

# Nasdaq Green Equity Principles

The Nasdaq Green Equity Principles are requirements to be fulfilled by a company to be approved for the

- Nasdag Green Equity Designation
- Nasdag Green Equity Designation Private Company
- Nasdag Green Equity Transition Designation
- Nasdaq Green Equity Transition Designation Private Company

A company's alignment with these Principles must be assessed by a Nasdaq approved reviewer. The Principles have been developed in collaboration with market stakeholders. They may be adjusted as Nasdaq develops the concept, or due to regulatory development. The Principles are:









# 1. The company must provide information on activities considered green and environmental targets

## i. TURNOVER

Turnover from activities considered green

Nasdaq Green Equity Designation and Nasdaq Green Equity Designation – Private Company A significant share of the company's turnover must derive from activities considered green.

- The company must provide information on the share of their turnover that comes from activities considered green (explicitly defined and assessed by a Nasdaq approved reviewer).
- The minimum threshold for the Green Equity Designation and Green Equity Designation Private Company is
  more than 50 percent of turnover from activities considered green, as assessed on the latest audited annual
  financial report. The company must commit to be transparent and share all necessary information relevant for
  the assessment of its turnover.
- The minimum threshold requirement for turnover considered green does not apply for companies in preturnover phase. As soon as a pre-turnover company starts generating any turnover it must be aligned with the requirement.
- To qualify for the Green Equity Designation and Green Equity Designation Private Company, turnover derived from fossil fuel activities must be less than 5 percent.

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Nasdaq Green Equity Transition Designation and Nasdaq Green Equity Transition Designation – Private Company No minimum threshold for turnover from activities considered green.

- For the Green Equity Transition Designation and Green Equity Transition Designation Private Company there is no minimum threshold for turnover from activities considered green, but the company must commit to be transparent and share information on all its turnover activities for the assessment.
- To qualify for the Green Equity Transition Designation and Green Equity Transition Designation Private Company, turnover derived from fossil fuel activities must be less than 50 percent.

#### ii. INVESTMENTS

A significant share of the company's investments must derive from activities considered green

- The company must provide information on the share of their investments in activities considered green, explicitly defined and assessed by a Nasdaq approved reviewer on the latest audited annual financial report.
- The minimum threshold for Nasdaq Green Equity Designation and Nasdaq Green Equity Designation Private Company is more than 50 percent of investments (sum of CAPEX and OPEX) in activities considered green.
- The minimum threshold for Nasdaq Green Equity Transition Designation and Nasdaq Green Equity Transition Designation Private Company is more than 50 percent of investments (the sum of CAPEX and OPEX, or CAPEX, or OPEX, as determined relevant for Nasdaq Green Designations by the approved reviewer's methodology) in activities considered green.
- The company must commit to be transparent and share information on all investment activities for the assessment.

## iii. EU TAXONOMY ALIGNMENT

The company must state their alignment with the EU Taxonomy for sustainable activities

- The company must state their alignment with the EU Taxonomy for environmentally sustainable activities
  (proportion alignment for turnover, CAPEX and OPEX), to the extent its activities is included in the EU Taxonomy,
  and take into consideration criteria for Minimum Safeguards and Do No Significant Harm as defined in the EU
  Taxonomy.
- The reviewer shall make its assessment of the company's alignment based on the best available information on the EU Taxonomy. The company must commit to be transparent and share all necessary information for the assessment.

### iv. ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS

The company must provide information on environmental targets and KPIs

• The company must provide information on its relevant environmental targets and KPIs such as science-based targets and climate KPIs in the Paris agreement. The company must commit to be transparent and share all information for the assessment.



# 2. The company's green status must be assessed by a Nasdaq approved reviewer

A company's alignment with these Principles must be assessed by a Nasdaq approved reviewer, that shall apply its own public proprietary methodology for the assessment. The Nasdaq approved reviewer shall assess all required information, including data shared in the Nasdaq ESG Data Portal, and produce an assessment report. The assessment includes how the company is aligned with its relevant KPIs, such as science-based targets and climate KPIs in the Paris Agreement, and the EU Taxonomy.

### 3. Annual renewal

The company must renew its designation on an annual basis for it to be maintained. The annual renewal is based on a limited assessment of the company's continued alignment with the Nasdaq Green Equity Principles by a Nasdaq approved reviewer. A full assessment is required every third year. For the years in between, a limited assessment can be performed, unless there have been structural or other material changes in the company.

# 4. Transparency of data

The company must commit to share relevant information, including environmental information in relation to its green turnover and investments, EU Taxonomy alignment and environmental targets in Nasdaq's ESG Data Portal, at initial application and update it on an annual basis in connection with the annual renewal of the designation.

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