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# S&P Global Carbon Efficient Index Series *Methodology*

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### Introduction

#### Index Objective and Highlights

Each index in the S&P Carbon Efficient Index Series measures the performance of companies in a respective underlying index, excluding companies classified as high non-disclosing carbon emitters, while overweighting or underweighting those companies that have lower or higher levels of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per unit of revenue as defined in *Eligibility Criteria and Index Construction*. Constituents' weights are adjusted within each Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS)<sup>®</sup> Industry Group to reflect each company's relative carbon-to-revenue footprint. Each index also seeks to maintain the respective industry group weights of its underlying index, as of the rebalancing reference date. The S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index also seeks to maintain weights according to the underlying index, but caps single constituent weights at 5%.

#### **Index Series**

The index series includes the following indices:

- S&P Global LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P Global SmallCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P Global Ex-Japan LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient
- S&P Developed LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P Emerging LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P Europe LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P North America LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P Asia Pacific LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P Latin America LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient
- S&P Global 1200 Carbon Efficient
- S&P 500 Carbon Efficient
- S&P 400 Carbon Efficient
- S&P 600 Carbon Efficient
- S&P Europe 350 Carbon Efficient
- S&P China A Carbon Efficient
- S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient (DSW)
- S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient Capped (DSW)
- S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index
- S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index
- S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient Index
- S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Index

#### **Supporting Documents**

This methodology is meant to be read in conjunction with supporting documents providing greater detail with respect to the policies, procedures and calculations described herein. References throughout the methodology direct the reader to the relevant supporting document for further information on a specific topic. The list of the main supplemental documents for this methodology and the hyperlinks to those documents is as follows:

Supporting Document	URL
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology	Equity Indices Policies & Practices
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology	Index Mathematics Methodology
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) Methodology	GICS Methodology

This methodology was created by S&P Dow Jones Indices to achieve the aforementioned objective of measuring the underlying interest of each index governed by this methodology document. Any changes to or deviations from this methodology are made in the sole judgment and discretion of S&P Dow Jones Indices so that the index continues to achieve its objective.

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# Eligibility Criteria and Index Construction

#### **Index Universe**

At each rebalancing, each index universe is all constituents of the underlying index, as detailed below:

Index	Underlying Index
S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient	TOPIX <sup>1</sup>
S&P Developed LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	S&P Developed LargeMidCap
S&P Europe LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	S&P Europe LargeMidCap
S&P North America LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	S&P North America LargeMidCap
S&P Asia Pacific LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	S&P Asia Pacific LargeMidCap
S&P Latin America LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	S&P Latin America LargeMidCap
S&P Global 1200 Carbon Efficient	S&P Global 1200
S&P 500 Carbon Efficient	S&P 500
S&P 400 Carbon Efficient	S&P MidCap 400
S&P 600 Carbon Efficient	S&P SmallCap 600
S&P Europe 350 Carbon Efficient	S&P Europe 350
S&P China A Carbon Efficient	S&P China A BMI Domestic
S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient	S&P South Africa Domestic Shareholder
(DSW)	Weighted (DSW)
S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient	S&P South Africa Domestic Shareholder
Capped (DSW)	Weighted (DSW)
S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index	S&P/NZX 50 Index
S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index	S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index
S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient Index	S&P/ASX 200
S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Index	S&P/ASX 300

For more information on an underlying index, please refer to its respective methodology document available at www.spglobal.com/spdji.

At each rebalancing, each index universe is all constituents of the underlying index, excluding China A-Shares, as detailed below:

Index	Underlying Index
S&P Global LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	S&P Global LargeMidCap
S&P Global SmallCap Carbon Efficient	S&P Global SmallCap
S&P Global Ex-Japan LargeMidCap Carbon	S&P Global Ex-Japan LargeMidCap
Efficient	
S&P Emerging LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	S&P Emerging LargeMidCap

#### **Eligibility Factors**

As of the rebalancing reference date, companies in the index universe must satisfy the following criteria to be eligible for index inclusion:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The TOPIX is calculated and published by the JPX Market Innovation & Research, Inc. and is a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is a market benchmark with functionality as an investable index, covering an extensive proportion of the Japanese stock market. The underlying index data for S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient is taken from TOPIX as of the rebalance reference date. For more information on the TOPIX, please refer to the Japan Exchange Group (JPX) Web site at <a href="https://www.ipx.co.jp/english/">www.ipx.co.jp/english/</a>.

