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Innovation Meets Sustainability:

Nasdaq-100 ESG IndexTM & Nasdaq Next Generation 100 ESG IndexTM

December 2022

Index Objectives

- Reduce the degree to which the portfolio's economic value is at risk because of ESG factors, or more technically, aim to significantly improve the portfolio's ESG score;
- Exclude enterprises that create reputational risks or violate fundamental values;
- Eliminate business exposures that are off-limit for most ESG-conscious investors;
 and
- Aim to deliver similar performance to the Nasdaq-100® (NDX™)/ Nasdaq Next Generation 100 Index™ (NGX™) (very low tracking error).



Index Mechanics

- Each ESG Index at all times consists of a selection of securities in the Nasdaq-100 / Nasdaq Next Generation 100 Index.
- The Nasdaq-100 and Nasdaq Next Generation 100 Indexes are reconstituted annually in December.
- The ESG characteristics of the underlying issuers are re-evaluated each quarter (March, June, September, December). Hence, there is a reconstitution and a rebalancing *each quarter*.
- Securities removed from the Nasdaq-100 / Nasdaq Next Generation 100 Index outside of a reconstitution are removed from Nasdaq-100 ESG Index (NDXESG™) / Nasdaq Next Generation 100 ESG Index (NGXESG™) and are not replaced.



Weighting Scheme

- The ESG Indexes are modified market capitalization-weighted indexes that consider a company's ESG Risk Rating Score as an adjustment factor.
- Two factors play into the index weight of an issuer:
 - The Nasdaq-100 / Nasdaq Next Generation 100 Market Value, and
 - The ESG Risk Rating Score.
- In general, for each issuer:
 - Everything else equal, the higher the weight in the Nasdaq-100 and/or the better ESG risk rating, the higher the weight in the NDXESG Index, and vice versa. Same for Nasdaq Next Generation 100 and NGXESG.



Exclusions December 2022: NDXESG

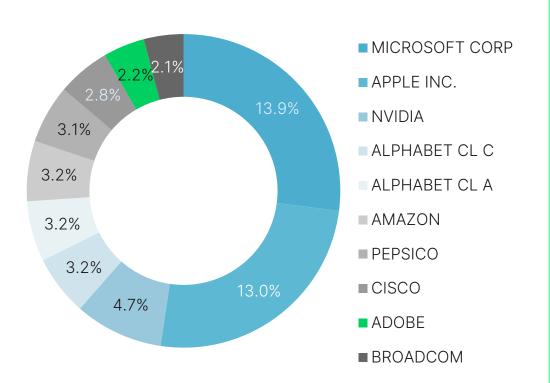
Symbol	Nasdaq-100 ESG Reason for Exclusion	Nasdaq-100 Weight (%)	Company Name	ICB Industry
HON	Revenue from military contracting weapons. Provide non- nuclear materials for nuclear weapons and involved in management of labs where nuclear weapons are designed and tested.	1.32	Honeywell International	Industrials
ADI	Revenue from military contracting weapon-related products and/or services.	0.77	Analog Devices	Technology
AEP	Revenue from thermal coal power generation, nuclear production, and oil & gas generation.	0.45	American Electric Power Company	Utilities
EXC	Revenue from nuclear production.	0.39	Exelon	Utilities
XEL	Revenue from thermal coal power generation, nuclear production, oil & gas production, and oil & gas generation.	0.35	Xcel Energy	Utilities
GFS	ESG Risk Rating Score has not yet been determined.	0.27	GlobalFoundries Inc.	Technology
BKR	Revenue from oil & gas supporting products/services.	0.27	Baker Hughes Co.	Energy
CEG	ESG Risk Rating greater than 40. Revenue from nuclear production and oil & gas generation.	0.26	Constellation Energy Corp	Utilities
FANG	ESG Risk Rating greater than 40. Revenue from oil & gas production. Involvement in shale energy extraction and/or production.	0.22	Diamondback Energy Co.	Energy
WBD	ESG Risk Rating Score has not yet been determined.	0.21	Warner Bros Discovery Inc.	Consumer Discretionary

