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EU Low Carbon Benchmark Regulation Disclosure Report

Explanation of how ESG factors are reflected in the benchmark statement

S&P Dow Jones Indices' ESG disclosure under Regulation (EU) 2020/1816

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I. Consideration of FSG Factors

This report supplements S&P Dow Jones Indices' disclosures under Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816 (Delegated Regulation) supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the explanation in the benchmark statement of how environmental, social and governance factors are reflected in each benchmark provided and published.

Specifically, the index-level ESG metrics for relevant indices in accordance with the Delegated Regulation.

This report provides index-level ESG metrics for the VanEck ESG indices administered by IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Limited.

VanEck Multi-Asset Allocation Indices

The VanEck Multi-Asset Allocation Indices are indices of indices (10Is'), composites of 4 constituent indices. These disclosures cover the following 3 of the 4 constituent indices in these IOIs that are each considered ESG benchmarks:

- GPR Global 100 Index
- Solactive Sustainable World Equity Index
- iBoxx SD-KPI EUR Liquid Corporates Index

The metrics for the VanEck Multi-Asset Allocation Indices in this report use the underlying index constituent data and ESG datasets (as explained in the S&P DJI ESG Metrics Reference Guide) as at the index rebalance. The constituent data 'as of' dates for each index are shown below and vary due to the lack of availability of adjusted-close data for some of the indices. Therefore, the metrics are calculated on a 'best-efforts' basis to the level of accuracy afforded by the available data.

Table 1: Index Constituent Data Analyzed:

Constituent Index Name:	Data 'As of':
GPR Global 100 Index	First Tuesday of September, at close
Solactive Sustainable World Equity Index	First Tuesday of September, after close (adjusted-close)
iBoxx SD-KPI EUR Liquid Corporates Index	First Tuesday of September, at close
Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Sovereigns Diversified 1-10 Index	N/A

The following index, the fourth constituent index, is not considered ESG, and is also not accounted for in the index-level metrics in this report:

Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Sovereigns Diversified 1-10 Index

As a result, the constituent counts and index weights analyzed in the index-level ESG metrics in this report were less than the total parts of each VanEck Multi-Asset Allocation Index. The dataset coverage metrics in the report should be interpreted against the constituent counts and index weights analyzed shown in Table 2 (for example, the maximum constituent counts and index weights considered covered by a dataset is capped at the 'Constituent Count Analyzed' and 'Index Weight Analyzed').

Table 2: Index Constituent Counts and Index Weights Analyzed: As of September 5th, 2023

Index Name:	Index Constituent Count:	Constituent Count Analyzed:	Index Weight Analyzed:
VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation Index	4,048	4,023	65.00%
VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation Index	4,048	4,023	75.00%
VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation Index	4,048	4,023	85.00%

ESG

Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	Index-Level S&P DJI ESG Score [SP-ESG-1]	Dataset Coverage*: S&P DJI ESG Scores (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: S&P DJI ESG Scores (Index Weight, %)
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	78.43	3,192	58.13%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	77.37	3,192	69.83%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	77.51	3,192	81.48%

^{*}See Table 1 on page 4 for more information.

<u>SP-ESG-1:</u> Index-Level S&P DJI ESG Score: An Index-level S&P DJI ESG Score is a weighted average of the ESG performance of index constituents, allowing for the comparison of one index's ESG performance versus another. Scores range between 0 (worst) and 100 (best).

Environmental

Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	Carbon-to-Value Footprint (Scopes 1+2 / USDmn Invested) [SP-ENV-1]	GHG Emissions Disclosed* (Constituent Count) [SP-ENV-2a	GHG Emissions Disclosed* (Index Weight, %) [SP-ENV-2a]	GHG Emissions Not Disclosed* (Constituent Count) [SP-ENV-2b]	GHG Emissions Not Disclosed* (Index Weight, %) [SP-ENV-2b]	GHG Emissions Not Covered* (Constituent Count) [SP-ENV-2c]	GHG Emissions Not Covered* (Index Weight, %) [SP-ENV-2c]
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	40.66	2,935	53.50%	256	4.60%	832	41.90%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	29.37	2,935	64.02%	256	5.79%	832	30.19%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	21.83	2,935	75.23%	256	6.24%	832	18.53%

^{*}See Table 1 on page 4 for more information.

SP-ENV-1: Index-Level Carbon Intensity (Scopes 1+2 / USDmn Invested): The metric tonnes of scopes 1 and 2 carbon dioxide-equivalent greenhouse gas emissions apportioned to the index per USD 1 million invested.

SP-ENV-2a: GHG Emissions Disclosed: The count of constituents, and index weight of constituents, that sufficiently disclose their greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by Trucost.

<u>SP-ENV-2b:</u> GHG Emissions Not Disclosed: The count of constituents, and index weight of constituents, that do not sufficiently disclose their greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by Trucost.

