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# **Ambition climat**

Press release:



#### **Fonds Ambition Climat**

#### Dix investisseurs institutionnels français créent trois fonds d'investissements de place pour lutter contre le réchauffement climatique



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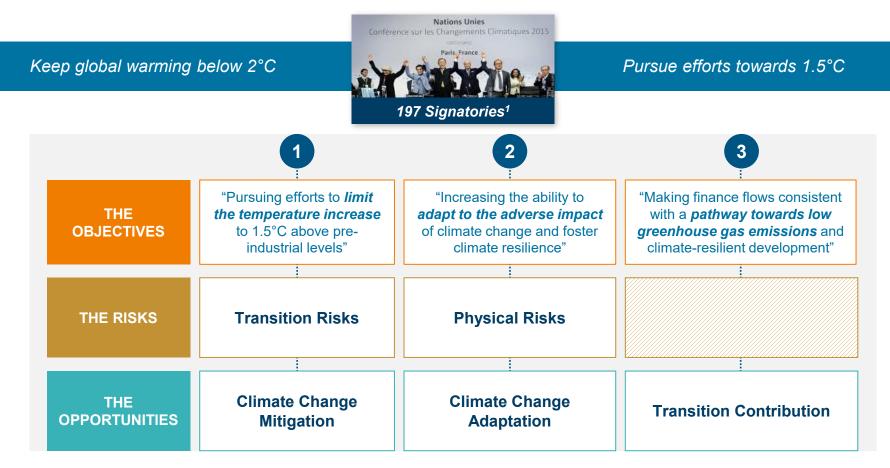
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# Starting point : EU Climate Indexes



# The Paris Agreement has set the stage for investors

The Agreement places a focus on three key areas: mitigation, adaptation and contribution

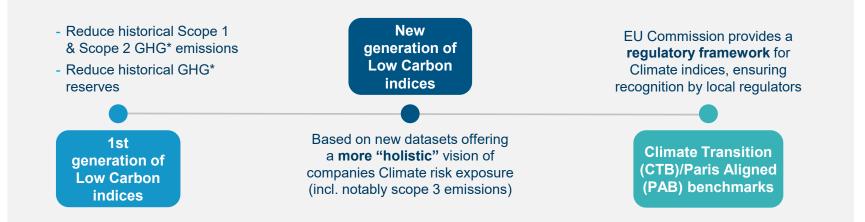


1. 196 States + European Union. Source: Paris Agreement (UNFCCC, November 2015).



#### Towards a low carbon economy

New EU Climate benchmarks designed to align investors' portfolios with the Paris Agreement



Climate Transition benchmarks (CTB) / Paris Aligned benchmarks (PAB), the first pan-European labels for sustainable financial products allowing to:

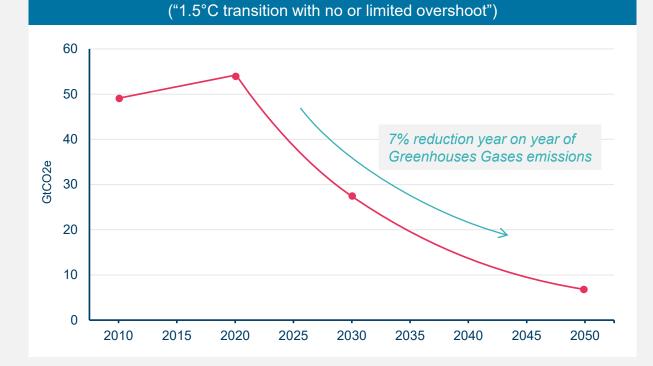
- Provide a clear & transparent technical standards built by a panel of experts,
- Align index portfolios with the objective of the Paris agreements,
- Recognise the **central role of Index management** in the transition towards a Low Carbon economy.

\*Greenhouse Gases.

