



# Swiss Bond Index ESG - Family

The Sustainable Counterpart to SBI, the Swiss Benchmark Index for CHF Bonds

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The Swiss Bond Index (SBI) and its sub-indices serve as the basis for the SBI ESG indices. They reflect the price performance of bonds denominated in Swiss francs (CHF) that are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. Strict inclusion criteria apply to the SBI. Each bond must have a residual term of at least one year and an issue volume of at least CHF 100 million. Furthermore, only bonds with a fixed interest rate are considered. And finally, each bond must have a credit rating of BBB or higher. SIX calculates a so-called "SBI Composite Rating", which is composed of the ratings of the agencies Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch as well as the ratings of three major Swiss banks and the Swiss rating agency Fedafin.

For the SBI ESG indices, the issuers of the SBI are also selected on the basis of sustainability criteria. In doing so, SIX draws on the experience and data of the independent Swiss sustainability rating agency Inrate. Inrate's ESG impact rating measures the positive and negative effects - or impacts - of issuers on the environment and society.

## Market Overview

Swiss franc bonds from a wide range of issuers are listed on SIX Swiss Exchange. Issuers can be companies, but also states, institutions or public corporations. Swiss franc bonds are issued by both domestic and foreign issuers.

## Your Benefits at a Glance:

- Sustainable investment is more than just a trend
- SBI ESG Indices are sustainable benchmarks for the Swiss bond market
- SIX and Inrate work together as strong partners
- Independent and transparent index calculation
- High confidence in the benchmark

## Index Methodology

Issuers of the Swiss Bond Index are selected based on three criteria sourced from Inrate.

## ESG Rating:

The ESG rating for corporate issuers corresponds to Inrate's ESG impact rating. The rating is a measure of the environmental and social impact that a company participates in through its products and practices. The rating also assesses a company's willingness and ability to effectively address the issues it is involved in. The ESG rating for sovereign or quasi-government issuers is equivalent to the ESG country ratings of Inrate. The rating is based on an in-depth analysis of what a country needs to achieve in order to contribute to sustainable development both nationally and internationally. Inrate's ESG ratings run over twelve levels from A+, A, A-, etc.. to D-, whereas A+ represents the best rating and D- the worst rating.

Field	SBR14T	SBESGT
Full_index_name	SBI AAA-BBB Total Return	SBI ESG AAA-BBB Total Return
Universe	SBI	SBI
Review_Basket	every month-end (after close of business)	every month-end (after close of business)
Review_Procedure	All CHF bonds listed on SIX which fulfill the SBI requirements are selected for the index.	Starting off with the bonds included in the SBI, a selection is conducted based on ESG criteria.
Index_Based_Products	ETFs and Institutional Index Funds	ETFs and Institutional Index Funds

#### Revenues in critical sectors:

Inrate's product screening identifies the percentage of a company's revenue that comes from products or services in a critical sector, such as adult entertainment, alcohol, armaments, gambling, genetic engineering, nuclear energy, oil sands, coal or tobacco.

#### SVVK-ASIR's recommendations for exclusion:

The Swiss Association for Responsible Investment (SVVK-ASIR) compiles a recommendation list for the exclusion of companies. This list is currently made publicly available on their website and lists companies with involvement in anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions or nuclear weapons. It also includes a category of "Conduct-based exclusions", which covers violations of applicable laws/standards, human rights, labour rights, etc. are taken into account. Such an exclusion recommendation is considered by SVVK-ASIR as a last resort, and accordingly only implemented if direct engagement with the company has not been successful.

#### SBI ESG Selection Process:

For the SBI ESG indices, issuers with an ESG impact rating of C or worse and those with 5% or more in the sectors of adult entertainment, alcohol, armaments, gambling, genetic engineering, nuclear energy, coal or tobacco are excluded.

Issuers that generate revenue with oil sand or are on the exclusion list of SVVK-ASIR are also excluded.

#### Licensing

The SBI ESG Indices are part of an index data package comprising ESG bond indices calculated by SIX. The index data can be obtained from the SIX website and via data providers such as SIX, Bloomberg or Refinitiv. No licence is required for historical data, which is publicly available.

#### Governance and Regulation

Since 1998, SIX has set up an Index Commission for Swiss Bond Indices, which advises SIX on all index-related issues. SIX is committed to the IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks. The administration of the Swiss bond indices is carried out in accordance with the recommendations and requirements of the EU Benchmark Regulation. This also ensures the possibility of use for international clients and financial service providers. For a list of benchmarks that are endorsed under the EU Benchmark Regulation, please visit the benchmark statement.

#### Index Information (excerpt of indices; data as of 31 May 2021)

Name	ISIN	Symbol	Refinitiv RIC	Perf. 1yr	Perf. 3yrs	Yield	Duration
SBI ESG AAA-BBB Total Return	CH0543852013	SBESGT	.SBESGT	-0.25%	2.89%	0.03%	7.74
SBI ESG AAA-BBB Price	CH0543852021	SBESGP	.SBESGP	-1.18%	-0.40%	0.03%	7.74
SBI ESG Foreign AAA-BBB 1-5 Total Return	CH0543852252	SESF5T	.SESF5T	1.84%	0.71%	-0.23%	2.87
SBI ESG Foreign AAA-BBB 1-5 Price	CH0543852260	SESF5P	.SESF5P	0.91%	-2.71%	-0.23%	2.87
SBI ESG Foreign AAA-BBB 5-10 Total Return	CH1116877684	SEF51T	-	1.88%	2.86%	0.03%	7.02
SBI ESG Foreign AAA-BBB 5-10 Price	CH1116877718	SEF51P	-	1.07%	0.15%	0.03%	7.02

In addition to the SBI ESG indices mentioned above, subindices for several maturity buckets, issuer domiciles, as well as credit ratings are calculated.

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