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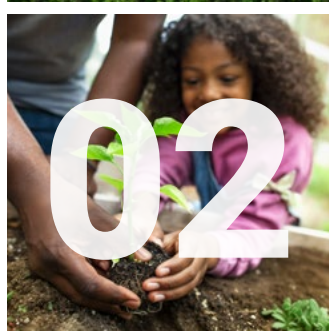
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Markets are a powerful force for good in achieving the aims of supporting and driving sustainable value creation. As a leader in sustainability in emerging markets, the JSE recognises the importance of integrating the long-term perspective into financial markets to reduce socio-economic, transition and physical climate risks and to contribute to enhanced financial stability and a low carbon economy.



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Our purpose

Situated at the heart of capital markets, the JSE is well-positioned to drive long-term sustainable economic growth, stability and resilience in our markets and economy.





Rooted in sustainability

At the JSE, we are committed to consistently advancing better sustainability practices in business.

We undertake to integrate sustainability across our value chain as we:



Guide our markets on the importance of sustainability/ESG disclosure in investment considerations.



Use our central role as connector to facilitate engagement and advocacy in relation to sustainability.



Provide the tools and services that facilitate responsible investing and the re-orientation of capital flows to more sustainable development.



Ourselves behave in a manner that explicitly considers sustainability across our value chain as an exchange and as a central player in the South African economy



Raising capital and innovation for shared prosperity

As one of the Top 20 largest exchanges in the world by market capitalisation as ranked by the World Federation of Exchanges, we have provided Issuers with access to deep and liquid capital markets in a regulated and secure marketplace for over 130 years. In addition to being the first stock exchange globally to introduce a Sustainability Index and to incorporate a move toward integrated reporting, we consistently seek out impactful ways towards a sustainable economy.

In providing a sustainable route through our markets, our role is to create an enabling environment for better sustainability practices and disclosure.



A close-up photograph of a person's hands planting a small green seedling into dark soil. The person's arms and hands are visible, showing a dark skin tone. A network diagram with grey circles and lines is overlaid on the image. The number '02' is prominently displayed in white.

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Our role and sustainability strategy



Our role and sustainability strategy

As a connector between buyers and sellers in the financial markets we create an enabling environment for better sustainability disclosure and awareness for issuers and investors, maximise our impact and promote sustainability thinking in the ecosystem within which we operate.

Our evolving approach to sustainability encompasses appropriate regulation, sustainability engagement and training with listed companies and investors. It also incorporates expanding our sustainability-related product suite and fulfils an advocacy and leadership role through involvement in various local and international sustainability and governance bodies.

The JSE's role within this sphere has included:

- Activities as a founding partner of the Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) initiative.
- Service as the co-chair of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development (GISD) Alliance.
- Contributions as a member of the World Federation of Exchanges' (WFE) Sustainability Working Group.
- Service on numerous panels and committees related to responsible investment, sustainability, governance and integrated reporting.

The JSE was one of the first emerging market exchanges to create a segment for Green, Social, Sustainability, Transition and Sustainability-Linked bonds. We are a founding partner of the Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative.





At the JSE we acknowledge that the long-term success of our exchange and its members is inextricably linked to the sustainability of the world around us, and our strategy orbits around this truth.



Apart from looking at embedding sustainability practices in our organisation, we are guided by our view on the role the JSE can play in creating an enabling environment for better sustainability practices to take root in the markets we serve and facilitating the flow of capital to support the aims of sustainable development and resilient markets and economies.

Our approach to sustainability is guided by an array of frameworks that shape our actions and how we create value.

By building a sustainable business eco-system, we contribute to the transformation of the social space within our sphere of influence. We also strive to promote the wellbeing of the economy, our relationships with our stakeholders and the natural environment.

Our sustainability approach is further informed by global trends and local context, as they apply to the exchange, our operations and intent. This ensures that our approach and actions are relevant, timely, create value and are in keeping with global norms and local needs.

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Our value creation



Our value creation

In line with our strategic priorities and with the additional lens highlighting where we are best placed to effect change through our business model, we have prioritised six Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) whose objectives we are best placed to advance. By helping drive progress towards these outcomes and creating shared value, we can support more resilient communities, sustainable capital and a transformed society, enabling value creation over the long term.