Scope 1: All direct emissions from the activities of an organisation or under their control. Including fuel combustion on site such as gas boilers, fleet vehicles and air-conditioning leaks. Scope 2: Indirect Emissions from electricity purchased and used by the organisation. Emissions are created during the production of the energy and eventually used by the organisation. Scope 3: All Other Indirect Emissions from activities of the organisation, occuring from sources that they do not own or control. These are covering emissions associated with business travel, procurement, waste and water.



# We need to decarbonize the economy by 7% annually to reach the Paris agreements objectives



Worldwide emissions trajectory compatible with Paris agreements objective



**Decarbonization** has to start now to converge towards a zero net emissions world by mid-century

Source: Synthesis Report, IPCC SR15 report Chapter 2 and Global Carbon Budget, 2018.



# CTB & PAB indices: different label constraints...

Minimum Requirements	EU Climate Transition Benchmark - CTB	EU Paris Aligned Benchmark - PAB			
Year-on-year self decarbonization	-7% (IPCC	-7% (IPCC requirement)			
Carbon intensity reduction vs investable universe	-30% -50%				
Scope 3 phase-in	2-4	years			
Do no harm principle <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Controversial weapons</li> <li>Societal norms violators</li> <li>Tobacco</li> </ul>				
Activity exclusions		Coal exploration or processing 1	%		
		Oil exploration or processing activities	0%		
		Natural gas exploration or processing activities50	)%		
		Electricity generation with a GHG intensity of lifecycle emissions above 100gCO2e/kWh	0%		
Exposure to high impact Minimum exposure to sectors highly exposed to climate change is at least equal to market benchmark value					
UCITS indices complying with these requirements can use the label "CTB" or "PAB"					

1. Exclusions are applied immediately for the PAB Benchmarks and have to be implemented by the 31/12/2022 for the CTB Benchmarks.



# The Euro iSTOXX Ambition Climat PAB Index is the result of a partnership

ESG data provider	Index provider	Asset Manager
	Are the creators of the Index	
<ul> <li>Provides climate and extra- financial data on the basis of historical and estimated data</li> <li>Provides a methodology for the measurement of the 2°C Alignment IEA scenario</li> <li>Produces the Climate report of the Index</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Defines and maintains the Index methodology</li> <li>Calculates and administers the Index</li> <li>Ensure Index eligibility to the PAB label</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replicates the Index as accurately as possible</li> <li>Lead the Commitment policy which aims to encourage the global adoption by companies of a verified 2°C Alignment policy</li> </ul>



## Each member of the partnership is a leader within its field

ISS ESG ⊳

#### **ISS-ESG**

- Specialist of ESG data for 25 years and Climate data for 10 years
- 180+ analysts including 50% EMEA-based

QONTIGO

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#### STOXX

- Calculates and administers more than 225 Indexes STOXX, iSTOXX or DAX ESG, Climate and Low Carbon since 2001
- STOXX is part of Qontigo, a company of Deutsche Boerse Group

Amundi

- 112 Md€ of AUM in Index management including 38 Md€ of AUM with ESG integration
- Co-founder member of the Portfolio Decarbonization Coalition
- Votes to more than 3 400 GA<sup>(1)</sup>
- Commitment with more than
   280 issuers<sup>(1)</sup>

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(1) For the 2019 year

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# The Euro iSTOXX Ambition Climat PAB Index



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# **Euro iSTOXX Ambition Climat PAB: Building Steps**

Step 1	Definition of the eligible basket of securities
Step 2	Adjustment of weights
Step 3	Compliance with Paris Agreement
Step 4	Beyond Paris Agreement



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# Step 1: Definition of the eligible basket of securities

Application of the PAB label exclusions

#### Euro STOXX Total Market Index

## About 95% of the Eurozone market capitalization



#### Exclusions Companies non-compliant with the Global Compact of United Nations Companies involved in the trade of controversial weapons (production or trade, detention >10% of voting rights of an involved company or >10% of voting rights held by an involved company)

- Companies which produce tobacco (revenue threshold of 0%)
- · Fossil Fuel activities
  - Thermal coal : >1% of revenues generated by exploration, production (expect for energy production) or distribution
  - Oil and Gas : >10% of revenues generated by exploration, production (expect for energy production) or distribution
- Energy production
  - Thermal coal : >10% of revenues generated
  - Electricity production with intensity > 100g CO2e/kWh : >50% of revenues

