

# **S&P Dow Jones Indices' Consultation on S&P Global Business Involvement Screens and S&P Global ESG Scores Transition**

**AMSTERDAM, DECEMBER 6, 2023:** S&P Dow Jones Indices ("S&P DJI") is conducting a consultation with market participants on two proposals impacting the S&P DJI indices using S&P DJI ESG Scores and Sustainalytics' Business Involvement Screens. First, S&P DJI proposes transitioning all indices currently using S&P DJI ESG Scores to [S&P Global ESG Scores](#); and, second, transitioning the Business Involvement Screens data source from Sustainalytics' Product Involvement Screens to S&P Global's [Business Involvement Screens](#).

For the S&P Global ESG Score transition, there will be no change to how the score is used across the impacted indices. The S&P Global ESG Score measures a company's performance on and management of material ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts informed by a combination of company disclosures, media and stakeholder analysis, modelling approaches, and in-depth company engagement via the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). For more information on the S&P Global ESG Score, please refer to the [S&P Global ESG Scores Methodology](#).

For the Business Involvement Screens transition, existing screens will be replaced by the direct equivalent in the new data set and no modifications will be made to the existing levels of involvement. Please refer to the [Sustainalytics to S&P Global Mapping File](#) for more details. Sustainalytics data will still be used for the Global Standards Screening where relevant.

## **IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Please find an impact analysis for a select, representative subset of indices impacted by these changes in the [Analysis - Hypothetical Methodology Change](#) section of S&P DJI's Client Resource Center. Details of the specific indices analyzed are listed in the [Impacted Indices Spreadsheet](#). The analysis includes a wide range of metrics demonstrating the impact of the proposed changes, both individually and combined for the subset of indices. Additional details of the index level impact of the Business Involvement Screens transition for a subset of indices is also available in the analysis.

## **IMPLEMENTATION TIMING**

S&P DJI is proposing to implement the previously described changes, if adopted, on a rolling basis throughout the following year, commencing as of the open on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. Impacted indices rebalancing effective as of that date will transition then, with the remaining indices transitioning effective as of the next annual reconstitution. Please refer to the "Indices" tab of the [Impacted Indices Spreadsheet](#) for more details, along with the effective date of the change. Further, the "NotInScope" tab provides details on which indices will not transition to the S&P Global Business Involvement data set at this time.

## QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions and provide S&P DJI with the reasoning behind your answers:

1. **Do you agree with the proposed transition from S&P DJI ESG Scores to S&P Global ESG Scores?**
2. **Do you agree with the proposed Business Involvement Screens data source transition?**
3. **If the proposed changes are adopted, do you agree with the proposed implementation date?**
4. **Do you have other comments or feedback regarding the proposed transition from S&P DJI ESG Score to S&P Global ESG Score?**
5. **Do you have other comments or feedback regarding the proposed transition from Sustainalytics' Product Involvement data to S&P Global's Business Involvement Screens?**

Your participation in this consultation is important as we gather information from various market participants in order to properly evaluate your views and preferences. Please respond to this survey by **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**. After this date, S&P DJI will no longer accept survey responses. Prior to the Index Committee's final review, S&P DJI may request clarifications from respondents as part of that review.

To participate in this consultation, please visit the online survey available [here](#).

Please send questions about the Business Involvement Screening data set to [ESGExclusions@spglobal.com](mailto:ESGExclusions@spglobal.com).

Please send questions about the S&P Global ESG Score to [ESGScores@spglobal.com](mailto:ESGScores@spglobal.com).

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