Exclusions December 2022: NGXESG

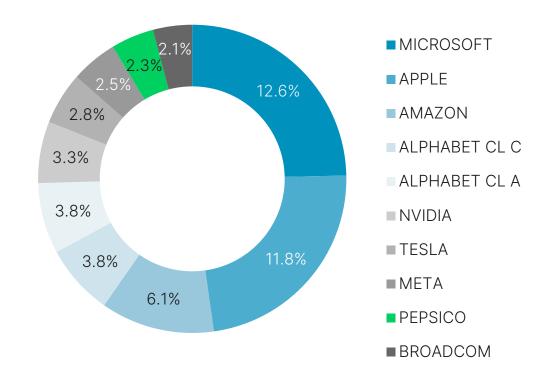
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BIDU	Global compact non-compliance.	1.37	Baidu Inc.	Technology
APA	ESG Risk Rating Score is greater than 40. Revenue from oil & gas production. Involvement in shale energy extraction and/or production.			Energy
LNT	Revenue from oil & gas generation and thermal coal power generation.	1.05	1.05 Alliant Energy Corp.	
BNTX	ESG Risk Rating Score has not yet been determined.	1.04	BioNTech SE-ADR	Health Care
СНК	ESG Risk Rating Score is greater than 40. Revenue from oil & gas production. Involvement in shale energy extraction and/or production.	0.96	0.96 Chesapeake Energy	
AXON	ESG Risk Rating Score is greater than 40. Manufacture riot control protection equipment and riot control weapons.	0.89 Axon Enterprise Inc.		Industrials
CZR	Revenue from gambling operations.	0.67	Caesars Entertainment Inc.	Consumer Discretionary
NFE	Revenue from oil & gas production.	0.67	New Fortress Energy Inc.	Energy
CASY	Revenue from tobacco products – retail.	0.63	Casey's General Stores Inc.	Consumer Staples

Top 10 Constituents: NDXESG vs NDX

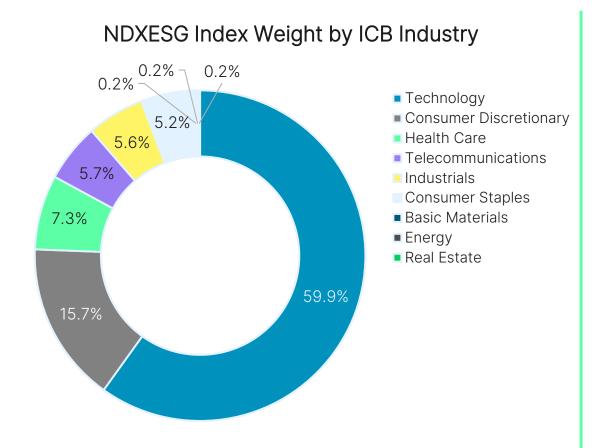
NDXESG: Top 10 Weight = 51.3%



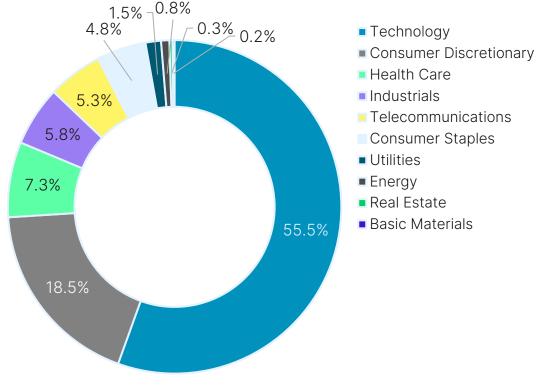
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Sector Exposures: NDXESG vs NDX