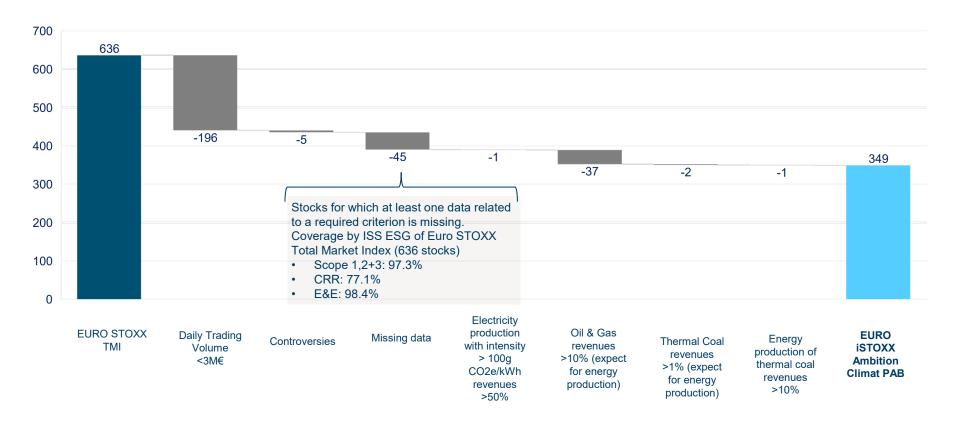
#### — Liquidity Filter -

Daily Trading Volume < 3M€ in average over the last 3 months



# Step 1: Consequences of the various exclusion criteria

#### From EURO STOXX Total Market universe to EURO iSTOXX Ambition Climat PAB stocks



Data as of 24/03/2020.

# **Step 1/2: relying on the Science Based Targets Initiative**



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- The Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) is born after the COP21, on the initiative of the Global Compact of United Nation and the CDP
- It aims to encourage the global adoption by companies of science based targets of GHG emission reduction aligned with the Paris Agreement
- The commitment of companies is made by :
  - A commitment letter
  - Elaboration of quantified targets
  - Proposal of targets for validation
  - Statement of targets

Companies are ranked in 3 categories according to their commitment towards SBTi :

- Companies with a verified target: The GHG emission reduction target has been verified by the SBTi. The SBTi identifies 3 sub-categories of targets:
  - 2°C
  - Well below 2°C
  - 1.5°C

At this stage we do not make any difference between these 3 sub-categories

- The companies which have committed to develop science based targets of GHG emission reduction but which haven't yet presented them or had them checked by SBTi
- Companies with no targets



# **Step 1/2: Progressive exclusions and Adjustment of target weights**

Weights of companies are adjusted regarding their past and future decarbonisation pathways:

Decarbonisation pathway	2020 and before	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 and beyond
SBTi target verified <u>and</u> GHG emissions intensity reduction ≥ 7% per year for 3 years	Overweigh of 33%					
SBTi target verified but <u>without</u> GHG emissions reduction intensity of 7% per year for 3 years	Overweigh of 20%					
SBTi commitment Without verified target	Linear divestment of 20% per year				No weight	
No commitment to SBTi	Linear divestment of 33% per year <b>No weight</b>					

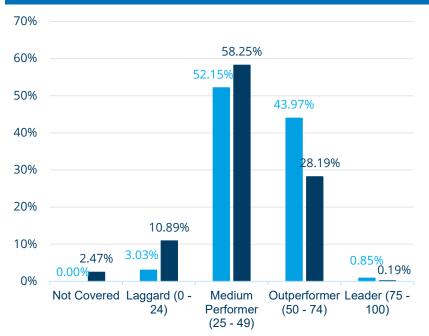


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# Step 2: Adjustment of target weights regarding Climate Risks and Opportunities

