

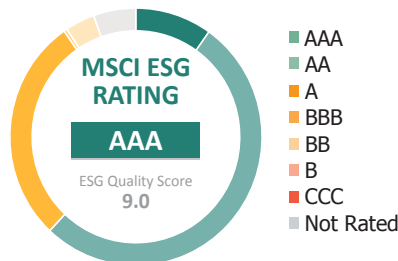
# IST EQUITIES SWITZERLAND SPI PLUS

## IST Portfolio

Portfolio Manager	Swiss Rock Asset Management
ESG Rating <sup>1</sup>	AAA
SFDR Category <sup>2</sup>	Art. 8
Investment strategy	Passive

<sup>1</sup> MSCI ESG Report: [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)

<sup>2</sup> SFDR: The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation is a European regulation introduced to improve transparency in the market for sustainable investment products. <https://www.eurosif.org/policies/sfdr/>



ESG Quality Score	ESG Rating
8.6 – 10	AAA
7.1 – 8.6	AA
5.7 – 7.1	A
4.3 – 5.7	BBB
2.9 – 4.3	BB
1.4 – 2.9	B
0.0 – 1.4	CCC

## Applied ESG Approaches

### Exclusion



**Yes.** IST exclusion list and process is applied:

Composition of IST exclusion list			
SVVK-ASIR	THEMATIC / SECTOR EXCLUSION	COUNTRY EXCLUSIONS	ENGAGEMENT / VIOLATIONS OF NORMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Nuclear weapons</li> <li>– Cluster munitions and anti-personnel mines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Coal mining and power generation (turnover &gt; 25%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– UN Security Council Arms Embargo</li> <li>– OFAC</li> <li>– Swiss sanctions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Exclusion of non-cooperative companies</li> <li>– Violation of internationally acceptable standards</li> </ul>

Source: <https://istfunds.ch/en/esg-ist/>

### Proxy Voting



**Yes.** IST has been independently voting since 2008 at Swiss listed companies' general assembly based on advice received by an external, reputable proxy advisor.

Source: [https://istfunds.ch/media/5299/stimmrechtsausuebung\\_asi\\_d\\_2021.pdf](https://istfunds.ch/media/5299/stimmrechtsausuebung_asi_d_2021.pdf)

### Engagement



**Yes.**

Engagement activities by IST in collaboration with Sustainalytics:

CRITERIA	DIALOG / GOAL DEFINITION	TERMINATION OF ENGAGEMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– High ESG risk: Material Risk Engagement (MRE)</li> <li>– Thematic engagement (e.g. sustainable forests)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Definition of firm ESG-goals in cooperation with investee company</li> </ul>	2 possible outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Objective achieved («case resolved»)</li> <li>– Objective not achieved resp. company is not cooperative *</li> </ul>

\*Assessment to consider adding to exclusion list

Source: [https://www.istfunds.ch/media/5397/ist\\_d\\_engagementbericht-2021.pdf](https://www.istfunds.ch/media/5397/ist_d_engagementbericht-2021.pdf)

### ESG Integration

**Not applicable**

### Best-in-Class

**Not applicable**

### Thematic/ Impact Investing

**Not applicable**

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## Portfolio manager: Swiss Rock Asset Management

### Facts & figures

Assets under management	USD 5 bn
Whereof in sustainable investment strategies	USD 5 bn
Number of inv. profess.	20
Whereof dedicated to ESG	12
Signatory to UNPRI	No
UNPRI rating	Not applicable
Memberships (selection only):	
• Swiss Sustainable Finance (SSF)	

### Consultant / Partnerships

- Inrate (proxy voting)

### Carbon Strategy

Carbon footprint of the company is measured since 2020 and fully compensated.

### Voting Activity

Yes, voting rights policy is published  
<https://www.swiss-rock.ch/en/company#regulations>

### Engagement

Is being considered

### ESG inclusion of Asset Management

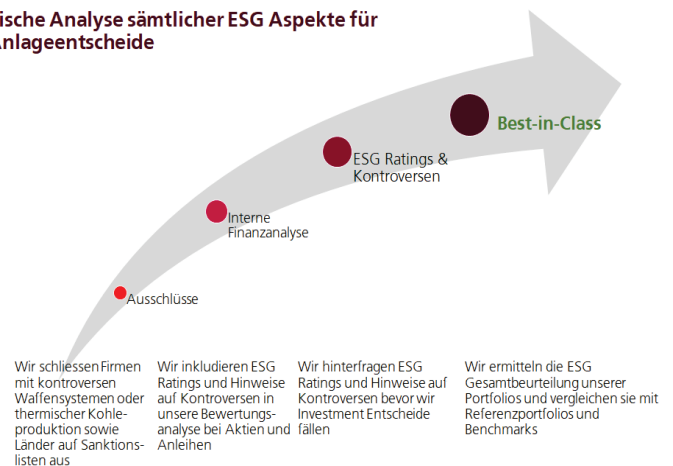
Our customers' sustainability requirements are evolving at an enormous pace. We understand the importance of meeting these requirements and assessing the risks and opportunities associated with the transition to a sustainable world. We systematically integrate ESG aspects into our investment process, through exclusions, intensive analysis incorporating ESG characteristics, and continuous monitoring measures.

#### Systematic integration of ESG factors into our investment process

Our main steering body is the SRAM ESG Committee, headed by our Chief Investment Officer. It defines the overall ESG investment policy and monitors its implementation. The ESG Committee also defines thresholds, indicators, exceptions and the practical implementation of the overall SRAM ESG approach. This committee is also responsible for identifying unit-specific needs for ESG-related operational infrastructure and initiates projects to support and accelerate the development and implementation of the ESG approach.

See further: <https://www.swiss-rock.ch/en/company#regulations>

#### Systematische Analyse sämtlicher ESG Aspekte für bessere Anlageentscheide



### Next steps and further developments

We are continuously working to integrate ESG aspects even more effectively into our investment analysis, investment strategies and portfolio construction processes, drawing not only on our own experience and analysis, but also following advances in scientific financial market research and regulation. We recognize that this fundamental evolution presents challenges to the market. Transparency requirements and the comparability of the data provided will be of even greater concern to us in the future. However, as markets and our processes evolve, we want to ensure that clients seeking more targeted ESG solutions can benefit from our insights.