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IISL launches NIFTY ESG Indices

Indices capture the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) attributes of NIFTY 100 companies

Mumbai: NSE's index services subsidiary, India Index Services & Products Limited (IISL), has today launched two Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) theme based indices namely, NIFTY100 ESG Index and NIFTY100 Enhanced ESG Index.

These two indices are designed to reflect the performance of companies that are part of NIFTY 100 index based on Environmental, Social and Governance score. The weight of constituents in these indices are tilted based on ESG score assigned to the company, i.e. the constituent weight is derived from its free float market capitalization and ESG score.

These indices exclude companies engaged in the business of tobacco, alcohol, controversial weapons and gambling operations. The companies that are involved in any major environmental, social or governance controversy are also not considered for selection in the index. Additionally, the NIFTY100 Enhanced ESG Index includes only those companies that have a normalized ESG score of at least 50%. The ESG and controversy research is provided by Sustainalytics, one of the global leaders in ESG research.

The base date for the indices is April 01, 2011 and base value is 1000. The index composition is reconstituted on a semi-annual basis.

“ESG based investment strategy has gained popularity across global investors. The underlying principle behind ESG based investing lies in capturing the intangible values of environment friendly, socially responsible firms with robust governance policies in place. The two new ESG indices are expected to strongly appeal to the investment community looking to align their portfolios with the ESG theme.” said Mukesh Agarwal, CEO – IISL.

“We firmly believe that the sustainable business practices, operating on the best ESG principles, yield better financial performance and deliver superior returns in the long term to investors. We congratulate NSE for launching NIFTY100 ESG Indices, which will help the investors and investment managers like us to benchmark their investment strategies driven by consideration of ESG factors. We have a portfolio management services (PMS) strategy managed on ESG principles and will also be using the new NIFTY100 ESG indices for one of our large mutual fund product. We wish IISL all the success for their new product launch.” said Navneet Munot, CIO - SBI Funds Management.

NIFTY100 ESG indices will be calculated and published on an end-of-day basis. These indices will cater to the benchmarking need and are also expected to be reference indices for passive investments in the form of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), index funds and structured products.

For more information on index methodology and factsheet, please visit us at www.niftyindices.com or www.nseindia.com

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