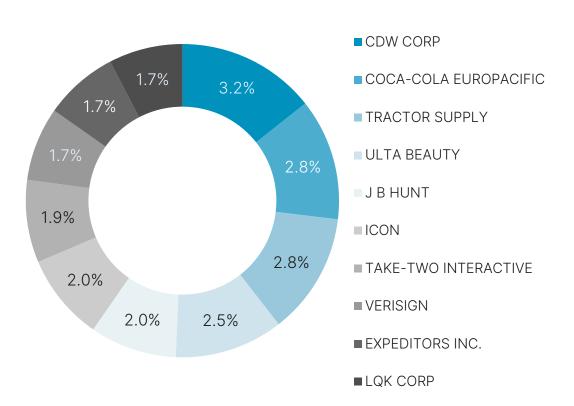


NDX Index Weight by ICB Industry 1.5% ¬0.8% 4.8%

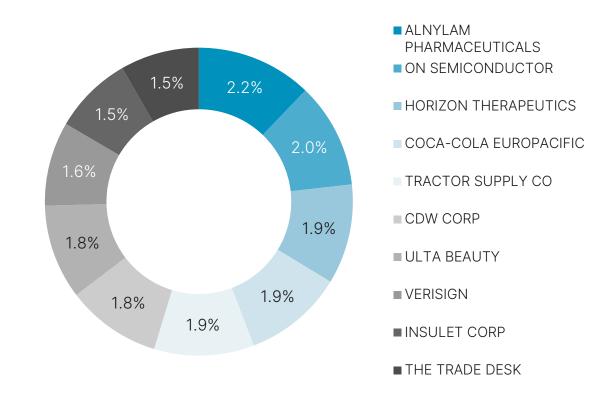


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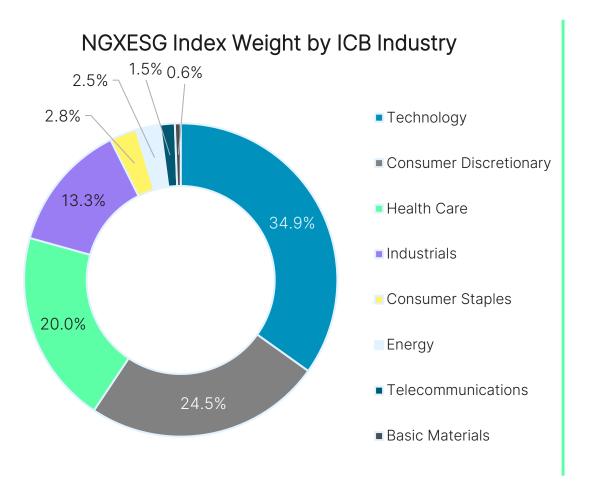


NGX: Top 10 Weight= 18.3%

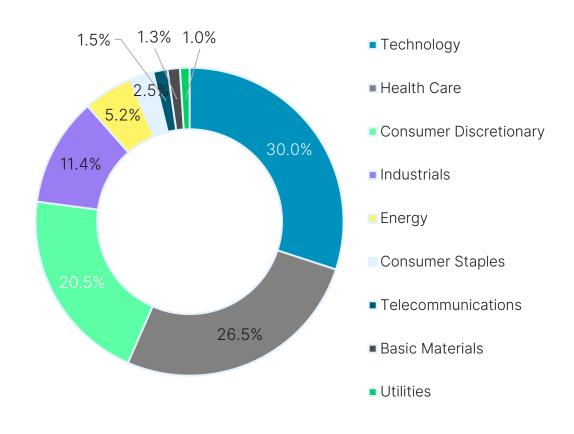




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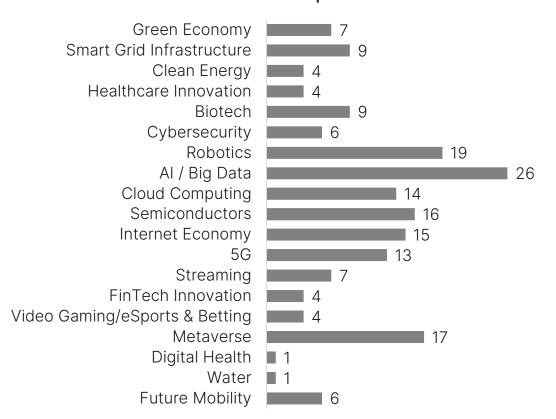
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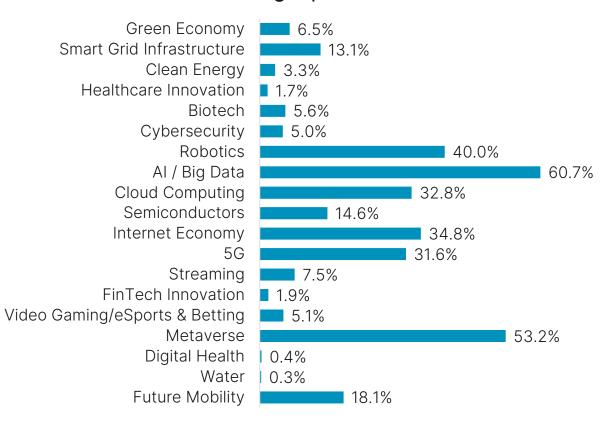