- High Non-Disclosing Carbon Emitters: All companies classified, by S&P Trucost Limited
   ("Trucost"), as a 'High Non-Disclosing Carbon Emitter' are ineligible. Any company in an
   underlying index whose GHG emissions meet or exceed the threshold (the GHG emissions of the
   100<sup>th</sup> highest ranked company by direct and first tier indirect GHG emissions in the S&P Global
   LargeMidCap, excluding China A-Shares), and which is not identified by Trucost as having
   sufficiently disclosed their GHG emissions as outlined in *Disclosure Status*, is classified as a high
   non-disclosing carbon emitter.
- **Liquidity:** satisfy the minimum three-month median daily value traded (3M MDVT) threshold for each index (current constituents have no threshold):

Index	3M MDVT
S&P Global LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P Global SmallCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P Global Ex-Japan LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient	YEN ¥50 million
S&P Developed LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P Emerging LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P Europe LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P North America LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P Asia Pacific LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P Latin America LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P Global 1200 Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P 500 Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P 400 Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P 600 Carbon Efficient	USD \$3 million
S&P Europe 350 Carbon Efficient	EUR €3 million
S&P China A Carbon Efficient	CNY ¥20 million
S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient (DSW)	ZAR R3 million
S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient Capped (DSW)	ZAR R3 million
S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index	
S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index	
S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient Index	
S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Index	

Companies with fewer than three months' MDVT data are evaluated over the available period.

Multiple Share Classes: All publicly listed multiple share class lines are eligible for index inclusion, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria. For more information regarding the treatment of multiple share classes, please refer to Approach A within the Multiple Share Classes section of the S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology. In the S&P Global Carbon Efficient Index Series, all multiple share class lines are assigned identical carbon-to-revenue footprint. All weight assignments are conducted at the company level.

#### **Constituent Selection**

As of each rebalancing reference date, select all stocks in the eligible universe and form each index.

#### **Constituent Weightings**

For each index, as of the rebalancing reference date, constituent weight adjustments are made within each industry group to reduce the portfolio's overall exposure to GHG emissions per unit of revenue versus that of its underlying index. Each index seeks to maintain the respective GICS industry group weights of its underlying index as of the rebalancing reference date.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the eligible universe contains fewer industry groups than the underlying index, then the weight of each underlying index's industry groups with eligible constituents are increased proportionally until the sum equals 100%.

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Index =

#### Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Industry Group × Underlying Index Industry Group Weight

To calculate each constituent's Carbon Efficient weight with respect to its industry group, the following steps are performed for each industry group:

1. First, the constituents' weights<sup>3</sup> are calculated with respect to the eligible universe's industry group:

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Industry Group (without Adjustment) =

Constituent Float Market Cap. Eligible Universe Industry Group Float Market Cap.

2. Next, each of the weights calculated in step 1 are adjusted according to their Carbon Weight Adjustment:

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Industry Group =

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Industry Group (without Adjustment)  $\times$  (1 + Carbon Weight Adjustment)

The Carbon Weight Adjustment is determined by multiplying each company's Disclosure and TCFD Framework Status-specific Decile Weight Adjustment by its Industry Group Impact Factor as detailed below:

				Industry G	roup Impa	ct Factor
				Low	Mid	High
	Disclos	ure Status		x0.5	x1	х3
Decile	GHG	TCFD		Carbon M	/eight Adj	uctmont
Classification <sup>4</sup>	<b>Emissions</b>	Framework	Decile Weight Adjustment	Carbon W	reignt Auj	usuneni
	Disclosed	Integrated	40%	20%	40%	120%
1st Decile <sup>5</sup>	Disclosed	Not Integrated	35%	17.5%	35%	105%
	Non-disclosed	Not Relevant	30%	15%	30%	90%
	Disclosed	Integrated	30%	15%	30%	90%
2nd Decile	Disclosed	Not Integrated	25%	12.5%	25%	75%
	Non-disclosed	Not Relevant	20%	10%	20%	60%
	Disclosed	Integrated	20%	10%	20%	60%
3rd Decile		Not Integrated	15%	7.5%	15%	45%
	Non-disclosed	Not Relevant	10%	5%	10%	30%
	Disclosed	Integrated	10%	5%	10%	30%
4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> Decile <sup>6</sup>		Not Integrated	5%	2.5%	5%	15%
	Non-disclosed	Not Relevant	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Disclosed	Integrated	0%	0%	0%	0%
8th Decile	cile	Not Integrated	-5%	-2.5%	-5%	-15%
	Non-disclosed	Not Relevant	-10%	-5%	-10%	-30%
	ecile Disclosed	Integrated	-10%	-5%	-10%	-30%
9th Decile		Not Integrated	-15%	-7.5%	-15%	-45%
	Non-disclosed	Not Relevant	-20%	-10%	-20%	-60%
	Disclosed	Integrated	-20%	-10%	-20%	-60%
10th Decile	Disclosed	Not Integrated	-25%	-12.5%	-25%	-75%
	Non-disclosed	Not Relevant	-30%	-15%	-30%	-90%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For the S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index, Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Industry Group (without Adjustment) = Constituent Index Market Cap. / Eligible Universe Industry Group Index Market Cap.

4 The deciles are defined using the S&P Carbon Global Standard. If any company's carbon to revenue footprint falls on the decile

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boundary threshold, it is assigned as the next decile.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 1st decile classification represents companies with the lowest carbon-to-revenue footprint.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Constituents without coverage by Trucost are assigned to this group (deemed to have 'Not-disclosed') and are treated neutrally by receiving a 0% carbon weight adjustment.

- 3. Finally, the weights calculated in step 2 are adjusted to ensure each industry group's weights sum to 100%:
  - If the sum of the weights after step 2 is greater than 100%, then the first of the following steps capable of reducing the sum of the weights to 100% is performed:
    - Proportionally reduce the weights of stocks only in deciles 8 to 10
    - Proportionally reduce the weights of stocks only in deciles 7 to 10
    - o Proportionally reduce the weights of stocks only in deciles 6 to 10
    - Proportionally reduce the weights of all stocks
  - If the sum of the weights after step 2 is less than 100%, then the first of the following steps capable of increasing the sum of the weights to 100% is performed:
    - Proportionally increase the weights of stocks only in deciles 1 to 3
    - Proportionally increase the weights of stocks only in the 4<sup>th</sup> decile
    - Proportionally increase the weights of stocks only in the 5<sup>th</sup> decile
    - Proportionally increase the weights of all stocks

**S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index, S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index, S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient Index, and S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Index.** For these indices, if any industry group within a sector has fewer than two constituents, the weighting adjustment process attempts to maintain the respective GICS sector weights of its underlying index, as of the rebalancing reference date, as follows:

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Index =

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Sector × Underlying Index Sector Weight

To calculate each constituent's Carbon Efficient weight with respect to its sector, the following steps are performed for each sector:

1. First, the constituents' weights<sup>7</sup> are calculated with respect to the eligible universe's sector, as follows:

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Sector (without Adjustment) =

Constituent Float Market Cap.

Eligible Universe Sector Float Market Cap.

2. Next, each of the weights calculated in step 1 are adjusted according to their Carbon Weight Adjustment, as follows:

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Sector =

Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Sector (without Adjustment)  $\times (1 + Carbon Weight Adjustment)$ 

- 3. Weights calculated in step 2 are adjusted to ensure each sector's weights sum to 100%, as follows:
  - a. If the sum of the weights after step 2 is greater than 100% then the first of the following steps capable of reducing the sum of the weights to 100% is performed:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For the S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index, Constituent Weight in Carbon Efficient Sector Group (without Adjustment) = Constituent Index Market Cap. / Eligible Universe Sector Group Index Market Cap.