- The index aims to be on a virtuous emissions pathway and to manage risks and opportunities related to the energy transition
- The ISS-ESG Carbon Risk Rating is used to adjust the weights at step 2 by overweighting best rated companies
- The Carbon Risk Rating (CRR) :
  - Synthesizes the risks (GHG emission...) and opportunities (green share...) that companies face
  - Is based upon more than 100 indicators which most on them are sector-specific
  - · Distinguishes several categories of companies :
    - Laggards (CRR: 0-24)
    - Medium performers (CRR: 25-49)
    - Outperformers (CRR: 50-74)
    - Leaders (75-CRR: 100)

#### Weights of ISS Carbon Risk categories



■ EURO iSTOXX Ambition Climat PAB ■ EURO STOXX Total Market



Source: STOXX, March 2020

## **Step 3: Paris Aligned Benchmark (PAB) Label**

- The EU regulation 2019/2089 which formally creates Climate Transition Benchmark (CTB) and Paris Aligned Benchmark (PAB) Index labels came into effect on December 2019
- This regulation aims to encourage investors to finance the transition to a low carbon economy by offering them Equity and Fixed Income Indexes aligned with the Paris Agreement
- A PAB labeled index is thus statutorily recognized as aiming to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050
- The PAB label constraints\* are the following:

#### **EU Paris Aligned Benchmark Label Constraints**

Reduction of GHG emission intensity by 7% per annum

Reduction of Scope 1+2+(3) GHG emission intensity by 50% compared to the reference universe

 $\rightarrow$  Gradual insertion of Scope 3 data over 2 to 4 years

Norm-based exclusions:

- Controversial weapons
- · Infringement of societal standards
- Tobacco

Sector exclusions:

- Coal (>1% of revenues)
- Oil (>10% of revenues)
- Natural Gas (>50% of revenues)
- Electricity production with GHG emission intensity > 100g CO2e/kWh (>50% of revenues)

Weights of sectors highly exposed to climate change issues at least equal to reference index

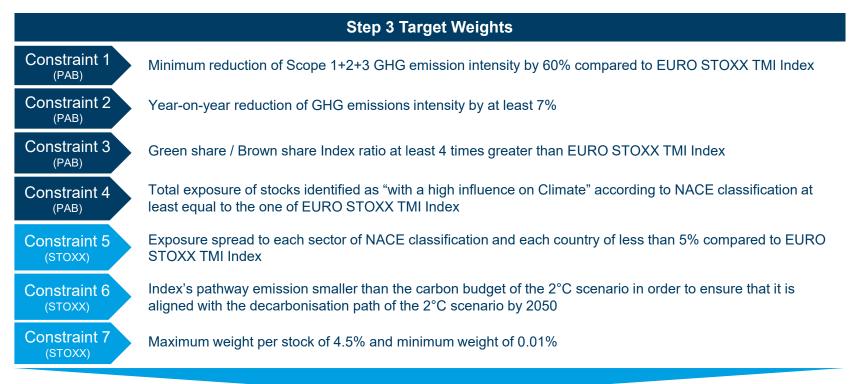
An overweight of companies whom set strict science based targets is considered to avoid greenwashing

Ratio of Green / Brown revenues of at least 4 (optional)

\*Subject to change with the publication of final delegated acts.

# **Step 3: Portfolio optimization in line with PAB label**

- Final weights are determined to ensure that the index respects the PAB label statement of work
- The Sector Decarbonisation methodology of the International Energy Agency is used to ensure that the portfolio is aligned with a 2°C trajectory