Nasdaq-100 by Thematic Exposures

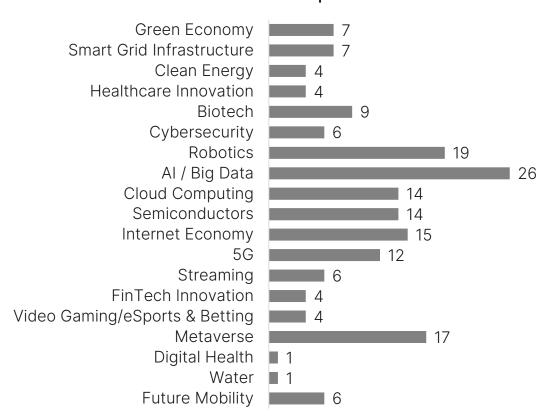
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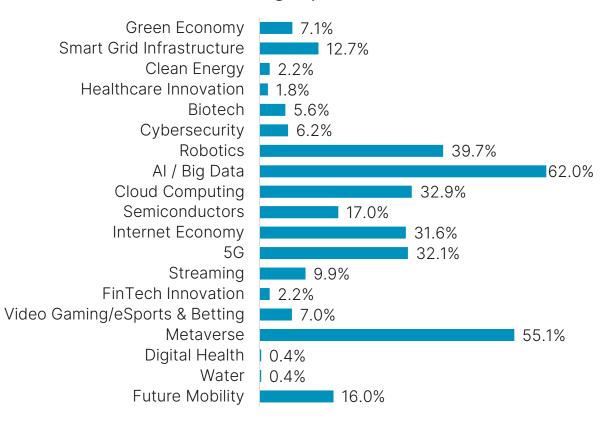




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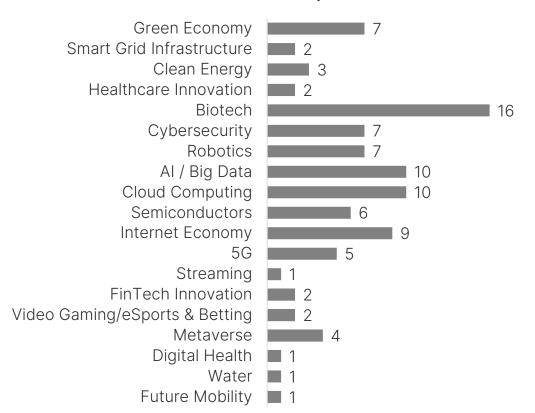
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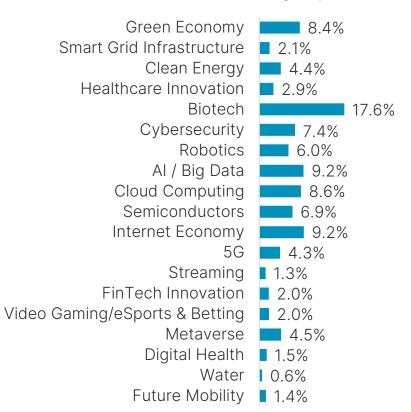




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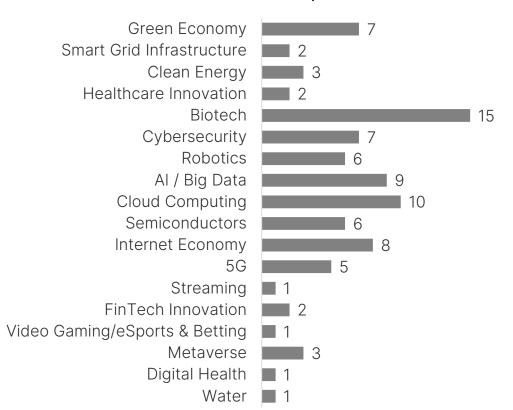
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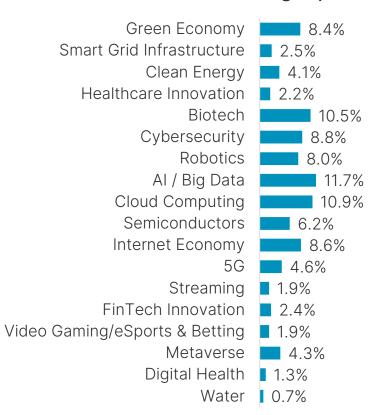




