

# INDEX GUIDELINE

LARGE CAP BRI FACTOR INDEX

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### INTRODUCTION

This document (the "GUIDELINE") is to be used as a guideline with regard to the composition, calculation and maintenance of the Large Cap BRI Factor Index (the "INDEX"). The INDEX is calculated and published by Solactive AG ("SOLACTIVE"). The name "Solactive" is trademarked.

The text uses defined terms which are formatted with "SMALL CAPS". Such Terms shall have the meaning assigned to them as specified in Section 6 (Definitions).

The Guideline and the policies and methodology documents referenced herein contain the underlying principles and rules regarding the structure and operation of the INDEX. Solactive does not offer any explicit or tacit guarantee or assurance, neither pertaining to the results from the use of the INDEX nor the level of the INDEX at any certain point in time nor in any other respect. Solactive strives to the best of its ability to ensure the correctness of the calculation. There is no obligation for Solactive – irrespective of possible obligations to issuers – to advise third parties, including investors and/or financial intermediaries, of any errors in the INDEX. The publication of the INDEX by Solactive does not constitute a recommendation for capital investment and does not contain any assurance or opinion of Solactive regarding a possible investment in a financial instrument based on this INDEX.



## 1. INDEX SPECIFICATIONS

#### 1.1. SCOPE OF THE INDEX

Category	Description			
Asset Class	Equity			
Strategy	This index is screened for Biblically Responsible Investments (BRI) and then filtered for Dividend Growth equities and rotated according to momentum			
Regional Allocation	United States			
Rebalancing Fee	-			
Rebalancing Frequency	Annually (rebalancing) / Quarterly (reweighting)			

#### 1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Type	RIC	BBG ticker
Large Cap BRI Factor Index	DE000SL0AU73	USD	GTR*	.LCBRIFI	LCBRIFI

<sup>\*</sup>GTR means that the Index is calculated as gross total return Index as described in the Equity Index Methodology, which is available on the Solactive website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/</a>

The INDEX is published on the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR (<a href="www.solactive.com">www.solactive.com</a>) and is, in addition, available via the price marketing services of Boerse Stuttgart GmbH and may be distributed to all of its affiliated vendors. Each vendor decides on an individual basis as to whether it will distribute or display the INDEX via its information systems.

Any publication in relation to the INDEX (e.g. notices, amendments to the GUIDELINE) will be available at the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/">https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/</a>.

#### 1.3. INITIAL LEVEL OF THE INDEX

The initial level of the INDEX on the 04/07/2000 the START DATE, is 100. Historical values from the 04/14/2020, the LIVE DATE, will be recorded. Levels of the INDEX published for a period prior to the LIVE DATE have been back-tested.



#### 1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The level of the INDEX is calculated on each CALCULATION DAY from 03:30 p.m. to 10:50 p.m. CET based on the TRADING PRICES on the EXCHANGES on which the INDEX COMPONENTS are listed. TRADING PRICES of INDEX COMPONENTS not listed in the INDEX CURRENCY are converted using the current Reuters spot foreign exchange rate. Should there be no current TRADING PRICE for an INDEX COMPONENT, the later of: (i) the most recent CLOSING PRICE; or (ii) the last available TRADING PRICE for the preceding TRADING DAY is used in the calculation.

In addition to the intraday calculation a closing level of the INDEX for each CALCULATION DAY is also calculated. This closing level is based on the CLOSING PRICES for the INDEX COMPONENTS on the respective EXCHANGES on which the INDEX COMPONENTS are listed. The CLOSING PRICES of INDEX COMPONENTS not listed in the INDEX CURRENCY are converted using the 4pm London time WM Fixing quoted by Reuters. If there is no 4pm London time WM Fixing for the relevant CALCULATION DAY, the last available 4pm London time WM Fixing will be used for the closing level calculation.

#### 1.5. LICENSING

Licenses to use the INDEX as the underlying value for financial instruments, investment funds and financial contracts may be issued to stock exchanges, banks, financial services providers and investment houses by WealthShield, LLC.



## 2. INDEX SELECTION

On each Selection Day, Solactive will revise the composition of the INDEX.

In a first step, the INDEX UNIVERSE is determined in accordance with Section 2.1. The INDEX UNIVERSE comprises all those financial instruments which fulfill the INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS (as specified in Section 2.1) and will constitute a starting pool from which the components of the INDEX will be selected. Based on this INDEX UNIVERSE, the new composition of the INDEX will be determined by applying the rules outlined in Section 2.2.

Each INDEX COMPONENT will be assigned a weight as described in Section 2.3.

#### 2.1. INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS

The INDEX UNIVERSE is comprised of all financial instruments which fulfill the below requirements (the "INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS"):

All members of the Solactive US Large Cap Index (ISIN: DE000SLA0Q54, as published on the Solactive website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com">https://www.solactive.com</a>) that pass the Biblically Responsible Investments (BRI) screen.