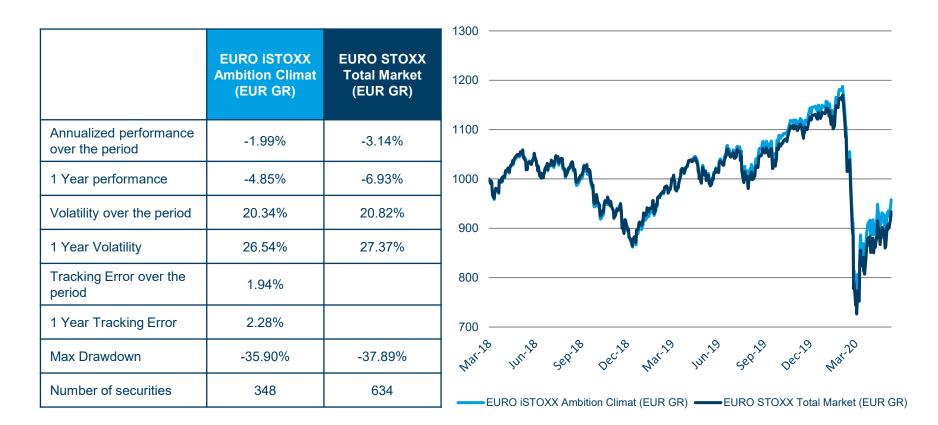


**Final Weights** 



## **Risks and performance – Data as of 26/05/2020**

Euro iSTOXX Ambition Climat PAB compared to Euro STOXX TMI



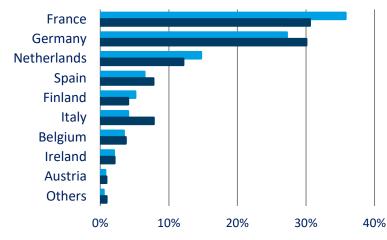


Source: STOXX, 19/03/2018 – 26/05/2020

## Sector and country Breakdowns

#### Country and Sector diversification similar to the universe

Country Breakdown

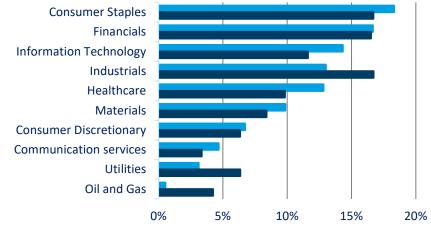


#### Top 10 holdings

Securities	Euro iSTOXX Ambition Climat PAB	Euro STOXX TMI
ASML HLDG	4.75%	2.99%
SAP	4.47%	2.97%
SANOFI	4.46%	2.42%
L'OREAL	4.19%	1.51%
BAYER	2.54%	1.43%
UNILEVER NV	2.44%	1.54%
DEUTSCHE TELEKOM	2.23%	1.10%
AIR LIQUIDE	2.13%	1.39%
ALLIANZ	2.01%	1.63%
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC	1.95%	1.18%

**Consumer Staples** 

Sector Breakdown









Source: STOXX, as of 26/05/2020

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# **Beyond the Paris Agreement**



# ISS ESG will provide a thorough Climate report for the Index

The ISS ESG report will include metrics:

- About Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions
- About Green share / Brown share
- About Transition Risk Carbon Risk Rating
- About Physical Risk

These data will be provided both as aggregated emissions and as individual contributions

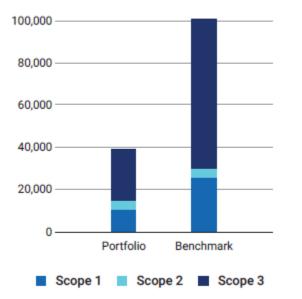
In addition, the **ISS ESG report will certify the 2°C alignment of the Index** according to the IEA Sector Decarbonisation methodology



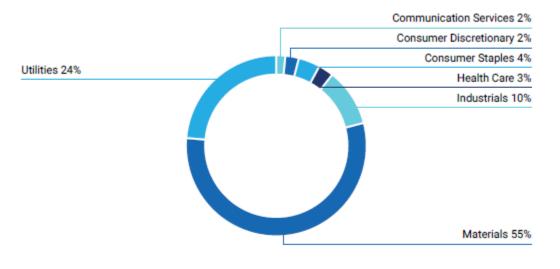
### **Aggregated emissions**

**Emission Exposure Analysis** 

Emissions Exposure (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)



Sector Contributions to Emissions<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Note: Carbon Risk Rating data is current as of the date of report generation.
<sup>2</sup> Emissions contributions for all other portfolio sectors is less than 1% for each sector.



