# STATE STREET GLOBAL State Street Europe Small Cap **ESG Screened Equity Fund**

### Share Class

[P Distributing] All Investors

#### **Fund Objective**

The objective of the Fund is to provide a return in excess of the performance of European small capitalisation equity markets.

31 December 2023

#### **Investment Strategy**

The investment policy of the Fund is to outperform the MSCI Europe Small Cap Index (or any other index determined by the Directors from time to time to track substantially the same market as the Index) over the medium and long term.

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 Europe Small Cap Index

#### Structure

Investment Company

#### **UCITS Compliant**

#### Domicile

Luxembourg

#### Fund Facts

Subscription	Redemption
1.5% 1.64%	
EUR 50.00	
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0.02%	
0.18%	
Daily market	close
DD 11:00AM	CET time
Redemption S Cycle, DD+2; Settlement Cy	Subscription
Europe	
Active	
SFDR - Article	e 8
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21.83 EUR as December 20	0 01 20
EUR	
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1 Indicative as at the date of this factsheet and is subject to change

### Performance

Annualised	Benchmark	Fund Gross	Difference	Fund Net	Difference
1 Year (%)	12.74	13.30	0.56	11.47	-1.27
3 Year (%)	2.66	8.33	5.68	6.59	3.93
5 Year (%)	8.26	10.72	2.46	8.93	0.67
Since Inception (%)	4.37	6.29	1.92	4.58	0.21
Cumulative					
1 Month (%)	6.98	6.09	-0.89	5.94	-1.04
3 Month (%)	9.72	8.97	-0.75	8.52	-1.20
1 Year (%)	12.74	13.30	0.56	11.47	-1.27
3 Year (%)	8.18	27.12	18.94	21.07	12.89
5 Year (%)	48.71	66.39	17.68	53.39	4.68
Since Inception (%)	30.81	46.69	15.88	32.45	1.64
Calendar					
2023 (year to date)	12.74	13.30	0.56	11.47	-1.27
2022	-22.50	-16.35	6.15	-17.70	4.80
2021	23.82	34.13	10.30	31.97	8.14
2020	4.58	-4.05	-8.64	-5.61	-10.19
2019	31.44	36.42	4.98	34.22	2.78

### 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

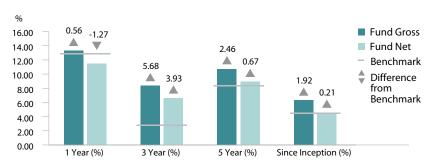
Fund in guestion or the historic performance-linked Fund (whichever is the earliest) falls within that period. The calculation method for value added returns may show rounding differences. When the Fund is closed according to its official Net Asset Value (NAV) calendar but, nonetheless, a significant

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.

Previous to 21 September 2020, the Fund was known as State Street Europe Small Cap Equity Fund.

Source: SSGA All data is as at 31/12/2023

#### **Annualised Performance**



#### **Fund Characteristics** Fund Benchmark Weighted Av. Market Cap (m) €2,042 €2.289 Av. Price/Book 1.27 1.42 Price/Earnings (Forward 1yr) 9.51 12.64 Weighted Harmonic Av. Price/Cash flow 5.76 7.46 Dividend Yield (%) 4.13 3.07 Number of Holdings\* 199 917 Dation **2** V

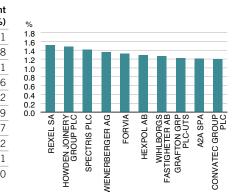
Ratios	3 Years
Standard Deviation (%)	17.34
Tracking Error (%)	4.03
Beta	0.93

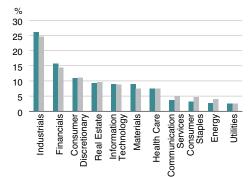
\* Number of Holdings quoted for the Fund may include Cash related items.

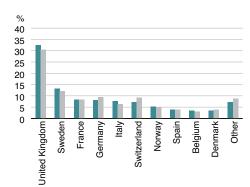
Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
REXEL SA	1.51
HOWDEN JOINERY GROUP PLC	1.48
SPECTRIS PLC	1.41
WIENERBERGER AG	1.36
FORVIA	1.32
HEXPOL AB	1.29
WIHLBORGS FASTIGHETER AB	1.27
GRAFTON GRP PLC-UTS	1.22
A2A SPA	1.21
CONVATEC GROUP PLC	1.20

Sector Allocation	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
Industrials	26.07	24.72
Financials	15.81	14.46
Consumer Discretionary	11.00	11.09
Real Estate	9.37	9.58
Information Technology	9.07	8.84
Materials	9.05	7.47
Health Care	7.45	7.46
Communication Services	3.64	5.07
Consumer Staples	3.27	4.68
Energy	2.77	4.12
Utilities	2.50	2.51
Total	100.00	100.00

Country Allocation	Fund	Benchmark
	(%)	(%)
United Kingdom	32.35	30.42
Sweden	13.19	11.97
France	8.40	8.23
Germany	8.13	9.32
Italy	7.58	6.33
Switzerland	7.23	9.25
Norway	5.14	4.95
Spain	3.96	3.81
Belgium	3.53	2.95
Denmark	3.41	3.98
Other	7.09	8.78
Total	100.00	100.00







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Source: SSGA.