The SDGs we focus on:

Reduced inequalities



Responsible consumption and production



Climate action



Partnerships for the goals



Strategic priorities

- **Partner to co-create for** inclusive and sustainable growth and diversify our value chain
 - **Run trusted markets,** products and services by ensuring stability, security, quality execution, good governance and settlement assurance
 - **Enhance the stakeholder experience** by co-creating with stakeholders, engaging regularly with clients, and understanding the challenges that our stakeholders face
- Attract and retain diverse top talent** that supports the evolution of the business to be future fit and relevant
- **Lead by example on the national agenda** by promoting the country as a desirable place to invest and partnering with the public and private sectors to further the cause of #SAInc

How we create value by driving and supporting a sustainable future

Our efforts to act on our sustainability goals rally around four pillars of action.

We are an active player in the broader sustainability context as we operate in an established and diverse ecosystem, which includes participants and contributors such as:

Regulatory framework

- Mandatory governance requirements regarding sustainability in the listing rules
- Requiring that companies report using the King IV Codes of Corporate Governance on an “apply and explain” basis

Engagement and facilitation

- Sustainability investor briefings
- Annual sustainability showcase
- Customised presentations and training on ESG
- Partnerships/collaboration
- Client engagement

**Creating
an enabling
environment
for better
sustainability
practices
to grow**

ESG Investment tools

- FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Index Series and FTSE ESG Ratings from 2015 (preceded by the SRI index from 2004 to 2015)
- Sustainable products (such as green, social and sustainability bonds) and ESG futures contracts
- ESG data products
- April 2022: Transition Bonds, Sustainability Linked Bonds
- Growing number of ESG-themed ETF's

Advocacy

- Partner and founding member of the SSEI; member of the WFE Sustainability Working Group (SWG); member of ASEA SWG; and the Africa Integrated Reporting Committee
- Represented on Code for Responsible Investing in South Africa Committee; South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, King Committee and Integrated Reporting Committee of South Africa; and co-chair the United Nations Global Investors for Sustainable Development (UNGISD) Alliance
- Chair of the Sustainable Finance Working Group of the Financial Sector Climate Risk Forum
- CEO Champion and Steering Group member of the Just Transition Pathways initiative

