

# **MSCI EUROPE SOCIALY RESPONSIBLE INDEX, BASED ON SEB SRI POLICY A & MSCI USA SOCIALY RESPONSIBLE INDEX, BASED ON SEB SRI POLICY A**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The MSCI Europe Socially Responsible Index, based on SEB SRI Policy A, and the MSCI USA Socially Responsible Index, based on SEB SRI Policy A, are custom indexes based on the ESG screening criteria specified by SEB. The Parent Indexes for the indexes mentioned above are the MSCI Europe Index and the MSCI USA Index respectively. The indexes aim to exclude companies which are involved in production of Military Weapons. The exclusion criteria are defined as SEB SRI Policy A. The remaining securities are weighted according to their free-float adjusted market capitalization.

## 2 INDEX CONSTRUCTION METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 SCREENING

MSCI ESG Research evaluates companies for exclusion from the MSCI Europe Socially Responsible Index, based on SEB SRI Policy A and MSCI USA Socially Responsible Index, based on SEB SRI Policy A based on their involvement in the production of Military Weapons.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for more details on the implementation of these criteria.

### 2.2 WEIGHTING SCHEME

The remaining securities, after the exclusion on the basis of SEB SRI Policy A, are weighted as per their free-float adjusted market capitalization.

### **3 MAINTAINING THE INDEX**

#### **3.1 QUARTERLY INDEX REVIEWS**

The Indexes are reviewed on a quarterly basis to coincide with the regular Semi-Annual and Quarterly Index Reviews of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes. The changes are implemented as of the close of the last business day of February, May, August and November. The data used for screening the companies is as of the end of January, April, July and October, respectively. Any constituent of the Parent Index at the effective date of the Index Review which is not a part of the exclusion list will be included in the Index, including additions to the Parent Index that are outside the coverage universe for the exclusion list. The pro forma Index is in general announced nine business days before the effective date.

#### **3.2 ONGOING EVENT RELATED CHANGES**

In general, the Indexes follow the event maintenance of the Parent Index. Any security deleted from the Parent Index will be deleted simultaneously from the Index. There will be no addition to the Index between the Quarterly Index Reviews. All securities added to the Parent Index between the Quarterly Index Reviews will be reviewed at the next Index Review for inclusion in the Index.

## APPENDIX 1 – SCREENING CRITERIA

Companies, whose activities meet the following values based criteria, as evaluated by MSCI ESG Research, are excluded from the Index:

- Military Weapons
  - All companies involved in manufacturing of “Nuclear Systems”, “Nuclear Fissile Materials” or “Nuclear Weapons Components”
  - All companies involved in manufacturing of “Chemical and Biological Weapons” or “Chemical and Biological Weapons Components”
  - All companies classified as a “Cluster Bomb Manufacturer”
  - All companies classified as a “Landmine Manufacturer”
  - All companies classified as a “Manufacturer of Depleted Uranium Weapons”

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