- Proportionally reduce the weights of stocks only in deciles 8 to 10
- Proportionally reduce the weights of stocks only in deciles 7 to 10
- Proportionally reduce the weights of stocks only in deciles 6 to 10
- Proportionally reduce the weights of all stocks
- b. If the sum of the weights after step 2 is less than 100% then the first of the following steps capable of increasing the sum of the weights to 100% is performed:
  - o Proportionally increase the weights of stocks only in deciles 1 to 3
  - Proportionally increase the weights of stocks only in the 4<sup>th</sup> decile
  - Proportionally increase the weights of stocks only in the 5<sup>th</sup> decile
  - Proportionally increase the weights of all stocks

#### **Capped Indices**

**S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient Capped (DSW) Index.** The index is a variation of the S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient (DSW) Index, where no single stock weighs more than 10% of the index at each rebalancing. The index is re-weighted quarterly effective at the open of the Monday following the third Friday in March, June, September, and December. The price reference date used for weighting is the Wednesday before the first Friday of March and second Friday of June, September, and December.

For the June annual reconstitution, single constituent weights are capped at 10% based on the rebalancing weights for S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient (DSW) Index as of the reference pricing date.

For the March, September, and December rebalancings, the 10% capping is performed based on the index market capitalization for S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient (DSW) Index as of the price reference date.

**S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index.** At each quarterly rebalancing, the index caps single constituent weights at 5%, effective at the open of the Monday following the third Friday in March, June, September, and December.

For the June annual index reconstitution, single constituent weights are capped at 5% based on the rebalancing weights for S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index as of the price reference date.

For the March, September, and December rebalancings, the 5% capping is performed based on the index market capitalization as of the price reference date.

#### **Carbon-to-Revenue Footprint**

For all indices, constituents within Trucost's coverage universe are assigned an annual carbon-to-revenue footprint, prior to the annual rebalancing reference date. The carbon-to-revenue footprint metric is calculated by Trucost and is defined as a company's annual GHG emissions (direct and first tier indirect), expressed as metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) emissions, divided by annual revenues for the corresponding year, expressed in millions of US dollars. At each annual rebalancing, the latest available carbon-to-revenue footprint data with a Trucost financial year of less than four years prior to the rebalancing reference date's year are used. Any carbon-to-revenue footprint data with a Trucost financial year of four years or more prior to the rebalancing reference date's year are considered as not covered.

**Carbon-to-Revenue Footprint Updates**. Each company's carbon-to-revenue footprint is researched by Trucost annually, within approximately eight months following the company's fiscal year end. Carbon-to-revenue footprints are updated on an as-needed basis following corporate events (mergers and

acquisitions, spin-offs, etc.) and underlying data point revisions. Any update to a company's carbon-to-revenue footprint is applied at the subsequent annual rebalancing.

For information on Trucost's methodology, please refer here.

#### S&P Carbon Global Standard Classification

The S&P Carbon Global Standard is a unique classification system developed specifically for these indices and is used to define the weighting adjustments for a given constituent. The standard considers each company's carbon-to-revenue footprint relative to, and the range of carbon-to-revenue footprints within, GICS industry group peers, using the reference group. The standard also considers the quality of a company's GHG emissions disclosures.

The S&P Carbon Global Standard is recalculated during each annual rebalancing.

#### **Reference Group**

To calculate the Decile Classification and the Industry Group Classification, the metrics employ a reference group to compare and rank companies, with each metric calculated independently from one another. At each rebalancing, the reference group for these indices is all constituents of the S&P Global LargeMidCap, excluding China A-Shares.

**Decile Classification.** As of the rebalancing reference date, decile thresholds are determined for each GICS industry group based on the carbon-to-revenue footprints of companies in the reference group. These thresholds then serve as the global reference classifications for any company eligible for the indices into its S&P Carbon Global Standard decile, irrespective of a company's membership in the reference group.

For more information on decile ranges, including current ranges, please refer to the respective web page available here.

**Industry Group Classification.** As of the rebalancing reference date, each industry group is identified as high, mid, or low impact. This classification is based on the range of carbon-to-revenue footprints across the companies within that industry group in the reference group. The range for each industry group is calculated as the spread between its first and last decile threshold.