Action and advocacy for efficacy in ESG

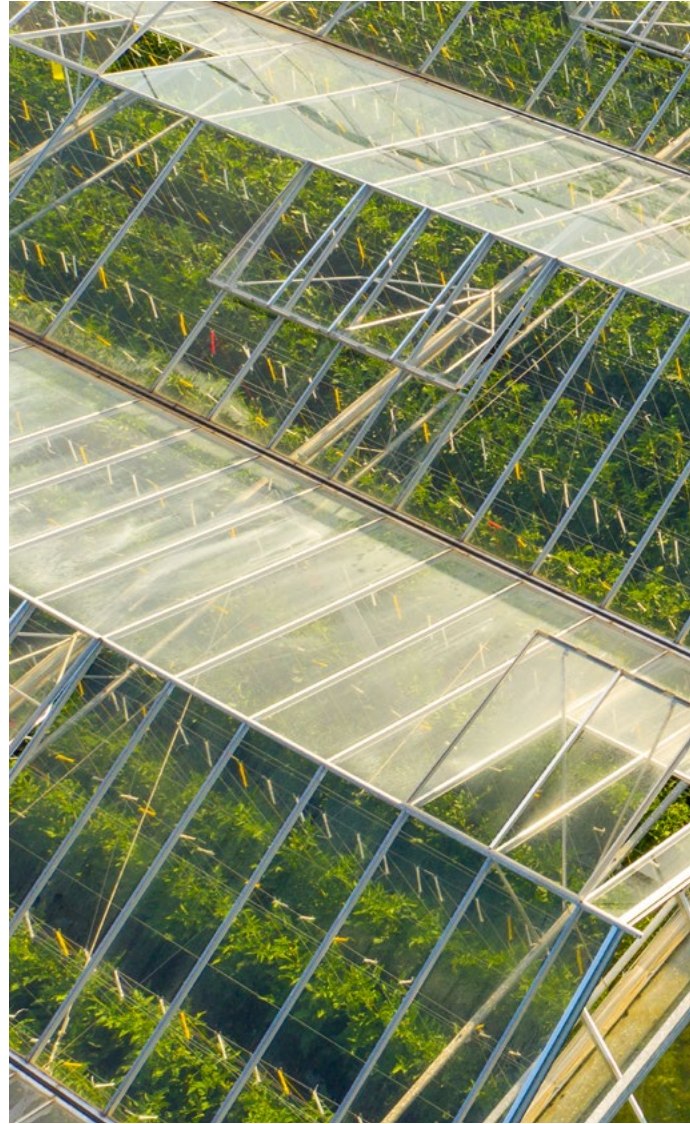


Our stock exchange supports South Africa's just transition and is a partner in the Race to Zero Partner Initiative through the Net Zero Financial Service Providers Alliance and the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero.

Furthermore, the Financial Sector Climate Risk Forum's Sustainable Finance Working Group, convened by National Treasury and chaired by the JSE, is developing a sustainable finance roadmap for South Africa, including perspectives on the just transition, premised on a climate-first approach.

In a global context, the JSE, together with the London Stock Exchange Group, co-chaired the work of the Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative on developing and issuing a model guidance for climate disclosures, as well as an action plan for exchanges to help make their markets more resilient.

We work closely with the United Nations Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance (GISD), co-chaired by JSE Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This alliance leverages finance and investment know-hows to scale up private-sector contributions to the annual funding gap of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).







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Our products and services

Providing issuers and investors with the tools and services that facilitate responsible investing and the re-orientation of capital flows to more sustainable development.





Growing our sustainability-related product offering

As an exchange we have the capability to provide financial instrument innovation to finance the green and social transition and finance green and social infrastructure generally. However, much work needs to be done across the financial ecosystem to support transition finance that will access global concessionary finance as well as climate-oriented active funds.

We provide critical market infrastructure in the process and can efficiently promote sustainable finance instruments.

We have a reasonably advanced suite of instruments on offer via our sustainability segment covering green, social and sustainability, sustainability-linked and transition bonds. All are of relevance to climate and socio-economic action as well as emphasise the need for the local context on just transition to be supported by market mechanisms.

Also offered by the JSE, our ESG Indices will continue to grow, driven by regulatory pressures and growing demand in the underlying market from investors. Indices create a supportive environment for greater ESG investment by:

- Providing transparency around the performance of the ESG index relative to the benchmark.
- Providing more information about the level of demand for ESG-aligned products.
- Enhancing the ability of investment managers to provide ESG-aligned investment products.