SP-ENV-2c: GHG Emissions Not Covered: The count of constituents, and index weight of constituents, that were not covered by Trucost as of the Index Effective Date.

Environmental

Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	Index-Level S&P DJI Environmental Score [SP-ESG-2E]	Dataset Coverage*: S&P DJI Environmental Scores (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: S&P DJI Environmental Scores (Index Weight, %)	Index-Level Physical Risk Score [SP-ENV-4]	Dataset Coverage*: Physical Risk Scores (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: Physical Risk Scores (Index Weight, %)
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	80.96	3,192	58.13%	34.97	3,171	57.85%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	79.36	3,192	69.83%	35.25	3,171	69.55%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	79.23	3,192	81.48%	34.57	3,171	81.18%

^{*}See Table 1 on page 4 for more information.

<u>SP-ENV-2E:</u> Index-Level S&P DJI Environmental Score: An Index-level S&P DJI Environmental Score is a weighted average of the Environmental performance of index constituents, allowing for the comparison of one index's Environmental performance versus another. Scores range between 0 (worst) and 100 (best).

<u>SP-ENV-4:</u> Index-level Physical Risk Score: An Index-level Physical Risk Score is a weighted average index constituent Composite Physical Risk Scores and their index weight, allowing for the comparison of one index's composite level of exposure to physical risks versus another.

Environmental

Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	Green Sectors Exposure (Weighted Revenues, %) [SP-ENV-5]	Green Sectors Exposure (Constituent Count) [SP-ENV-5a]	Dataset Coverage*: Trucost Sector Revenues (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: Trucost Sector Revenues (Index Weight, %)
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	0.98%	298	3,191	58.10%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	0.68%	298	3,191	69.81%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	0.42%	298	3,191	81.47%

^{*}See Table 1 on page 4 for more information.

SP-ENV-5/5a: Green Sectors Exposure: The index's 'Green Sectors Exposure (Weighted Revenues, %)' is a measure of the index's average percentage of constituent revenues that are derived from green business activities. The index's 'Green Sectors Exposure (Constituent Count)' is the count of index constituents with any revenues derived from green business activities.

Environmental

Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	High Climate Impact NACE Sections Exposure (Weighted Revenues, %) [SP-ENV-7]	High Climate Impact NACE Sections Exposure (Constituent Count) [SP-ENV-7a]	NACE Divisions 05- 09, 19 and 20 Exposure (Weighted Revenues, %) [SP-ENV-8]	NACE Divisions 05- 09, 19 and 20 Exposure (Constituent Count) [SP-ENV-8a]	Dataset Coverage*: Trucost Sector Revenues (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: Trucost Sector Revenues (Index Weight, %)
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	61.70%	1,937	8.96%	354	3,191	58.10%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	60.88%	1,937	7.22%	354	3,191	69.81%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	59.23%	1,937	5.81%	354	3,191	81.47%

^{*}See Table 1 on page 4 for more information.

SP-ENV-7/7a: High Climate Impact NACE Section Exposure: The index's 'High Climate Impact NACE Section Exposure (Weighted Revenues, %)' is a measure of the index's average percentage of constituent revenues that are derived from High Climate Impact NACE Sections. The index's 'High Climate Impact NACE Section Exposure (Constituent Count)' is the total number of index constituents that derive any revenues from sectors mapped to NACE Sections designated to be High Climate Impact. 'High Climate Impact' NACE Sections are defined as Sections A to H, and Section L. NACE Sections are a classification of economic activities used within the European Community.

SP-ENV-8/8a: NACE Divisions 05-09, 19 and 20 Exposure: The index's 'NACE Divisions 05 to 09, 19 and 20 Exposure (Weighted Revenues, %)' is a measure of the index's average percentage of constituent revenues that are derived from business activities that fall under NACE Divisions 05 to 09, 19 and 20. The count of index constituents with any involvement in business activities defined by NACE Divisions 05 to 09, 19 or 20. NACE Divisions are a classification of economic activities used within the European Community.

Social

Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	Index-Level S&P DJI Social Score [SP-ESG-2S]	Dataset Coverage*: S&P DJI Social Scores (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: S&P DJI Social Scores (Index Weight, %)	S&P Global Media and Stakeholder Analysis (MSA): Active Index Exclusions (Index Weight, %) [SP-SVC-1]	S&P Global Media and Stakeholder Analysis (MSA): Active Index Exclusions (Constituent Count) [SP-SVC-1]	Dataset Coverage*: S&P Global Media & Stakeholder Analysis (MSA) (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: S&P Global Media & Stakeholder Analysis (MSA) (Index Weight, %)
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	74.79	3,192	58.13%	0.37%	42	3,192	58.13%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	73.32	3,192	69.83%	0.26%	42	3,192	69.83%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	73.25	3,192	81.48%	0.16%	42	3,192	81.48%

^{*}See Table 1 on page 4 for more information.