#### **Granular data**

#### Aggregated emissions

#### Emission Exposure Analysis (continued)

Top 10 Contributors to Portfolio Emissions					
Issuer Name	Contribution to Portfolio Emission Exposure (%)	Portfolio Weight (%)	Emissions Reporting Quality	Carbon Risk Rating	
Veolia Environnement SA	12.83%	0.57%	Strong	Outperformer	
Air Liquide SA	7.97%	2.26%	Strong	Outperformer	
HeidelbergCement AG	7.62%	0.10%	Strong	Medium Performer	
Linde Plc	5.65%	1.60%	Strong	Medium Performer	
BASF SE	4.57%	1.22%	Strong	Medium Performer	
thyssenkrupp AG	4.50%	0.08%	Strong	Medium Performer	
CRH plc	4.46%	0.33%	Strong	Medium Performer	
Fortum Oyj	4.12%	0.35%	Strong	Outperformer	
SUEZ SA	3.19%	0.29%	Strong	Outperformer	
Compagnie de Saint-Gobain SA	3.09%	0.46%	Strong	Medium Performer	
Total for Top 10	58.01%	7.25%			



# **Aggregated 2°C Scenario Analysis**

#### 2°C Scenario Analysis

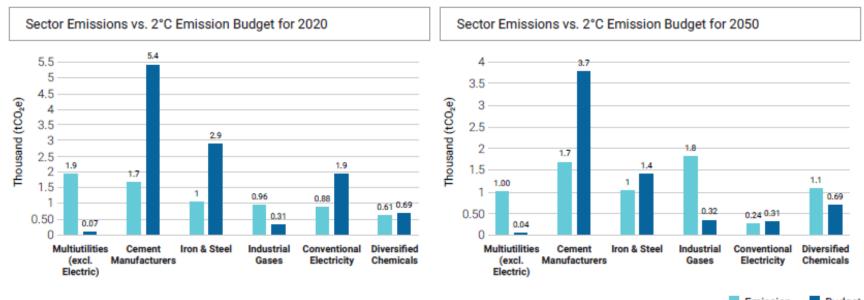
Portfolio	Portfolio Compliance with Emission Budget per Scenario					
	2020 2030 2040 2050					
<b>2</b> °	50.89%	59.31%	71.2%	85.2%		
4°	48.58%	46.57%	45.88%	46.46%		
6°	45.89%	40.94%	38.19%	36.32%		

- The report is designed to determine the alignment of the Index with the 2°C scenario until 2050
- Uses « *Energy Technology Perspectives* » (2015) scenarios of the International Energy Agency
- ISS unites the IEA scenarios and the Sector Decarbonisation approach by allocating a carbon budget to each company considering its market share and the estimated pathway of emissions of its sector
- The targets of emission reduction are taken into account and the estimated pathways are adjusted downwards if the companies have set science based targets (SBT)
- According to this methodology this portfolio only uses 50.59% of its 2°C 2020 carbon budget and 85.2% for 2050



# Granular 2°C scenario Analysis

#### 2°C Scenario Analysis



Emission Budget

In the standard report, analysis are presented for the most emissions-intensive sectors



#### The Index 2°C Alignment is verified by the Sector Decarbonisation Methodology

Step 1 : Allocation of emission budgets by sector

#### Carbon Budgets

Estimated

Pathways

The carbon emission budgets (tCO2) by scenario and by sector come from the IEA by using the Sector Decarbonisation Approach.

# Step 2 : Estimation of revenues by sector

Revenues are estimated including private and public companies. An annual growth rate of 3.2% (reflecting the World GDP) is used to estimate sector revenues.

# Step 3 : Calculation of the carbon intensity balance pathway until 2050

The emission budgets and the sector estimated revenues are used to create an intensity emission budget until 2050.

Step 1 : Extrapolation of carbon emissions of the company

The historical emissions change average rate over 5 years is extrapolated and adjusted according to targets set by the company. Step 2 : Extrapolation of revenues pathway of the company

The revenues, based on the previous fiscal year are then extrapolated using the World GDP of 3.2% until 2050.