Nasdaq Next Generation 100 ESG by Thematic Exposures

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Top 10 Largest Overweights: NDXESG vs NDX

Symbol	Nasdaq-100 ESG Weight (%)	Nasdaq-100 Weight (%)	Difference Weight (%)	Company Name	ICB Industry
NVDA	4.7	3.3	1.4	NVIDIA Corp.	Technology
MSFT	13.9	12.6	1.3	Microsoft Corp.	Technology
AAPL	13.0	11.8	1.2	Apple Inc.	Technology
CSCO	2.8	1.8	1.0	Cisco Systems Inc.	Telecommunications
ADBE	2.2	1.4	0.8	Adobe Inc.	Technology
PEP	3.1	2.3	0.8	PepsiCo Inc.	Consumer Staples
AMAT	1.2	0.8	0.5	Applied Materials	Technology
ADP	1.3	0.9	0.4	Automatic Data Processing	Industrials
NFLX	1.6	1.2	0.4	Netflix Inc.	Consumer Discretionary
QCOM	1.5	1.1	0.4	Qualcomm Inc.	Technology



Top 10 Largest Underweights: NDXESG vs NDX

Symbol	Nasdaq-100 ESG Weight (%)	Nasdaq-100 Weight (%)	Difference Weight (%)	Company Name	ICB Industry
AMZN	3.2	6.1	-2.9	Amazon	Consumer Discretionary
META	0.8	2.5	-1.7	Meta	Technology
TSLA	1.8	2.8	2.8 -1.0 Tesla		Consumer Discretionary
GOOG	3.2	3.8	-0.6	Alphabet CI C	Technology
GOOGL	3.2	3.8	-0.6	Alphabet CI A	Technology
KHC	0.1	0.5	-0.3	Kraft Heinz	Consumer Staples
TMUS	1.3	1.6	-0.3	T-Mobile	Telecommunications
MRNA	0.4	0.6	-0.3	Moderna	Health Care
MNST	0.3	0.5	-0.2	Monster Beverage	Consumer Staples
COST	1.7	1.9	-0.2	Costco	Consumer Discretionary



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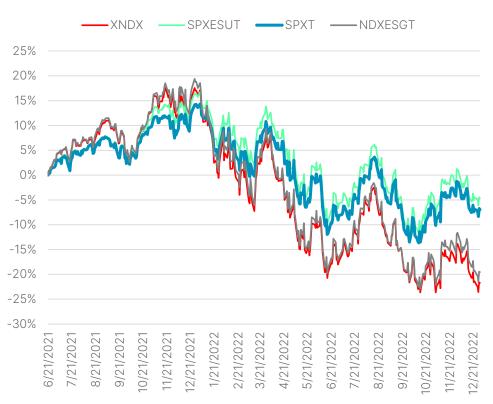
Symbol	NGXESG Weight (%)	NGX Weight (%)	Difference Weight (%)	Company Name	ICB Industry
CDW	3.2	1.8	1.4	CDW Corporation	Technology
TSCO	2.8	1.9	0.9	Tractor Supply Co	Consumer Discretionary
CCEP	2.8	1.9	0.9	Coca-Cola Europacific	Consumer Staples
ICLR	2.0	1.2	0.8 Icon PLC		Health Care
ULTA	2.5	1.8	0.7 Ulta Beauty		Consumer Discretionary
FLEX	1.4	0.7	0.7	Flex Ltd.	Technology
JBHT	2.0	1.4	0.7	J B Hunt	Industrials
TTWO	1.9	1.3	0.6	Take-Two Interactive	Consumer Discretionary
LKQ	1.7	1.1	0.6	LKQ Corp	Consumer Discretionary
ZBRA	1.6	1.0	0.6	Zebra Technologies	Industrials