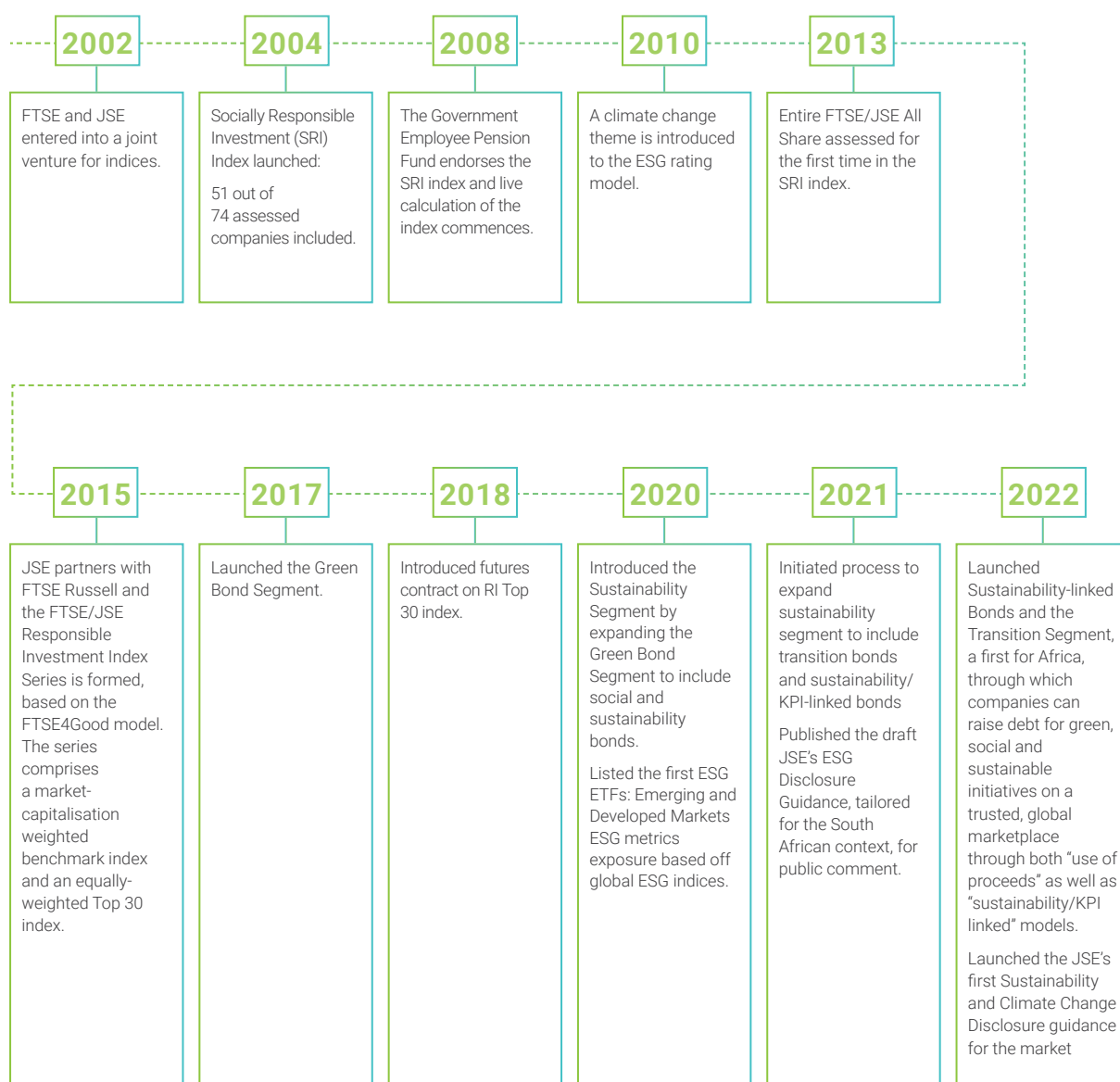
Investors in our Sustainability Segment:



- Demonstrate their commitment and contribution to a sustainable economy.
- Are able to diversify their funding instruments.
- Gain access to potential for improved pricing.
- Trade within a highly regulated and secure trading environment.



Consistent evolution of responsible investment products



Our sustainability investment products



Training

Introduction to JSE Sustainability Training

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ESG Data Products

ESG sustainable investment data platform

This analytics tool helps financial professionals and investors navigate investment critical ESG terrain. We have two indices that form part of the FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Index, one benchmark and one tradable index. Historical data on up to 300 specific ESG indicators is available for the companies assessed.

FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Index

A benchmark index calculated at the end of the day and weighted according to market capitalisation made up of companies who have met a specific ESG rating threshold based on the FTSE4Good rating model.



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FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Top 30 Index

An index that gives each of the top performers equal exposure to investment. This product comprises the 30 companies with the highest ESG ratings as at each semi-annual review of the Index series.

Sustainability Segment

This Segment is a debt raising platform which makes it easier for companies to list and trade sustainability-related instruments that raise funds for green, social and sustainable initiatives directed at sustainable development.



Sustainability-Linked Bonds

Our Sustainability-Linked Bonds allows for the cost of capital to be directly linked to sustainability outcomes and impact.



Green Bonds

Green Bonds are products that are specifically designed to raise money for environmental or climate-related projects.



Social Bonds

This product is designed to raise money for projects and initiatives that address global social issues such as healthcare, education, equality, accessible housing etc.



Sustainability Bonds

This bond offers allows issuers to raise capital for initiatives which combine environmental and social objectives.

Transition Segment

This Segment facilitates the raising of debt for companies that are transitioning to a low carbon economy and allows investors to participate in this journey.



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Hedging instruments Sustainability Index Futures

This product is based on the tradable and equally weighted Top 30 index and is calculated on a real time basis.

Disclosure guidance

These published globally relevant guides are tailored to the South African context and seek to help companies navigate the landscape of reporting standards and best practice with the aim of embedding sustainability thinking into business models and disclosure practices.