Step 3 : Calculation of the estimated carbon intensity pathway until 2050

The yearly emissions are then divided by the estimated yearly revenue of the company until 2050, which define the expected global pathway.



The historical emissions change average rate over 5

# 04

# Index replication process and Engagement policy



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## **Equity Index Management Process**

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Alto Index Tracking: Search for Added Value		Cash Management Orders execution
Line by line deviation		
Country by country deviation	Securities transactions	<ul> <li>Inflows and outflows management</li> </ul>
Sector deviation		Orders execution "STP"
Market Capitalization     deviation	Indexes rebalancing	
Orders efficiency regarding the cost / risk ratio in order to minimize the TE and the costs	Full replication	Best execution

Full replication focused on cost reduction and performance improvement



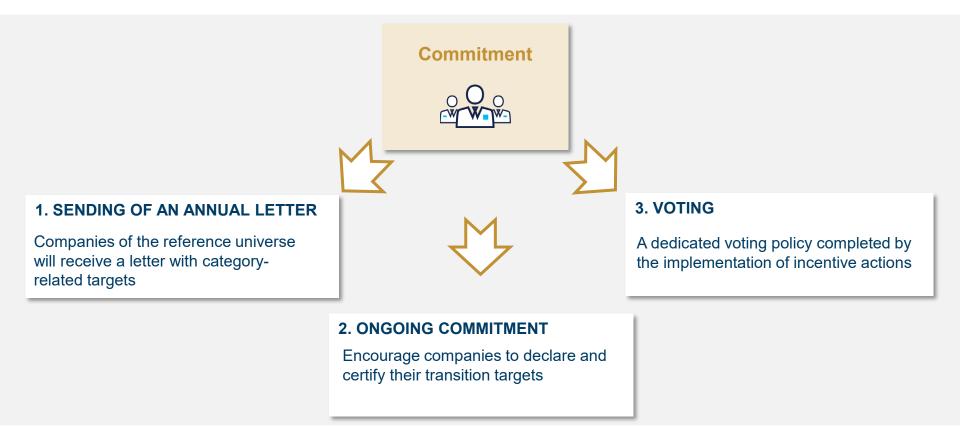
#### A Dedicated Commitment with the Companies of the Universe

- 1. Expand the portfolio eligible universe by helping companies in the development of their transitionObjectivestargets
  - 2. Capitalize on the French group of investors

	Status	Commitment	Example
Outside the scope	Companies that have <b>transition targets</b> towards a <b>1.5°C pathway</b> and well below 2°C <b>declared and approved</b>	No particular commitment to SBTi	enel
LIST A	Companies that have transition targets towards a <b>2°C pathway declared and approved</b>	Improve their transition targets towards a <b>1.5°c pathway</b>	engie
LIST B	Companies that have <b>declared transition</b> <b>targets</b> : • Self-declared • « Committed » with SBTi	<ul> <li>To certify transition targets</li> <li>Reduce Green House Gas emissions</li> </ul>	CRH
LIST C	Companies with no transition targets	<ul> <li>Publicly declare transition targets</li> <li>Reduce Green House Gas emissions</li> </ul>	COLONIAL REAL ESTATE
Outside the scope	Companies with a pathway inconsistent with the Paris Agreement	No particular commitment to SBTi	