#### 2.2. SELECTION OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

Based on the INDEX UNIVERSE, the initial composition of the INDEX as well as any selection for an ordinary rebalance is determined on the Selection DAY in accordance with the following rules (the "INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS"):

- Exclusion of secondary listings for companies with multiple share lines in the INDEX UNIVERSE
- Exclusion of stocks that do not have a consistent year over year dividend growth over the last 10 years. Special dividends are excluded from the calculation of dividend growth.

The remaining stocks are ranked by 12-month total return and the top 25 are selected for the final INDEX. If less than 25 stocks remain, all remaining stocks are selected for the final INDEX.

#### 2.3. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each Selection Day each Index Component is assigned an equal weight.



## 3. REBALANCE

#### 3.1. ORDINARY REBALANCE

In order to reflect the new selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS determined on the SELECTION DAY (in accordance with Section 2.1 and 2.2) the INDEX is adjusted on the REBALANCE DAY after CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

This is carried out by implementing the weights as determined on the SELECTION DAY.

While the INDEX aims to retain a fixed component count of 25, extraordinary adjustments may influence the constituent count. In particular, the following rules apply:

First, the INDEX may include more or less than 25 INDEX COMPONENTS between ordinary rebalances due to spin-offs being added to or delisted companies being removed from the INDEX in accordance with the rules set forth in Section 4.3.

Secondly, newly determined INDEX COMPONENTS can be affected by extraordinary adjustments between the respective Selection Day and the subsequent Rebalance Day. Spinoffs of newly determined INDEX COMPONENTS will be added to the INDEX and lead to a component count of more than 25 after the respective Rebalance Day. Moreover, if a newly determined INDEX COMPONENT is delisted, a successor will be determined based on the rules in Section 2.1 and 2.2; consequently, the member count will be 25 after the respective Rebalance Day.

For more information on the rebalance procedure please refer to the Equity Index Methodology, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/</a>.

SOLACTIVE will publish any changes made to the INDEX COMPONENTS with sufficient notice before the REBALANCE DAY on the SOLACTIVE webpage under the section "Announcement", which is available at <a href="https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/">https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/</a>.

#### 3.2. EXTRAORDINARY REBALANCE

The INDEX is not rebalanced extraordinarily.



## 4. CALCULATION OF THE INDEX

#### 4.1. INDEX FORMULA

The INDEX is calculated as a gross total return Index.

The calculation is performed according to the Equity Index Methodology, which is available on the Solactive website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/</a>. The standard index formula stipulates that the level of the INDEX changes based on the change of the prices of its INDEX COMPONENTS taking into account their weight in the INDEX and any currency conversion in case the price of an INDEX COMPONENT is quoted in a currency other than the INDEX CURRENCY.

Any dividends or other distributions are reinvested back into the INDEX COMPONENT paying the dividend or other distribution at the opening of the effective date (the so called ex-date) of the payment of such dividend or other distribution.

A more detailed description of the mechanics of the index calculation formula can be found in the Equity Index Methodology under Section 1.2.

#### 4.2. ACCURACY

The level of the INDEX will be rounded to four decimal places. TRADING PRICES and foreign exchange rates will be rounded to six decimal places.

#### 4.3. ADJUSTMENTS

Under certain circumstances, an adjustment of the INDEX may be necessary between two regular REBALANCE DAYS. Such adjustment has to be made if a corporate action (as specified in Section 4.4 below) in relation of an INDEX COMPONENT occurs. Such adjustment may have to be done in relation to an INDEX COMPONENT and/or may also affect the number of INDEX COMPONENTS and/or the weighting of certain INDEX COMPONENTS and will be made in compliance with the SOLACTIVE Equity Index Methodology, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/</a>.

SOLACTIVE will announce the INDEX adjustment giving a notice period of at least two TRADING DAYS (with respect to the affected INDEX COMPONENT) on the SOLACTIVE website under the Section "Announcements", which is available at <a href="https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/">https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/</a>. The INDEX adjustments will be implemented on the effective day specified in the respective notice.



#### 4.4. CORPORATE ACTIONS

As part of the INDEX maintenance Solactive will consider various events — also referred to as corporate actions — which result in an adjustment to the INDEX between two regular REBALANCE DAYS. Such events have a material impact on the price, weighting or overall integrity of INDEX COMPONENTS. Therefore, they need to be accounted for in the calculation of the INDEX. Corporate actions will be implemented from the cum-day to the ex-day of the corporate action, so that the adjustment to the INDEX coincides with the occurrence of the price effect of the respective corporate action.

Adjustments to the INDEX to account for corporate actions will be made in compliance with the Equity Index Methodology, which is available on the Solactive website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/</a>. This document contains for each corporate action a brief definition and specifies the relevant adjustment to the INDEX variables.