Sustainability Disclosure Guidance

The JSE Sustainability Disclosure Guidance is aligned with, and draws on, the most influential global initiatives on sustainability and climate change disclosure.



Climate Disclosure Guidance

The JSE Climate Change Disclosure Guidance aims to clarify current global best practices in climate-related disclosure and provides a step-by-step guide to get Issuers started on this journey.

Fact sheets

FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Index series



FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Index (J113)

About the Index:

- This is a market-cap weighted index calculated on an end of day basis – benchmark.
- It comprises all eligible companies who achieve the required minimum FTSE Russell ESG rating as set out in the Ground Rules from time to time.
- It further comprises constituents of the Shareholder Weighted All Share Index, which are also companies that have securities included in the FTSE All World Index.

- The Index can be used as a reference benchmark for portfolios that have an ESG-based mandate and can also be used for research and analysis.

Key benefits and features:

Adoption of the FTSE ESG Ratings methodology delivers a strong value proposition for both investors and issuers in that qualifying JSE companies can form part of a global universe of over 7,200 securities, as assessed by FTSE. This enables benchmarking against international best practices in ESG reporting, coupled with investment in a domestic index.

Contract specifications:

Name	Responsible Investment
Index Code	J113
Alpha Code	REIB
Index Category	Responsible Investment
Universe	SWIX All Share Index (J403) constituents which are also companies that have securities included in the FTSE All World Index.
Fixed No. of Companies	No
Liquidity Screening	Yes
Free Float Screening	Minimum of 5%
Other Screening	Minimum ESG score of 2.9
Ineligible securities	Pyramid Status, SPAC Status, ICB code 302050
Weighting Methodology	SWIX Free Float Market Cap Weighted
Ranking Methodology	Ranked by ESG score
Capping Methodology	N/A
Index Review	Semi-Annually in June and December
Buffer Size	N/A
Dissemination	End of Day
Live Date	2015/10/12



FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Top 30 Index (J110)

About the Index:

- The Index is an equally weighted index calculated on a real time basis – tradable.
- It comprises the Top 30 companies ranked by FTSE Russell ESG Rating

The Index can be used as a reference for the top ESG rated companies for portfolios that have an ESG-based mandate and can also be used for research and analysis.

Key benefits and features:

The FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Top 30 Index is a subset of the RI Benchmark Index and consists of only the top 30 highest ESG-rated companies. It is an equally weighted index which allows for the ESG ratings to play a bigger role.

Contract specifications:	
Name	Responsible Investment Top 30
Index Code	J110
Alpha Code	REIN
Index Category	Responsible Investment
Universe	Responsible Investment Index (J113)
Fixed No. of Companies	30
Liquidity Screening	Yes
Free Float Screening	Minimum of 5%
Other Screening	Minimum ESG score of 2.9
Ineligible securities	Pyramid Status, SPAC Status, ICB code 302050
Weighting Methodology	Equally Weighted
Ranking Methodology	Ranked by ESG score then by SWIX market cap where there is a tie in ESG scores
Capping Methodology	3.33% quarterly
Index Review	Semi-Annually in June and December
Buffer Size	3
Dissemination	Real Time
Live Date	2015/10/12



FTSE/JSE Sustainable Investment Data Platform

About the Platform:

- In a world where environmental, social and governance factors play an increasingly integral role in investment decision making, this platform promotes greater corporate transparency and issuer-investor interaction in the interests of sustainable business and investment practices.
- The analytics tool helps financial professionals and investors navigate investment critical ESG terrain.

Key benefits and features:

- Analyse ESG and Green Revenue investment data

with investment scoring and screening and assess annual company balance sheets with Green Revenues.

- Analyse research and portfolio trends and ESG portfolio monitoring.
- Construct Indices for Best-in-Class, Thematic, 'Smart Sustainability', Climate tilts.
- Filter company details by pillar, theme level and by indicator level.

JSE Sustainability Segment



Green Bonds

About the Bond:

- As fixed income investments, borrowers issue bonds to gain access to capital, which is used to fund operations, investments or projects.
- Green Bonds are designed to raise money for environmental or climate-related projects.
- We provide prospective Issuers with easy access to a deep capital pool in a well-regulated, robust market environment.
- Investors in Green Bonds benefit from easy access to globally recognised environmentally friendly investment options, a high level of transparency and exposure to an increasingly important component of economic activity.
- Green Bonds are appropriate for consideration by institutional, professional and individual investors.