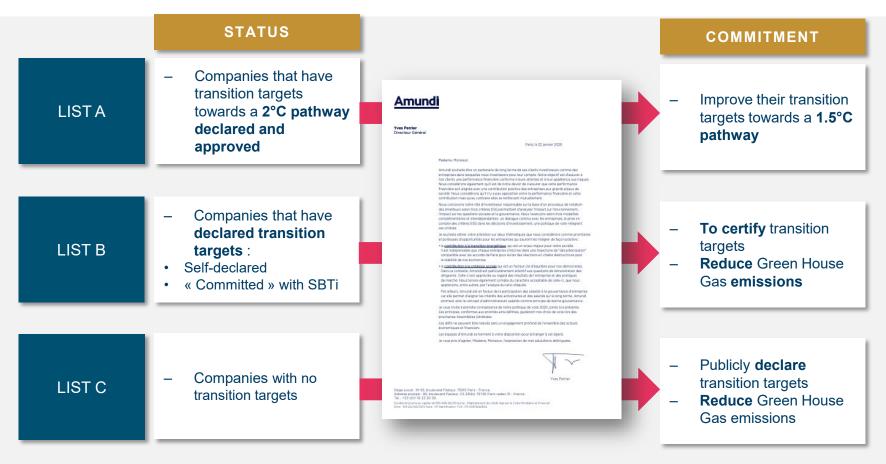
## **A 3-level Commitment**





# **1. Sending of an Annual Letter**

Companies of the reference universe will receive a letter with category-related targets





# 2. Ongoing Commitment

Encourage companies to declare and certify their transition targets

#### OBJECTIVES

- Engage companies about their transition targets
- Use all Amundi resources in contact with the issuers

#### MEETINGS WITH THE ISSUERS

- Analysts (ESG, equities, fixed income)
- Portfolio Managers
   (equities, fixed income)







# 3. Voting

Amundi

A dedicated voting policy completed by the implementation of incentive actions

COMMITMENT	PRIOR TO GA		VOTING	
<ul> <li>Address the energy contribution</li> <li>Address the carbo pathway to it</li> </ul>		– I e t s	ementation of <b>incentive actions</b> : n case of insufficient reduction of GHG emissions or non-reporting of transition argets >> <b>opposition to resolutions</b> such as the re-election of the chairman of he Board, or the remuneration of the eaders for instance	
Year N	Year N+1		Year N+2	

Letter #1 Sending of recommendations according to the category

Letter #2 Reminder of recommendations if they have not been implemented



Action Implementation of incentive actions (opposition to resolutions)

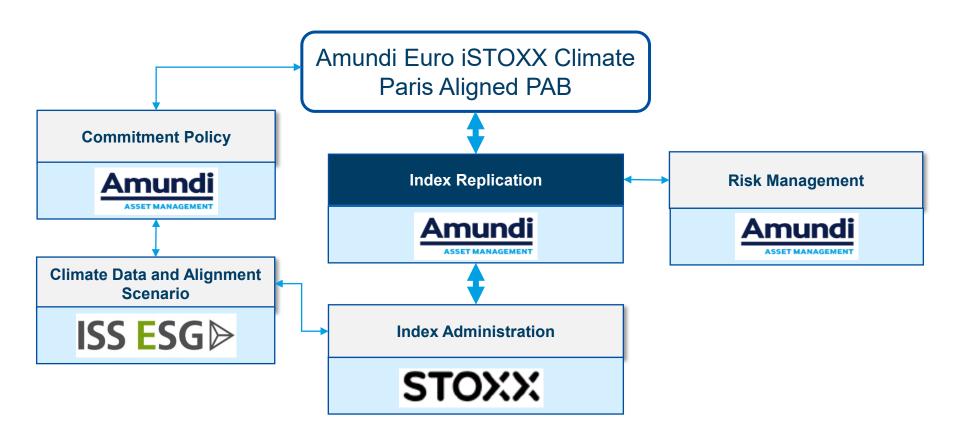


# 05

Conclusion



# **A Dedicated Team**





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### Key Takeaways: Amundi Euro iSTOXX Climate Paris Aligned PAB

- An ETF replicating an innovative Index : the Euro iSTOXX Ambition Climat PAB
- An Index which guarantees an alignment with the Paris Agreement :
  - The Index is eligible to the « Paris Aligned Benchmark » Label of the European Commission
  - The Index 2°C alignment is verified by the Sector Decarbonisation approach of the International Energy Agency
- An Index which encourages companies to adopt a Paris Agreement alignment plan :
  - By adjusting stocks weights in the Index regarding their transition pathway
  - By implementing a dedicated commitment policy
- A diversified index representative of the various sectors of the Eurozone economy



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