Top 10 Largest Underweights: NGXESG vs NGX

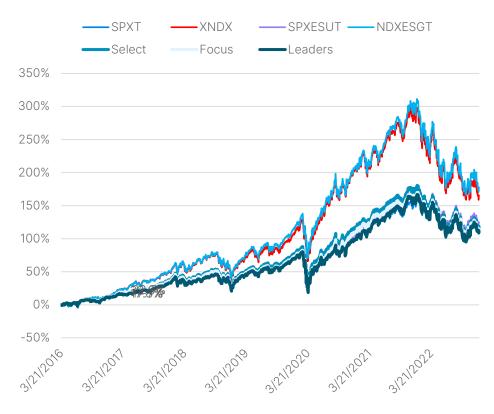
Symbol	NGXESG Weight (%)	NGX Weight (%)	Difference Weight (%)	Company Name	ICB Industry
HZNP	0.5	1.9	-1.4	Horizon Therapeutics	Health Care
ALNY	1.3	2.2	-0.9	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	Health Care
STLD	0.6	1.3	-0.7	Steel Dynamics	Basic Materials
ARGX	0.4	0.9	-0.5	Argenx	Health Care
SRPT	0.3	0.9	-0.5	Sarepta Therapeutics	Health Care
RPRX	0.8	1.3	-0.5	Royalty Pharma	Health Care
HOLX	0.9	1.4	-0.5	Hologic, Inc.	Health Care
ON	1.6	2.0	-0.5	ON Semiconductor	Technology
VTRS	0.6	1.0	-0.5	Viartris Inc.	Health Care
NVCR	0.2	0.6	-0.4	NovoCure Ltd.	Health Care

Performance – NDX vs. NDXESG

Since Inception 6/21/2021 – 12/30/2022

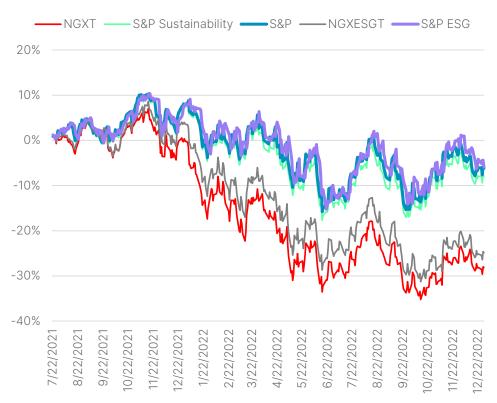


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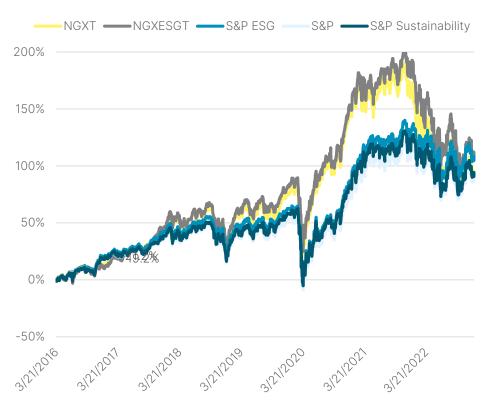


Performance - NGX vs. NGXESG

Since Inception 7/22/2021 – 12/30/2022



Since Beginning of Backtest 3/21/2016 – 12/30/2022



ESG Comparisons – NDX/NDXESG

				Weighted Average	Simple Average
Index	Benchmark	Number of Securities	% Exclusion from the Benchmark	Sustainalytics ESG Risk Score	Sustainalytics ESG Risk Score
MSCI USA Index		624	n/a	21.6	21.8
MSCI USA Extended ESG Focus Index	MSCI USA Index	308	51%	20.7	21.1
MSCI USA Extended ESG Leaders Index	MSCI USA Index	273	56%	19.2	20.0
MSCI USA ESG Universal Select Business Screens Index	MSCI USA Index	579	7%	20.1	21.3
Nasdaq-100 Index		101	n/a	20.5	20.8
Nasdaq-100 ESG Index	Nasdaq-100 Index	91	10%	18.5	20.0
S&P 500 Index		503	n/a	21.5	21.6
S&P 500 ESG Index	S&P 500 Index	304	40%	20.7	20.6

ESG Comparisons – NGX/NGXESG

				Weighted Average	Simple Average
Index	Benchmark	Number of Securities	% Exclusion from the Benchmark	Sustainalytics ESG Risk Score	Sustainalytics ESG Risk Score
Nasdaq Next Generation 100 Index		104	n/a	21.6	21.6
Nasdaq Next Generation ESG 100 Index	Nasdaq Next Generation 100 Index	95	9%	18.3	20.6
S&P MidCap 400 Index		401	n/a	23.7	23.7
S&P MidCap 400 Sustainability Screened Index	S&P MidCap 400 Index	371	7%	22.9	22.9
S&P MidCap 400 ESG Index	S&P MidCap 400 Index	256	36%	22.3	22.3

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Exclusions based on ESG risk

- Companies with a "Severe" ESG Risk Rating are automatically disqualified from inclusion.
 - A rating of greater than 40 is considered "Severe"; 30-40 is considered "High"; 20-30 is "Medium"; 10-20 is "Low"; and 0-10 is "Negligible".
- Exclude any company that has not been researched yet.