Key benefits and features:

Green Bonds are ringfenced for environmentally responsible or climate-related projects, activities and assets. These may range from pollution prevention to improving energy efficiency, developing sustainable agriculture and even rolling out green transportation systems, etc.

This type of bond provides Bond Issuers with access to capital to match the asset's intention as well as enhance the Issuer's visibility and profile to a more diverse investor base.

For investors, Green Bonds provide an opportunity to show commitment to supporting environmentally responsible projects.



Social Bonds

About the Bond:

- Social Bonds are designed to raise money for socially responsible initiatives such as creating employment or building low-cost housing, as well as providing accessible education and training opportunities.
- To qualify as "Social", bonds must meet certain criteria, such as those contained in the Social Bond Principles and Sustainability Bond Guidelines issued and governed by the ICMA (or any other standard acceptable to the JSE).

- Social Bonds are appropriate for consideration by institutional, professional and individual investors.

Key benefits and features:

This type of bond provides Bond Issuers with access to the capital needed to fund these projects, as well as a way to diversify the available funding instruments.

The societal benefits and disclosure requirements associated with Social Bonds tend to result in improved market perceptions of Bond Issuers.

For investors, Social Bonds provide an opportunity to support socially responsible projects and to meet client mandates, along with the additional benefits associated with investing in highly regulated instruments with a strong emphasis on transparency.



Sustainability Bonds

About the Bond:

- Sustainability Bonds are designed to raise money for environmentally- and socially responsible initiatives.
- In practice, a Sustainability Bond combines the features of Green- and Social Bonds.
- To qualify as "Sustainable", bonds must meet certain criteria, such as those contained in the Social Bond Principles and Sustainability Bond Guidelines issued and governed by the ICMA, the Climate Bonds Standard issued by the Climate Bonds Standards Board, or any other standard acceptable to the JSE.

Sustainability Bonds are appropriate for consideration by institutional, professional and individual investors.

Key benefits and features:

Sustainability Bonds are designed to finance socially responsible or environmentally friendly initiatives or projects, such as employment creation, building low-cost housing, providing accessible education and training opportunities, supporting sustainable agriculture, reducing greenhouse emissions, combating climate change and the rolling out of green transportation systems, etc.

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Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLBs)

About the Bond:

- Sustainability-linked bonds are designed to provide capital at a lower cost to issuers in exchange for meeting a sustainability target.
- This type of bond allows for the cost of capital to be directly linked to sustainability outcomes and impact.
- SLBs are forward-looking in nature and are also referred to as performance-linked securities.

Sustainability-linked Bonds are appropriate for consideration by institutional, professional and individual investors.



Transition Segment

About the Segment:

- The JSE Transition Segment is a platform on which Issuers list Transition Debt Securities through which to raise funds for the climate or just transition-related purposes.
- These Transition Debt Securities take the form of either Sustainability Use of Proceeds Debt Securities or Sustainability-Linked Debt Securities.
- Our Transition Segment enables companies to raise debt for transition-related initiatives in a trusted, global marketplace.

Transition Debt Securities on the JSE Transition Segment are appropriate for consideration by institutional, professional and individual investors.

Key benefits and features:

Transition finance is expected to play a significant role in enabling a just transition and is of relevance to a carbon-intensive economy such as South Africa, as this will help the country to achieve the national commitment to the Paris Agreement, and the

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These bonds provide Bond Issuers with access to the capital needed to fund the business in general as well as to meet the targets. The societal benefits and disclosure requirements associated with Sustainability-linked Bonds tend to result in improved market perceptions of Bond Issuers.

Sustainability-Linked securities don't require a ringfencing of the use of proceeds, which allows the issuer flexibility on how it chooses to use the proceeds of a capital raise, as long as it meets the agreed goals and targets which it has set related to its sustainability objectives.

For investors, Sustainability-linked Bonds provide an opportunity to support socially responsible investing and to meet client mandates, along with the additional benefits associated with investing in highly regulated instruments with a strong emphasis on transparency.

associated goal of being net zero by 2050 within the context of our nationally determined contributions (NDC's).