Industry groups are classified as follows:

High impact = Range > 500 (tCO₂e / revenue)
 Low impact = Range ≤ 150 (tCO₂e / revenue)
 Mid impact = All remaining industry groups

**Disclosure Status.** Companies are classified into those that have been identified by Trucost as having sufficiently disclosed their GHG emissions ("Disclosed") and those that have not ("Not Disclosed"). The "Disclosed" status is achieved when Trucost identifies companies as having full or partial disclosure in its GHG emissions scope (between scope 1 and 2) that is its largest in absolute terms. Companies identified by Trucost as having sufficiently disclosed their GHG emissions receive an additional increase in their Decile Weight Adjustment.

**TCFD Framework Status**. Disclosed companies are additionally classified by S&P Global as having sufficiently integrated the Taskforce on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) framework in their public reporting ("Integrated") and those that have not ("Not Integrated"). Integrated companies receive an additional increase in their Decile Weight Adjustment. Companies without coverage by this data set are considered Not Integrated.

For more information, please refer to the "TCFD Disclosure" section of the Sustainable 1 CSA Companion.

The four components listed above are used to derive the Carbon Weight Adjustments used for constituent weighting in the indices through multiplying the Decile Weight Adjustment by the Industry Group Impact Factor.

#### **Index Calculations**

The indices calculate by means of the divisor methodology used in all S&P Dow Jones Indices' equity indices.

For more information on the index calculation methodology, please refer to the Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

### **Index Maintenance**

#### Rebalancing

The indices rebalance annually, effective after the close of the third Friday of June. The rebalancing reference date, and the reference universe for constituent selection, is the second Friday of May.<sup>8</sup> Since index shares are assigned based on the reference prices, the actual weight of each stock at the rebalancing differs from these weights due to market movements.

Except for the S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index, S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index, S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient Index, and S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Index, constituents' weights are calculated using closing prices on the rebalancing reference date. Index share amounts are calculated using closing prices on the Wednesday prior to the first Friday of the rebalancing month (reference prices) and are assigned to each stock to arrive at the weights determined on the rebalancing reference date.

S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index, S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index, S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient Index, and S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Index. Constituents' index shares are calculated using closing prices on the second Wednesday of the rebalancing month as the reference price. Index shares are calculated and assigned to each stock to arrive at the weights determined on the reference date.

#### **Additions and Deletions**

**Additions.** Except for spin-offs, index additions are generally made only during rebalancings.

**Spin-offs.** A spin-off is added to all the indices of which the parent is a constituent at a zero price at the market close of the day before the ex-date (with no divisor adjustment). If the spin-off company is to remain in the underlying index, it remains in the corresponding Carbon Efficient index. If the spin-off company is removed from the underlying index after at least one day of regular way trading (with a divisor adjustment), the corresponding Carbon Efficient index will follow the same treatment.

**Deletions.** Stocks removed from an underlying index are removed from the respective index simultaneously. Between rebalancings, a stock can be deleted from an index due to corporate events such as mergers, takeovers, delistings, suspensions, indefinite suspension, spin-offs/demergers, or bankruptcies, or as part of the quarterly eligibility review process.

#### **Controversies Monitoring**

Companies within the indices are monitored daily by RepRisk.<sup>9</sup> RepRisk analyzes companies for related controversies, including a range of issues such as economic crime and corruption, fraud, illegal commercial practices, human rights issues, labor disputes, workplace safety, catastrophic accidents, and environmental disasters. Using this data, each company is assigned a daily RepRisk Index (RRI) indicator. A company with an RRI indicator equal to or above 75 is defined as a risk.

If RepRisk reports a company's RRI reaches or exceeds 75 the impacted company is removed with a minimum of two business days' notice after S&P DJI receives notification of the violation. Any company removed as a risk is ineligible for index re-inclusion until the company's RRI remains below 75 on all days since the previous year's rebalancing date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Due to market volatility the 2020 rebalancing was delayed, so instead became effective after the close of the third Friday of June with a reference date of the third Friday of May.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Except for certain indices, controversies monitoring began in March 2017. For more information, please refer to Appendix B.

For more information on RepRisk, please refer to <u>www.reprisk.com</u>. This service is not considered a direct contribution to the index construction process.

