STATE STREET GLOBAL State Street Global ESG Screened **Defensive Equity Fund** 31 August 2024

# Share Class

[I] All Investors

## **Fund Objective**

The objective of the Fund is to generate capital growth over the medium to long term through investment in global equity securities while exhibiting lower volatility and a reduced impact from market drawdowns.

#### **Investment Strategy**

The investment policy of the Fund is to outperform the MSCI World Index (or any other index determined by the Directors from time to time to track substantially the same market as the Index) over the long term with lower volatility and reduced impact from market drawdowns

The investment policy will also involve screening out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria (i.e. international norms in relation to environmental protection, human rights, labour standards, anticorruption and controversial weapons).

#### Benchmark

MSCI World Index

#### Structure

Investment Company

#### **UCITS Compliant**

Domicile

Luxembourg

#### **Fund Facts**

ISIN	LU12554223	93
NAV	18.48 USD a 2024	s of 30 August
Currency	USD	
Net Assets(millions)	110.75 USD August 2024	as of 30
Inception Date	28 October 2	015
SFDR Fund Classification	SFDR - Articl	e 8
Investment Style	Active	
Zone	Global	
Settlement	Redemption Cycle, DD+2; Settlement C	Subscription
Notification Deadline	DD-1 11:00A	M CET time
Valuation	Daily market	close
Swing Factor <sup>1</sup>		
Subscription	0.04%	
Redemption	0.01%	
Minimum Initial Investment	USD 3,000,0	00.00
Minimum Subsequent Investment	USD 1,000.0	0
Management Fees Actual TER	0.75% 0.84%	
Charge	Subscription	Redemption
Paid to the fund	N/A	Up to 2%

<sup>1</sup> Indicative as at the date of this factsheet and is subject to change

#### Performance

Annualised	Benchmark	Fund Gross	Difference	Fund Net	Difference
1 Year (%)	24.43	21.18	-3.26	20.16	-4.27
3 Year (%)	6.90	5.86	-1.04	4.98	-1.92
5 Year (%)	13.10	8.17	-4.93	7.29	-5.82
Since Inception (%)	10.88	8.08	-2.79	7.19	-3.69
Cumulative					
1 Month (%)	2.64	3.43	0.79	3.36	0.71
3 Month (%)	6.58	7.06	0.48	6.83	0.25
1 Year (%)	24.43	21.18	-3.26	20.16	-4.27
3 Year (%)	22.17	18.65	-3.52	15.71	-6.45
5 Year (%)	85.14	48.11	-37.03	42.16	-42.97
Since Inception (%)	149.17	98.81	-50.36	84.77	-64.40
Calendar					
2024 (year to date)	16.72	16.13	-0.59	15.47	-1.25
2023	23.79	7.75	-16.03	6.86	-16.93
2022	-18.14	-8.29	9.85	-9.05	9.09
2021	21.82	19.85	-1.97	18.91	-2.90
2020	15.90	1.07	-14.83	0.25	-15.65

# Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Investing involves risk including the risk of loss of capital.

The performance figures contained herein are provided on a gross and net of fees basis. Gross of fees do not reflect the deduction of advisory or other fees which could reduce the return. Index returns reflect capital gains and losses, income, and the reinvestment of dividends. The performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and other corporate earnings and is calculated in the currency stated in the Fund Facts. Calendar year inception performance returns will be partial for the year where the inception date for either the Fund in question or the historic performance-linked Fund (whichever is the earliest) falls within that period.

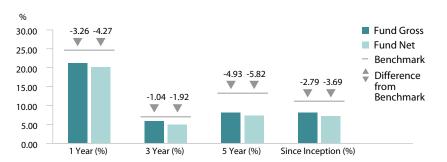
The calculation method for value added returns may show rounding differences. When the Fund is closed according to its official Net Asset Value (NAV) calendar but, nonetheless, a significant portion of the underlying security prices can be determined, a Technical NAV is calculated. Past Performance indicated herein has therefore been calculated using a Technical NAV when required, as well as the official NAV of the Fund as at each other business day for the relevant period.

Source: SSGA

Beta

All data is as at 31/08/2024

#### **Annualised Performance**



Fund Characteristics	Fund	Benchmark
Weighted Av. Market Cap (m)	US\$152,600	US\$626,512
Av. Price/Book	2.43	3.25
Price/Earnings (Forward 1yr)	14.93	20.02
Weighted Harmonic Av. Price/Cash flow	9.87	13.18
Dividend Yield (%)	2.42	1.78
Number of Holdings*	112	1,429
Ratios		3 Years
Standard Deviation (%)		12.78
Tracking Error (%)		7.52

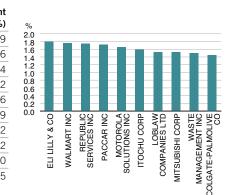
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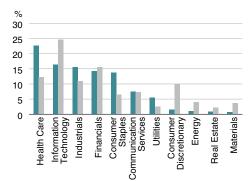
\* Number of Holdings quoted for the Fund may include Cash related items.

Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
ELI LILLY & CO	1.79
WALMART INC	1.76
REPUBLIC SERVICES INC	1.74
PACCAR INC	1.72
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	1.66
ITOCHU CORP	1.59
LOBLAW COMPANIES LTD	1.52
MITSUBISHI CORP	1.52
WASTE MANAGEMENT INC	1.50
COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CO	1.45

Sector Allocation	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
Health Care	22.64	12.27
Information Technology	16.40	24.70
Industrials	15.62	10.98
Financials	14.21	15.53
Consumer Staples	13.74	6.54
Communication Services	7.43	7.37
Utilities	5.60	2.60
Consumer Discretionary	1.64	9.94
Energy	1.09	4.11
Real Estate	0.98	2.28
Materials	0.66	3.68
Total	100.00	100.00

Country Allocation	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
United States	69.49	71.56
Japan	13.07	5.79
United Kingdom	3.61	3.82
Netherlands	2.50	1.25
Canada	2.18	3.05
Switzerland	2.00	2.55
Singapore	1.93	0.35
Australia	1.34	1.90
Germany	1.14	2.21
Italy	0.84	0.70
Other	1.90	6.83
Total	100.00	100.00







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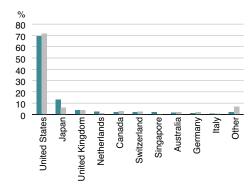
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#### Source: SSGA.

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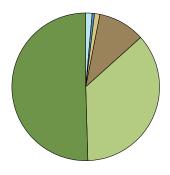
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## **Fund R-Factor Profile**

1.40%
0.52%
1.17%
10.27%
36.18%
50.46%



Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jul 2024

# **R-Factor**

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R-Factor Summary		
R-Factor		

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Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jul 2024

Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	111	99.11%	98.60%
Total Number of Securities in Fund	112		

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jul 2024

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	R-Factor Rating
Eli Lilly and Company	1.79%	65
Walmart Inc.	1.76%	69
Republic Services Inc.	1.74%	69
PACCAR Inc	1.72%	55
Motorola Solutions Inc.	1.66%	77
Itochu Corporation	1.59%	64
Loblaw Companies Limited	1.52%	66
Mitsubishi Corporation	1.52%	62
Waste Management Inc.	1.50%	67
Colgate-Palmolive Company	1.45%	82

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jul 2024

#### **Top 5 R-Factor Ratings**

0.93%	100
0.96%	93
0.27%	91
1.33%	90
0.66%	86
	0.96% 0.27% 1.33%

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jul 2024

#### **Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings**

Everest Group Ltd.	0.52%	32
TOKYO GAS Co. Ltd.	1.17%	40
SEI Investments Company	0.48%	44
Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company	0.29%	45
Masco Corporation	0.22%	51

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jul 2024

The R-Factor summary reflects certain ESG characteristics only, and does not reflect the fund's performance. Please see Important Information section for more information and definitions of the ESG Metrics presented. The stocks mentioned are not necessarily holdings invested in by SSGA. References to specific company stocks should not be construed as recommendations or investment advice. The statements and opinions are subject to change at any time, based on market and other conditions.

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#### **Climate Metrics**

Climate Metrics	Fund
Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)	169.01
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)	154.77
Total Reserves Carbon Emissions	12.70
Scope 1 + 2 Carbon Emissions	3672114.78
TCFD Total Carbon Emissions**	7,257.84*
TCFD Carbon Footprint	66.21
TCFD Carbon Intensity	70.17
TCFD Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI)	100.92
Brown Revenue %	4.11
Green Revenue %	3.83

See "Glossary" for detailed calculation notes such as missing data treatment, data lag and exclusions. Source: State Street Global Advisors, S&P Trucost, FactSet, Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). The results are estimates based on assumptions and analysis made by State Street Global Advisors. They are not intended to represent actual results of any offering. Actual results may differ.\* The TCFD Total Carbon Emission metric allocates emissions to investors based on an equity ownership approach. In the case of commingled funds, the results represent the environmental responsibility of the entire fund's assets under management. For individual unitholder's responsibility, an apportioned responsibility can be calculated based on the individual holding percentage. \*\* The metric is not used to compare portfolios and benchmarks because the data is not normalised.