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JSE Sustainability Index Futures



ESG Index Futures

About the Index Futures:

- ESG Index Futures from the JSE are based on the tradable and equally weighted Top 30 index calculated on a real time basis, with the Top 30 companies being ranked by FTSE Russell ESG Rating.
- As sustainable investing continues to grow, an investor can gain leveraged exposure into ESG rated companies through this product.
- Investors can gain leveraged exposure into ESG rated companies through RI Top 30 Index futures.
- Gearing provides a capital efficient way to gain exposure to a basket of shares, creating greater volatility which amplifies gains and losses.
- This product allows investors to take advantage of price movements in the underlying Index and allows for Portfolio diversification.

Key benefits and features:

An Index Futures contract gives investors the ability to buy or sell an underlying listed financial instrument at a fixed price on a future date. These products are cash settled and easily accessible via JSE Equity Derivatives members.

Our ESG futures are centrally cleared by JSE Clear, providing market participants with a robust clearing mechanism that eliminates counterparty risk. The futures are also Marked-to-Market daily, allowing investors to accurately value the positions.

Investors can use the RI Top 30 Index future to hedge existing ESG risk.

In the case of derivatives, you have no voting rights or any other ownership rights that would traditionally fall to a holder of the underlying equity.



Example of Contract specifications:

General terms	
Description	Index Future (Cash settled)
Index Code	J110
Underlying	FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Top 30 Index
Exchange	JSE Limited
Contract Size (Multiplier)	10 (i.e., each future references the index, multiplied by 10 ZAR)
Quotation	Quoted to one (1) index point.
Minimum Price Movement	One (1) index point
Option Strike Interval	Ten (10) index points
JSE Trading Fees	See Equity Derivative Booking Fee Schedule: JSE Fees 2022
Risk parameters	
Initial Margin *	
Class Spread Margin *	
V.S.R*	
Expiration and valuation procedure	
Expiration Date	
Valuation and Settlement Reference Price	The official closing level of the Underlying Index as determine at the End of Auction Call session that corresponds to the Standard Futures Close-Out period.
Settlement Method	Cash- Settlement



**The JSE reserves the right to amend the levels of the Initial Margin, Class Spread Margin and V.S.R*

JSE Sustainability Disclosure Guidance offerings



Sustainability and Climate Change Disclosure Guidance

About the Index Guides:

The JSE Sustainability Disclosure Guidance is aligned with, and draws on, the most influential global initiatives on sustainability and climate change disclosure – including the GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards, Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations, and IIRC's International <IR> Framework – as well as an extensive range of other frameworks and standards, and the Sustainability/ESG guidance of various peer exchanges.

This Guide is not intended to replace any of these global initiatives but rather seeks to help companies navigate the landscape of reporting standards, and to provide explicitly for the South African context.

The JSE Climate Change Disclosure Guidance aims to clarify current global best practices in climate-related disclosure and provides a step-by-step guide to get Issuers started on this journey. It further provides a starting point for report preparers that wish to integrate climate-related information for the first time, while providing additional resources that can help deepen the journey into climate-related disclosure for those that are more advanced.

Climate change is a mega-trend impacting all sectors of the economy and simultaneously, we are committed to providing guidance on topics that are essential to the proper functioning of capital markets. We aim to guide our Issuers and Investors on understanding the climate crisis and how disclosure can be used not only to anticipate risk, but also to identify opportunities.

Key benefits and features of both Guides:

- Helps issuers to navigate the rapidly evolving landscape of sustainability reporting.
- Links sustainability disclosures to the fundamental drivers of value creation.
- Outlines the business case for disclosing sustainability data.
- Stimulates interest in the innovation opportunities in sustainability challenges.
- Supports the convergence of global reporting standards.
- Assists in contributing to the achievement of national and international sustainable development commitments and priorities, such as the UN SDGs (United Nation Sustainable Development Goals).



JSE Sustainability Training

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This service offering covers topics including:

- What does sustainability mean?
- Basics of sustainability and why it matters and who is asking about it
- History and going forward
- Common tools/frameworks/concepts
- What is ESG in relation to sustainability
- Insights into ESG in investments
- Introductions to basics of ESG reporting
- FTSE4Good Methodology

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