#### **Corporate Actions**

**Mergers and Acquisitions.** In cases of mergers involving two index constituents, the merged company deemed to be the acquirer in the transaction remains in the index. If the acquisition payment type is stock based, the acquirer's index shares increase proportionately to the terms of the transaction. If the acquisition payment type is not stock based, the acquirer's index shares remain at pre-merger levels.

For more information on Corporate Actions, please refer to the Non-Market Capitalization Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

#### **Currency of Calculation and Additional Index Return Series**

Except for the S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index and the S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index, the indices calculate in U.S. dollars, Japanese yen, and the respective local currency for the regional indices.

WMR foreign exchange rates are taken daily at 4:00 PM London time and used in the calculation of the indices. These mid-market fixings are calculated by WMR based on LSEG data and appear on LSEG pages

**S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient Index and S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Index.** The indices calculate in Australian and U.S. dollars, using spot exchange rates taken at 4:17 PM Sydney Time as supplied by WMR.

**S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index and S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index.** The indices calculate in New Zealand, Australian, and U.S. dollars, using spot exchange rates taken at 3:00 PM New Zealand Time as supplied by WMR.

In addition to the indices detailed in this methodology, additional return series versions of the indices may be available, including, but not limited to the following: currency, currency hedged, decrement, fair value, inverse, leveraged, and risk control versions. For a list of available indices, please refer to <a href="mailto:S&P DJI">S&P DJI</a>
<a href="mailto:Methodology & Regulatory Status Database">Methodology & Regulatory Status Database</a>.

For information on the calculation of different types of indices, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

For the inputs necessary to calculate certain types of indices, including decrement, dynamic hedged, fair value, and risk control indices, please refer to the Parameters documents available at <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/spdji">www.spglobal.com/spdji</a>.

#### **Base Date and History Availability**

Index history availability, base dates, and base values are shown in the table below.

Index	Launch Date	First Value Date	Base Date	Base Value
S&P Global LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	07/17/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P Global SmallCap Carbon Efficient	10/30/2023	06/21/2019	06/21/2019	100
S&P Global Ex-Japan LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	07/17/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient	07/17/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P Developed LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P Emerging LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P Europe LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P North America LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P Asia Pacific LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100

	Launch	First Value	Base	Base
Index	Date	Date	Date	Value
S&P Latin America LargeMidCap Carbon Efficient	01/28/2019	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P Global 1200 Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P 500 Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P 400 Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P 600 Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P Europe 350 Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P China A Carbon Efficient	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient (DSW)	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P South Africa Domestic Carbon Efficient Capped (DSW)	10/22/2018	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient Index	05/03/2021	03/16/2018	03/16/2018	100
S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient Index	05/03/2021	03/16/2018	03/16/2018	100
S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient Index	06/28/2021	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100
S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Index	06/28/2021	03/20/2009	03/20/2009	100

### **Index Data**

#### **Calculation Return Types**

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- Gross Total Return (TR) versions reinvest regular cash dividends at the close on the ex-date without consideration for withholding taxes.
- Net Total Return (NTR) versions, if available, reinvest regular cash dividends at the close on the ex-date after the deduction of applicable withholding taxes.

In the event there are no regular cash dividends on the ex-date, the daily performance of all three indices will be identical.

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## **Index Policy**

#### **Announcements**

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#### **Recalculation Policy**

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# Appendix A

#### **Methodology Changes**

Methodology changes since July 17, 2018, are as follows:

Change	Effective Date (After Close)	Previous	Methodology Updated
TCFD Framework Status	06/16/2023		Companies with a Disclosure Status of "Disclosed" are additionally divided into those that have been identified by S&P Global Sustainable1 as having integrated the Taskforce on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) framework in their public reporting. Companies identified as having integrated the TCFD framework receive an additional increase in their Decile Weight Adjustment. Companies not covered by this data set are considered to be Not Integrated. For more details on this data point, please see the "TCFD Disclosure" section of the CSA Companion.
Rebalancing	06/16/2023	The indices rebalance annually, effective after the close of the third Friday of March. The rebalancing reference date, and the reference universe for constituent selection, is the second Friday of February.	The indices rebalance annually, effective after the close of the third Friday of June. The rebalancing reference date, and the reference universe for constituent selection, is the second Friday of May.
Carbon-to- Revenue Footprint <sup>10</sup>	03/18/2022	At each annual rebalancing, the latest available carbon-to-revenue footprint data from Trucost are used.	At each annual rebalancing, the latest available carbon-to-revenue footprint data with a Trucost financial year of less than four years prior to the rebalancing reference date's year are used.  Any carbon-to-revenue footprint data with a Trucost financial year of four years or more prior to the rebalancing reference date's year are considered as not covered.
Rebalancing Reference Date, Price Reference Date, and Pro- forma Schedule	03/04/2021	The rebalancing reference date, and the reference universe for constituent selection, is the third Friday of February.  Index share amounts are calculated using closing prices on the Wednesday prior to the second Friday of the rebalancing month (reference prices) and are assigned to each stock to arrive at the weights determined on the rebalancing reference date.	The rebalancing reference date, and the reference universe for constituent selection, is the second Friday of February.  Index share amounts are calculated using closing prices on the Wednesday prior to the first Friday of the rebalancing month (reference prices) and are assigned to each stock to arrive at the weights determined on the rebalancing reference date.
Liquidity Screen for Non- Constituents Domiciled in India	03/20/2020	Non-constituents domiciled in India and traded on the BSE are, as of the rebalancing reference date, subject to a liquidity screen based on their three-month median daily value traded from the BSE.	Non-constituents domiciled in India and traded on the BSE are, as of the rebalancing reference date, subject to a liquidity screen based on their aggregate three-month median daily value traded from both the BSE and NSE.
Mergers and Acquisitions	10/23/2018	In cases of mergers involving two index constituents, the merged company deemed to be the acquirer in the transaction	In cases of mergers involving two index constituents, the merged company deemed to be the acquirer in the transaction remains in the index, provided it meets all eligibility requirements. If the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Not applicable to the S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient, S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient, S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient, and S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient Indices which have applied the updated methodology since their inception.

	Effective Date		Methodology
Change	(After Close)	Previous	Updated
		remains in the index, provided it	acquisition payment type is stock-based, the
		meets all eligibility requirements.	acquirer's index shares increase proportionately to
		The acquirer's index shares	the terms of the transaction. If the acquisition
		remain at pre-merger levels.	payment type is not stock-based, the acquirer's
			index shares remain at pre-merger levels.

# Appendix B

#### **Historical Back-test Deviations**

**Controversies Monitoring.** For history prior to launch these indices do not apply controversies monitoring:

- S&P/NZX 50 Carbon Efficient
- S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Carbon Efficient
- S&P/ASX 200 Carbon Efficient, S&P/ASX 300 Carbon Efficient
- S&P Global SmallCap Carbon Efficient Indices

**Annual Rebalancings.** Due to market volatility, the 2020 rebalancing was delayed, so instead became effective after the close of the third Friday of June with a reference date of the third Friday of May.

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Please refer to the methodology for the Index for more details about the index, including the manner in which it is rebalanced, the timing of such rebalancing, criteria for additions and deletions, as well as all index calculations.

Information presented prior to an index's launch date is hypothetical back-tested performance, not actual performance, and is based on the index methodology in effect on the launch date. However, when creating back-tested history for periods of market anomalies or other periods that do not reflect the general current market environment, index methodology rules may be relaxed to capture a large enough universe of securities to simulate the target market the index is designed to measure or strategy the index is designed to capture. For example, market capitalization and liquidity thresholds may be reduced. In addition, forks have not been factored into the back-test data with respect to the S&P Cryptocurrency Indices. For the S&P Cryptocurrency Top 5 & 10 Equal Weight Indices, the custody element of the methodology was not considered; the back-test history is based on the index constituents that meet the custody element as of the Launch Date. Also, the treatment of corporate actions in back-tested performance may differ from treatment for live indices due to limitations in replicating index management decisions. Back-tested performance reflects application of an index methodology and selection of index constituents with the benefit of hindsight and knowledge of factors that may have positively affected its performance, cannot account for all financial risk that may affect results and may be considered to reflect survivor/look ahead bias. Actual returns may differ significantly from, and be lower than, back-tested returns. Past performance is not an indication or guarantee of future results.

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