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## **Stewardship Profile**

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2024
Number of Meetings Voted Number of Countries	<u>95</u> 14
Management Proposals	1,329
Votes "For"	95.18%
Votes "Against"	4.82%
Shareholder Proposals	102
With Management	93.14%
Against Management	6.86%

Figures are based on State Street Global Advisors' general approach to voting at the companies held by the Fund at quarter end. This information is not a substitute for a proxy voting report, which can be requested through your relationship manager. State Street Global Advisors' (SSGA) asset stewardship program is aimed at engaging with our fund companies on issues that impact long-term value creation across environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations. In the recent past, SSGA has issued extensive guidance on key governance matters such as effective, independent board leadership. SSGA's current focus is on helping boards think about the possible impacts of environmental and social issues and incorporating a sustainability lens into boards' oversight of long-term strategy as a sound business practice.

#### **Gender Diversity**

Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	0
1	0
2	3
3	25
4	19
5	14
6	5
7	3
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	43
Total	112

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Jul 2024

The Sustainability information presented above intend to provide transparency to investors around sustainability characteristics of the fund. Presenting this information should not be construed as a representation of the fund's current or future investment objective, nor should it be viewed as an indicator of the fund manager's current or future investment decision-making.

For information regarding the fund's SFDR category, investors are encouraged to review the fund's [prospectus/KIID].

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#### **R-Factor™**

R-Factor™ is an ESG scoring system that leverages commonly accepted materiality frameworks to generate a unique ESG score for listed companies. The score is powered by ESG data from four different providers in an effort to improve overall coverage and remove biases inherent in existing scoring methodologies. R-Factor™ is designed to put companies in the driver's seat to help create sustainable markets. R-Factor™ Scores are comparable across industries. The ESG and Corporate Governance (CorpGov) scores are designed to be based on issues that are material to a

company's industry and regulatory region. A uniform grading scale allows for interpretation of the final company level score to allow for comparison across companies. The R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> scoring process comprises two underlying components. The first component is based on the framework published by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("SASB"), which is used for all ESG aspects of the score other than those relating to corporate governance issues. The SASB framework attempts to identify ESG risks that are financially material to the issuer-based on its industry classification. This component of the R-Factor<sup>™</sup> score is determined using only those metrics from the ESG data providers that specifically address ESG risks identified by the SASB framework as being financially material to the issuer-based on its industry classification.

The second component of the score, the CorpGov score, is generated using region-specific corporate governance codes developed by investors or regulators. The governance codes describe minimum corporate governance expectations of a particular region and typically address topics such as shareholder rights, board independence and executive compensation. This component of the R-Factor<sup>™</sup> uses data provided by ISS Governance to assign a governance score to issuers according to these governance codes. Responsible-Factor (R Factor) scoring is designed by State Street to reflect certain ESG characteristics and does not represent investment performance. Results generated out of the scoring model is based on sustainability and corporate governance dimensions of a scored entity.

The returns on a portfolio of securities which exclude companies that do not meet the portfolio's specified ESG criteria may trail the returns on a portfolio of securities which include such companies. A portfolio's ESG criteria may result in the portfolio investing in industry sectors or securities which underperform the market as a whole. R-Factor™ Profile

# Within each industry group, issuers are classified into five distinct ESG performance groups based on which percentile their R-Factor<sup>™</sup> scores fall into. A company is classified in one of the five ESG performance classes (Laggard - 10% of universe, Underperformer - 20% of universe, Average Performer - 40% of universe, Outperformer - 20% of universe or Leader - 10% of universe) by comparing the company's R-Factor<sup>™</sup> score against a band. R-Factor<sup>™</sup> scores are normally distributed using normalized ratings on a

0-100 rating scale. Discrepancy between the number of holdings in the R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> Summary versus the number of holdings in the regular reporting package may arise as the R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> Summary is counted based on number of issuers rather than number of holdings in the portfolio.

Green Revenue %: Percentage of revenues from green or low-carbon technology products/business, as classified by FTSE LCE system Brown Revenue (%): Percentage of revenues from "brown" sectors, extractive sectors as classified by S&P Trucost

TCFD Weighted Average Carbon Intensity - Portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, expressed in tonnes CO2e / \$M revenue. Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are allocated based on portfolio weights (the current value of the investment relative to the current portfolio value).

TCFD Total Carbon Emissions - The absolute greenhouse gas emissions associated with a portfolio, expressed in tonnes CO2e. Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are allocated to investors based on an equity ownership approach.

TCFD Carbon Footprint - Total carbon emissions for a portfolio normalized by the market value of the portfolio, expressed in tonnes CO2e / \$M invested. Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are allocated to investors based on an equity ownership approach.

TCFD Carbon Intensity - Volume of carbon emissions per million dollars of revenue (carbon efficiency of a portfolio), expressed in tonnes CO2e / \$M revenue. Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are allocated to investors based on an equity ownership approach.

#### **Gender Diversity**

We are currently using FactSet's own "People" dataset to disclose the number of women on the board, for each company in the Fund's portfolio.

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