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Proxy Voting Choice Programme pilot

We recently announced that State Street Global Advisors' Proxy Voting Choice programme is expanding to include SPDR MSCI World UCITS ETF (the "Fund"). If you are a Shareholder of this Fund invested through a retail brokerage account and are interested in signing up, you can do so by following this link retail.tumelo.com.

Professional investors can contact their State Street representative for instructions on signing up to the programme.

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What is the State Street Global Advisors' offering?

State Street Global Advisors is pleased to offer more investors the power to choose a proxy voting policy that will apply in relation to a pro-rata proportion of the shares held by the Fund. In addition to the option of continuing to rely on State Street Global Advisors to vote proxies, this proxy voting programme offers shareholders the opportunity to choose one of the six proxy voting policies offered by Institutional Investor Services (ISS), an independent proxy voting provider. Once chosen, the Fund will vote company policies in accordance with the shareholders' preferences proportionate to their ownership in the Fund.

Which SPDR UCITS ETFs are included in this pilot?

This pilot is available for the SPDR MSCI World UCITS ETF only, at this time.

What is a proxy voting policy?

A proxy voting policy is a description of how a fund will vote on matters proposed at its portfolio companies' shareholder meetings.

Where can I find more complete and detailed information about the policies available for selection?

Six proxy voting policies are available for this Fund: ISS Benchmark Policy, ISS Sustainability Policy, ISS Socially Responsible Investment Policy, ISS Catholic Faith-Based Policy, ISS Public Fund Policy, and ISS Taft-Hartley Policy. There is a link to get more detailed information about the policies on the sign-up page. Additionally, policy guidelines are available on ISS website: Current Voting Policies | ISS (issgovernance.com)

Do I have to participate in this pilot?

No. Your participation is voluntary and if you do not wish to participate, no further action is required. If you do not wish to choose an alternative proxy voting policy, your proxies will continue to be voted by State Street Global Advisors in accordance with State Street Global Advisors' proxy voting policy.

How soon does my proxy voting preference take effect?

The timing for when your proxy voting preference takes effect depends on the broker. For most brokerage accounts, it will take approximately four weeks for the preferences to be processed.

What if I want to change my proxy voting preference in the future? How can I do that?

If you wish to change your proxy voting policy in the future, you can do so by logging back into Tumelo's platform. There, you can select a new proxy voting policy, including opting back into the State Street Global advisor's proxy voting policy. Your most recently selected policy will replace any previous choices.

How will my policy selections be handled when I hold a fund in different brokerage accounts?

You will need to sign in with each brokerage account and select a policy preference separately for each brokerage account to apply to the fund in that account (and you can make the same or different policy selections for each brokerage account). Your policy selections will be applied to proxy votes of eligible funds separately for each brokerage account.

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Financial professionals and institutional investors can contact their SSGA representative.

Individual investors can contact their investment advisor, broker, or custodian.

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