Exclusions based on ESG risk – continued

- Exclude any company that has a controversy score equal to 5:
 - The controversy rating reflects:
 - Incidents with negative Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) implications.
 - A company's level of involvement in and how it manages these issues.
 - Categorical scores are on a scale of 1 to 5.



Exclusions based on international norms

- A company must not violate the United Nations Global Compact:
 - 10 principles around human rights, labor, environment, and anticorruption.
 - https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles
- Securities are excluded from NDXESG/NGXESG that are classified as noncompliant.
 - Each company in the index is therefore classified as either compliant or on the watch-list with the UN Global Compact framework for following international norms.



Exclusions based on business involvements

Business Involvement Considered*:

- Energy (Arctic oil & gas, nuclear power, oil & gas, oil sands, shale energy, thermal coal)
- 2. Health & Life (Alcohol, recreational cannabis, tobacco)
- 3. Defense & Military (controversial weapons, military contracting, riot control, small arms)
- 4. Values-Based (adult entertainment, gambling)



Weighting scheme – continued

$$ESG\ Risk - Adjusted\ NDX\ Market\ Value = \frac{40 - ESG\ Risk\ Rating\ Score}{40} \times NDX\ Market\ Value$$

- Initial security weights are calculated by dividing a security's ESG Risk-Adjusted NDX Market Value by the sum of the ESG Risk-Adjusted NDX Market Values of all Index Securities.
- Afterwards, the same four-stage weight adjustment process as exists for NDX at its annual reconstitution is applied to produce final weights on a quarterly basis for NDXESG.
- (All the above applies for NGX and NGXESG, as well.)



Weighting scheme – continued

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Security	Parent Index	ESG Risk	(40-ESG	ESG Adjusted	Weight in	Weight in	ESG
	Market Value	Rating	Risk	Market Value	ESG	Parent	Excess
		Score	Rating		Index	Index	Weight
			Score)/40		(before		
					capping)		
Company A	157,440,900.96	9.669091	0.76	119,383,139.64	5%	2%	3%
Company B	408,425,550.79	10.14988	0.75	304,788,747.93	12%	5%	7%
Company C	466,765,510.49	10.33926	0.74	346,115,277.80	14%	6%	8%
Company D	337,399,212.20	10.56613	0.74	248,274,134.49	10%	4%	6%
Company E	36,052,270.56	12.02819	0.70	25,211,182.25	1%	0%	1%
Company F	590,398,129.57	16.18527	0.60	351,504,303.67	14%	7%	7%
Company G	268,545,835.16	19.19268	0.52	139,692,956.82	6%	3%	2%
Company H	311,917,708.29	20.84302	0.48	149,385,045.36	6%	4%	2%
Company I	547,470,308.53	22.79236	0.43	235,516,830.87	10%	7%	3%
Company J	24,733,442.74	24.69826	0.38	9,461,619.64	0%	0%	0%
Company K	435,838,825.61	27.38121	0.32	137,493,977.85	6%	5%	0%
Company L	118,577,295.32	27.73561	0.31	36,356,957.07	1%	1%	0%
Company M	307,719,744.86	28.36004	0.29	89,546,103.32	4%	4%	0%
Company N	441,090,355.41	33.1488	0.17	75,549,938.88	3%	6%	-2%
Company O	834,726,757.15	35.35263	0.12	96,982,201.14	4%	10%	-7%
Company P	550,834,597.82	37.24048	0.07	38,001,025.35	2%	7%	-5%
Company Q	269,359,777.85	37.4192	0.06	17,379,073.33	1%	3%	-3%
Company R	844,981,656.98	38.72938	0.03	26,841,302.95	1%	11%	-10%
Company S	359,845,558.64	39.02818	0.02	8,742,612.50	0%	5%	-4%
Company T	646,652,051.08	39.70698	0.01	4,736,994.67	0%	8%	-8%



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