While Solactive aims at creating and maintaining its methodology for the treatment of corporate actions as generic and transparent as possible and in line with regulatory requirements, it retains the right in accordance with the Equity Index Methodology to deviate from these standard procedures in case of any unusual or complex corporate action or if such a deviation is made to preserve the comparability and representativeness of the INDEX over time.

SOLACTIVE considers the following, but not conclusive, list of corporate actions as relevant for the INDEX maintenance:

- Cash Distributions (e.g. payment of a dividend)
- Stock distributions (e.g. payment of a dividend in form of additional shares)
- > Stock distributions of another company (e.g. payment of a dividend in form of additional shares of another company (e.g. of a subsidiary))
- > Share splits (company's present shares are divided and therefore multiplied by a given factor)
- Reverse splits (company's present shares are effectively merged)
- Capital increases (such as issuing additional shares)
- > Share repurchases (a company offer its shareholders the option to sell their shares to a fixed price)
- > Spin-offs (the company splits its business activities into two or more entities and distributes new equity shares in the created entities to the shareholders of the former entity)
- Mergers & Acquisitions (transaction in which the ownership of a company (or other business organizations) are transferred or consolidated with other entities, e.g. fusion of two or more separate companies into one entity)
- Delistings (company's shares are no longer publicly traded at a stock exchange)
- Nationalization of a company (effective control of a legal entity is taken over by a state)
- > Insolvency



#### 4.5. RECALCULATION

SOLACTIVE makes the greatest possible efforts to accurately calculate and maintain its indices. However, errors in the determination process may occur from time to time for variety reasons (internal or external) and therefore, cannot be completely ruled out. SOLACTIVE endeavors to correct all errors that have been identified within a reasonable period of time. The understanding of "a reasonable period of time" as well as the general measures to be taken are generally depending on the underlying and is specified in the SOLACTIVE Correction Policy, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: https://www.solactive.com/documents/correction-policy/.

#### 4.6. MARKET DISRUPTION

In periods of market stress Solactive calculates its indices following predefined and exhaustive arrangements as described in the Solactive Disruption Policy, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Solactive website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/disruption-policy/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/disruption-policy/</a>. Such market stress can arise due to a variety of reasons, but generally results in inaccurate or delayed prices for one or more INDEX COMPONENTS. The determination of the INDEX may be limited or impaired at times of illiquid or fragmented markets and market stress.



## 5. DEFINITIONS

"Business Day" is a day on which the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open for general business.

**"CALCULATION DAY"** is every weekday from Monday to Friday. A day on which the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is not open for general business is not a CALCULATION DAY.

"CLOSE OF BUSINESS" is the calculation time of the closing level of the INDEX as outlined in Section 1.4.

The "CLOSING PRICE" in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT and a TRADING DAY is a security's final regular-hours TRADING PRICE published by the EXCHANGE and determined in accordance with the EXCHANGE regulations. If the EXCHANGE has no or has not published a CLOSING PRICE in accordance with the EXCHANGE rules for an INDEX COMPONENT, the last TRADING PRICE will be used.

"ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY" is each day that is a TRADING DAY at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

**"EXCHANGE"** is with respect to the INDEX and every INDEX COMPONENT, the respective exchange where the INDEX COMPONENT has its listing as determined in accordance with the rules in Section 2.

"GUIDELINE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX ADMINISTRATOR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX COMPONENT" is each security reflected in the INDEX.

"INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.2.

"INDEX CURRENCY" is the currency specified in the column "Currency" in the table in Section 1.2.

"INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.1.

"INDEX UNIVERSE" is the sum of all financial instruments which fulfill the INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS.

"LIVE DATE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 1.3.

"Oversight Committee" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5.5.

"REBALANCE DAY" is 5 BUSINESS DAYS after the scheduled SELECTION DAY. If that day is not an ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY, the REBALANCE DAY will be the immediately following ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY. Rebalancing according to the selection in 2.2 takes place after the SELECTION DAY in March (Q1). After the other SELECTION DAYS (June (Q2), September (Q3) and December (Q4)), reweighting to equal weights is performed.

**"Selection Day"** is the last Business Day of each quarter, so the last Business Day of the months March, June, September and December.

"SOLACTIVE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"START DATE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 1.3.

"TRADING DAY" is with respect to an INDEX COMPONENT included in the INDEX at the REBALANCE DAY and every INDEX COMPONENT included in the INDEX at the CALCULATION DAY immediately following the REBALANCE DAY (for



clarification: this provision is intended to capture the Trading Days for the securities to be included in the Index as new Index Components with close of trading on the relevant Exchange on the Rebalance Day) a day on which the relevant Exchange is open for trading (or a day that would have been such a day if a market disruption had not occurred), excluding days on which trading may be ceased prior to the scheduled Exchange closing time and days on which the Exchange is open for a scheduled shortened period. The Index Administrator is ultimately responsible as to whether a certain day is a Trading Day.

The "TRADING PRICE" in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT and a TRADING DAY is the most recent published price at which the INDEX COMPONENT was traded on the respective EXCHANGE.



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