Characteristics, holdings, country allocations and sectors shown are as of the date indicated at the top of this factsheet and are subject to change. Within Country Allocation, 'Other' denotes the consolidation of any countries which are not already included in the Fund's top 10.

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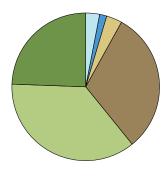
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#### **R-Factor™ Summary**

R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> is built off a transparent scoring methodology that leverages the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Materiality Map, corporate governance codes, and inputs from four best-in-class ESG data providers. R-Factor supports the development of sustainable capital markets by giving investors the ability to invest in solutions that integrate financially material ESG data while incentivizing companies to improve their ESG practices and disclosure in areas that matter.

### **Fund R-Factor Profile**

Not Available	3.04%
Laggard	1.56%
Underperformer	3.45%
Average Performer	31.12%
Outperformer	36.42%
Leader	24.42%



Source: Factset/SSGA as of 30 Nov 2023

#### **R-Factor**

R-Factor Summary	
R-Factor	
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 30 Nov 2023	

Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	184	92.46%	96.96%
Total Number of Securities in Fund	199		

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 30 Nov 2023

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	R-Factor Rating
Rexel SA	1.51%	82
Howden Joinery Group PLC	1.48%	57
Spectris plc	1.41 %	52
Wienerberger AG	1.36%	64
Forvia SE	1.32%	84
HEXPOL AB Class B	1.29%	64
Wihlborgs Fastigheter AB	1.27%	63
Grafton Group Plc	1.22%	57
A2A S.p.A.	1.21%	77
ConvaTec Group Plc	1.20%	73

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 30 Nov 2023

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

Signify NV	0.02%	87
Draegerwerk AG & Co. KGaA Pref	0.25%	86
Van Lanschot Kempen NV cert. of shs	1.00%	85
Forvia SE	1.32 %	84
Coca-Cola HBC AG	0.48%	83

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 30 Nov 2023

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

0		
Intershop Holding AG	0.27%	19
Hanza AB	0.16%	29
G5 Entertainment AB	0.08%	30
Redde Northgate PLC	1.05%	30
BKW AG	0.45%	34

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 30 Nov 2023

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.

#### **Climate Metrics**

## TCFD Carbon Metrics

Fund
176.05
5,205.44*
157.45
180.16

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.

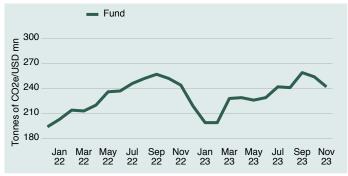
#### **Climate Profile**

#### Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)



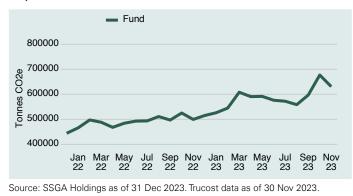
Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Dec 2023. Trucost data as of 30 Nov 2023.

Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)



Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Dec 2023. Trucost data as of 30 Nov 2023.

#### Scope 1 + 2 Carbon Emissions



#### As of 31 Dec 2023

#### **Stewardship Profile**

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Number of Meetings Voted Number of Countries	28 11
Management Proposals Votes "For"	<u> </u>
Votes "Against"	4.58%
Shareholder Proposals	4
With Management	100.00%
Against Management	0.00%

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	3
1	17
2	38
3	58
4	41
5	20
6	14
7	4
8	2
9	0
10	0
10+	1
Not Available	1
Total	199

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 30 Nov 2023

#### R-Factor™

R-Factor<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> is designed to put companies in the driver's seat to help create sustainable markets.

R-Factor<sup>™</sup> 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>™</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.

For examples of public language regarding R-Factor see the ELR Registration Statement here: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1107414/000119312519192334/ d774617d497.htm

Carbon Intensity (Direct+Indirect) Measured in Metric tons CO2e/USD millions revenues. The aggregation of operational and first-tier supply chain carbon footprints of index constituents per USD (equal weighted).

Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Direct+Indirect) Measured in Metric tons CO2e/USD millions revenues. The weighted average of individual company intensities (operational and first-tier supply chain emissions over revenues), weighted by the proportion of each constituent in the index. Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions Measured in Metric tons of CO2e. The GHG emissions from operations that are owned or controlled by the company, as well as GHG emissions

Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions Measured in Metric tons of CO2e. The GHG emissions from operations that are owned or controlled by the company, as well as GHG emissions from consumption of purchased electricity, heat or steam, by the company.

TCFD Weighted Average Carbon Intensity - Portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, expressed in tons 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 tons 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 tons 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 tons 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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Trucost Sections: Carbon Intensity, Weighted Average Carbon Intensity, Scope 1 +2 Carbon Emissions, Total Reserves CO2 Emissions

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