



## Explanation of how ESG factors are reflected in the key elements of the benchmark methodology of SIX Switzerland Sustainability 25 Net Return Decrement 3.50%

### Consideration of ESG Factors

**Item 1.** Name of the benchmark administrator.

**SIX Index AG**

**Item 2.** Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks. Choose the relevant underlying asset from the list provided in Annex II of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816.

**Equity**

**Item 3.** Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks.

**SIX Switzerland Sustainability 25 Net Return Decrement 3.50%**

**Item 4.** Does the benchmark methodology for the benchmark or family of benchmarks take into account ESG factors?

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Item 5.** Where the response to Item 4 is positive, please list below, for each family of benchmarks, those ESG factors that are taken into account in the benchmark methodology, taking into account the ESG factors listed in Annex II to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816. Please explain how those ESG factors are used for the selection, weighting or exclusion of underlying assets. The ESG factors shall be disclosed at an aggregated weighted average value at the level of the family of benchmarks.

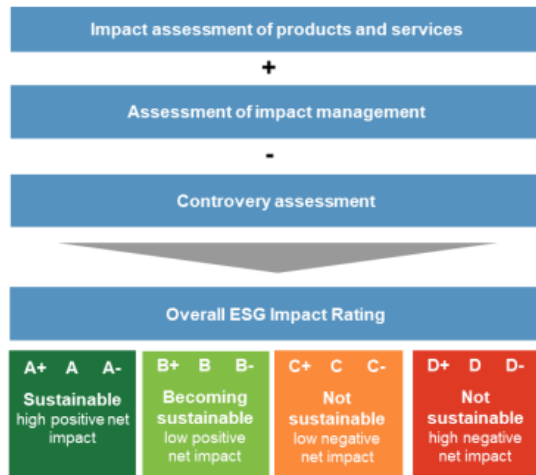
The Equity Benchmark Family consists of traditional benchmarks (i.e. non-ESG) as well as ESG benchmarks. Listing the ESG factors at the level of the family of benchmarks, could in our view be misinterpreted as these ESG factors are not applicable to the larger part of the benchmark family.

SIX Index AG has therefore decided to only list the ESG factors at the level of the individual ESG benchmark in item 6 below.

**Item 6.** Where the response to Item 4 is positive, please list below, for each benchmark, those ESG factors that are taken into account in the benchmark methodology, taking into account the ESG factors listed in Annex II to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, depending on the relevant underlying asset concerned. Please explain how those ESG factors are used for the selection, weighting or exclusion of underlying assets. The ESG factors shall not be disclosed for each constituent of the benchmark, but shall be disclosed at an aggregated weighted average value of the benchmark. Alternatively, all of this information may be provided in the form of a hyperlink to a website of the benchmark administrator included in this explanation. The information on the website shall be easily available and accessible. Benchmark administrators shall ensure that information published on their website remains available for five years.

Decrement indices replicate the performance of an underlying index net of a constant decrement in the form of either a fixed annualized percentage value or a fixed annualized index point value. The performance reduction is applied on a daily basis and according to the actual/365 day count convention. The SXI Switzerland Sustainability 25 Net Return Decrement 3.50% benchmark replicates the performance of the underlying SXI Switzerland Sustainability 25 Net Return index. The underlying index takes into account ESG criteria, the methodology of which is explained in more detail below.

One of the main inputs for the ESG benchmarks within the benchmark family is the ESG scores. The below figure provides an overview of the structure and the scale of the ESG ratings:



Source: Inrate 2018.

#### a) List of environmental factors considered:

Inrate's overall ESG Impact Rating is used to determine the constituents of the underlying index. The ESG Impact Rating considers environmental, social, as well governance factors. More information about Inrate's methodology can be found on [www.inrate.com](http://www.inrate.com).

The underlying index selects the 25 companies with the highest ESG Impact Rating out of the SMI Expanded Index and is weighted according to the constituents' free float market capitalization.

#### b) List of social factors considered:

Inrate's overall ESG Impact Rating is used to determine the constituents of the underlying index. The ESG Impact Rating considers environmental, social, as well governance factors. More information about Inrate's methodology can be found on [www.inrate.com](http://www.inrate.com).

The underlying index selects the 25 companies with the highest ESG Impact Rating out of the SMI Expanded Index and is weighted according to the constituents' free float market capitalization.

#### c) List of governance factors considered:

Inrate's overall ESG Impact Rating is used to determine the constituents of the underlying index. The ESG Impact Rating considers environmental, social, as well governance factors. More information about Inrate's methodology can be found on [www.inrate.com](http://www.inrate.com).

The underlying index selects the 25 companies with the highest ESG Impact Rating out of the SMI Expanded Index and is weighted according to the constituents' free float market capitalization.

Hyperlink to the information on ESG factors for each benchmark:

N/A

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**Item 7. Data and standards used****a) Data input.**

(i) Describe whether the data are reported, modelled or sourced internally or externally.

(ii) Where the data are reported, modelled or sourced externally, please name the third party data provider.

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The ESG data is sourced externally, with Inrate being the ESG research provider. Inrate delivers ESG scores and information on revenue in critical sectors, as well as an assessment regarding the UNGC principles. For details on Inrate's ESG research, please refer to <https://www.inrate.com>

**b) Verification and quality of data.**

Describe how data are verified and how the quality of those data is ensured.

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Inrate has established processes in accordance with accepted and established market standards, that have been continuously developed and regularly adjusted over the past 25 years.

The quality assurance process includes:

- Systematic peer review for all companies that are newly assessed
- Systematic peer review for all significant changes during the annual update
- Periodic spot checks for certain high-risk industries/issue areas by research leads
- Periodic data comparison with third-party sources, including government and industry databases

**c) Reference standards**

Describe the international standards used in the benchmark methodology.

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Any standards used in the benchmark methodology are listed in Item 6 above

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