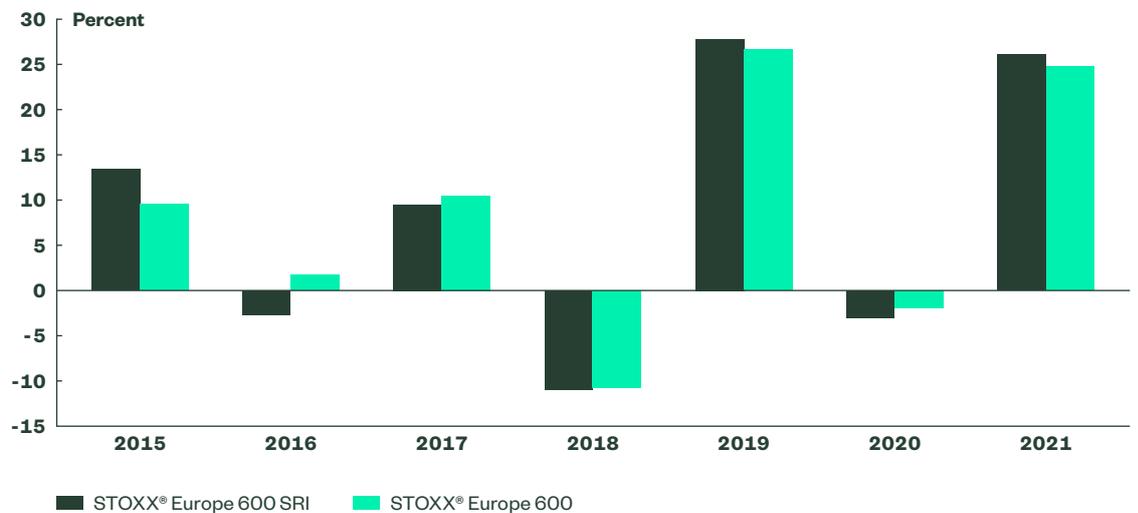
The SRI index is most overweight to Swiss listings, with the largest underweight to the UK index.



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**Calendar Returns vs. Parent Index**

Returns have been comparable in most years.



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## Why this ETF?

- 1 Alternative building block for allocation to broad European equities
- 2 Incorporates an enhanced range of norms and product-based exclusions
- 3 STOXX best-in-class methodology selects stocks with top third of ESG scores from each industry
- 4 Expected compliance with Article 8 requirements under SFDR
- 5 Relatively low TER of 12bps

## Fund Details

	SPDR STOXX Europe 600 SRI UCITS ETF
<b>Benchmark Name</b>	STOXX Europe 600 SRI
<b>Tickers</b>	Xetra: ZPDX GY Borsa Italiana: 600X IM Euronext Amsterdam: 600X NA SIX: 600X SE
<b>Launch Date</b>	30 September 2019
<b>Benchmark Switch Date</b>	30 November 2021
<b>TER (%)</b>	12 bps
<b>ICSD</b>	Yes
<b>Portfolio Construction</b>	Physical — Optimised
<b>Income Treatment</b>	Accumulating
<b>Base Currency</b>	EUR
<b>Dealing Models Available</b>	Cash/In Specie
<b>Index Securities</b>	Appx. 200
<b>Fund Holdings</b>	Appx. 200

Source: State Street Global Advisors, as of 31 December 2021.

## Why SPDR for ESG?

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Across our leading investment servicing, management, research and analytics capabilities, State Street is committed to helping investors understand the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues that affect the value of their portfolios. We further show our commitment to sustainability as a signatory to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, through global environmental goals and incorporation of ESG into the board charter at the corporate level.

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As we witness the structural shift in our economies from tangible to intangible value drivers, we recognise that ESG considerations are becoming more important factors for companies and the way they are valued as well as for investors. At State Street Global Advisors, we are committed to combining our financial data and analytics capabilities with our investment practitioner perspective to create a new generation of ESG solutions. We provide leading research, analytics and advisory for investors' ESG needs across asset classes and investment styles.

We believe our asset stewardship activities and ESG scoring model are differentiating activities in the financial world.

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Global Advisors:  
ESG Experience**

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- Asset stewardship: Our dedicated team engages with companies representing 72% of State Street Global Advisors equity AUM.
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