SP-ESG-2S: Index-Level S&P DJI Social Score: An Index-level S&P DJI Social Score is a weighted average of the Social performance of index constituents, allowing for the comparison of one index's Social performance versus another. Scores range between 0 (worst) and 100 (best).

SP-SVC-1: S&P Global Media and Stakeholder Analysis (MSA): Active Index Exclusions: The count and index weight of index constituents currently excluded in any of S&P DJI's ESG indices due to

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Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	Global Standards Screening: Non-Compliant Companies (Index Weight, %) [SP-SVC-2]	Global Standards Screening: Non-Compliant Companies (Constituent Count) [SP-SVC-2]	Dataset Coverage*: Global Standards Screening (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: Global Standards Screening (Index Weight, %)
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	0.23%	10	3,204	58.29%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	0.25%	10	3,204	70.03%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	0.30%	10	3,204	81.74%

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SP-SVC-2: Global Standards Screening: Non-Compliant Companies: The index weight, and count of index constituents, non-compliant with, or in violation of, any of the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact and Chapters of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Sustainalytics data is used to identify non-compliant constituents or constituents in violation of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

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Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	Controversial Weapons Exposure (Index Weight, %) [SP-BAC-1]	Controversial Weapons Exposure (Constituent Count) [SP-BAC-1]	Tobacco Exposure (Index Weight, %) [SP-BAC-2]	Tobacco Exposure (Constituent Count) [SP-BAC-2]	Dataset Coverage*: Product Involvement (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: Product Involvement (Index Weight, %)
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	0.21%	24	0.25%	28	3,204	58.29%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	0.15%	24	0.18%	28	3,204	70.03%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	0.09%	24	0.11%	28	3,204	81.74%

^{*}See Table 1 on page 4 for more information.

<u>SP-BAC-1:</u> Controversial Weapons Exposure: The index weight, and count of constituents, involved in controversial weapons-related activities. For a description of the scope and definition of controversial weapons used by S&P DJI, any international treaties and conventions, United Nations principles or, where applicable, national law used in order to determine what constitutes a 'controversial weapon', please refer to the <u>S&P DJI ESG Metrics Reference Guide</u>.

SP-BAC-2: Tobacco Exposure: The index weight, and count of constituents, involved in tobacco-related activities.

Governance

Index Effective Date* (MM/DD/YYYY)	Bloomberg Ticker	ESG Index Name	Index Constituent Count	Index-Level S&P DJI Governance Score [SP-ESG-2G]	Dataset Coverage*: S&P DJI Governance Scores (Constituent Count)	Dataset Coverage*: S&P DJI Governance Scores (Index Weight, %)
09/05/2023	TTMTIDF	VanEck Multi-Asset Conservative Allocation	4,023	77.34	3,192	58.13%
09/05/2023	TTMTINL	VanEck Multi-Asset Balanced Allocation	4,023	77.09	3,192	69.83%
09/05/2023	TTMTIOF	VanEck Multi-Asset Growth Allocation	4,023	77.41	3,192	81.48%

^{*}See Table 1 on page 4 for more information.

<u>SP-ESG-2G:</u> Index-Level S&P DJI Governance Score: An Index-level S&P DJI Governance Score is a weighted average of the Governance performance of index constituents, allowing for the comparison of one index's Governance performance versus another. Scores range between 0 (worst) and 100 (best).

I. Consideration of ESG Factors

Frequently Asked Questions

How are the index-level ESG metrics calculated? Each index-level ESG metric is defined and its calculation approach explained in the <u>S&P DJI</u> <u>ESG Metrics Reference Guide</u>.

How frequently will the disclosures be updated? The index-level ESG metrics calculated and disclosed in this Report, and where relevant, the additional specific disclosures for EU Climate Transition Benchmarks (EU CTB) and EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks (EU PAB), will be updated following the rebalance effective date for each relevant index, according to each index's rebalancing schedule. We aim to repost the metrics within the month following the rebalance effect date. Index-level metrics will be calculated as of adjusted close on the rebalance effective date for each index.

Are all 'ESG factors' considered by VanEck methodologies? No, while this report aims to capture all ESG factors, it does not necessarily follow that all ESG factors disclosed are considered by the index (eligibility, selection, weighting). For more information on the ESG factors that are considered by each index, please refer to the relevant methodology.

Where can I find out more about the data sets used to calculate the index-level ESG metrics? For more information on the index-level ESG metrics and the data sets used in their calculation, please refer to the <u>S&P DJI ESG Metrics Reference Guide</u>.

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Where can I find more information about S&P DJI's ESG benchmark disclosures? The Regulatory Information page on S&P DJI's website contains more information on the EU Benchmark Regulation, including resources relating to the EU Low Carbon Benchmark Regulation.

Appendix I: Changes to Report

Change to	Report	Previously	Report Change Month
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Appendix II: Report Version History

Report Issue Month	Notes
OCTOBER 2023*	Index Effective Date: 09/05/2023; *Current Report
AUGUST 2023	Index Effective Date: 09/06/2022

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