

# INDEX GUIDELINE

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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 Solactive BBVA Metaverse SIC MXN Index (the “**INDEX**”). Any amendments to the rules made to the **GUIDELINE** are approved by the **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** specified in Section 5.5. The **INDEX** is owned, calculated, administered and published by Solactive AG (“**SOLACTIVE**”) assuming the role as administrator (the “**INDEX ADMINISTRATOR**”) under the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the “**BENCHMARK REGULATION**” or “**BMR**”). The name “Solactive” is trademarked.

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# 1. INDEX SPECIFICATIONS

## 1.1. SCOPE OF THE INDEX

| Category              | Description  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Asset Class           | Equity   |
| Strategy              | Representation of securities from the Developed Markets universe with business activities related to the Metaverse The securities selected are listed in the MEXICAN SIC OR RNVE at the respective SIC review dates. |
| Regional Allocation   | Developed Markets  |
| Rebalancing Fee       |  |
| Rebalancing Frequency | Annually   |

## 1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

| Name  | ISIN         | Currency | Type | RIC       | BBG ticker |
|---|--------------|----------|------|-----------|------------|
| Solactive BBVA Metaverse SIC<br>MXN Index PR  | DE000SLOGJ15 | MXN      | PR*  | .SBVMETPP |            |
| Solactive BBVA Metaverse SIC<br>MXN Index NTR | DE000SLOGJ23 | MXN      | NTR* | .SBVMETPN | SBVMETPN   |
| Solactive BBVA Metaverse SIC<br>MXN Index TR  | DE000SLOGJ31 | MXN      | GTR* | .SBVMETPT |            |

\*PR, NTR, GTR means that the Index is calculated as price return, net total return, gross total return Index as described in the Equity Index Methodology, which is available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/>

The INDEX is published on the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR ([www.solactive.com](http://www.solactive.com)) 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: <https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/>.



### 1.3. INITIAL LEVEL OF THE INDEX

The initial level of the INDEX on the 10/06/2016, the START DATE, is 1000. Historical values from the 07/07/2022, the LIVE DATE, will be recorded in accordance with Article 8 of the BMR. Levels of the INDEX published for a period prior to the LIVE DATE have been back-tested. MEXICAN SIC and RNVE listing of the INDEX components is for the first time ensured for the INDEX components at the LIVE DATE and does not cover historical values.

### 1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The level of the INDEX is calculated on each CALCULATION DAY from 01:00 a.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 Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) 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 04:00 p.m. New York City time WM Fixing quoted by Reuters. If there is no 04:00 p.m. New York City time WM Fixing for the relevant CALCULATION DAY, the last available 04:00 p.m. New York City 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 SOLACTIVE.



## 2. INDEX SELECTION

On each SELECTION DAY, the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR will revise the composition of the INDEX.

In a first step, the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR determines the INDEX UNIVERSE 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 new 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**"):

Is a **GBS INDEX COMPONENT** of the

- Solactive GBS Developed Markets Large & Mid Cap USD Index (ISIN: DE000SLA41B6),

on a SELECTION DAY, as published on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com>.

- Is listed in a stock exchange of a country belonging to European Union or the IOSCO BOARD.
- Is not classified as unit share.

The determination of the INDEX UNIVERSE is fully rule-based and the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR cannot make any discretionary decisions.

### 2.2. SELECTION OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

In a first step, initial exclusions are performed according to the following rules:

1. Remove low liquidity stocks. Low liquidity is defined as less than EUR 3 million where liquidity is calculated as the minimum of 1-month and 6-month AVERAGE DAILY VALUE TRADED.
2. Remove low market capitalization stocks. Low market capitalization is defined as less than 10% of the median FREE FLOAT MARKET CAPITALIZATION of the INDEX UNIVERSE.
3. Securities that have been checked for a MEXICAN SIC or RNVE listing and were not listed at a preceding selection are removed (more details below).
4. Companies classified as publicly traded partnership (PTP) are not eligible for inclusion in the INDEX.

In case of multiple listings of a company, only the primary listing is eligible for inclusion in the INDEX.



In a second step, exclusions are performed based on the revenues of a company in the relevant FactSet RBICS Level 6 sectors (see Appendix 7.1) and its respective SECTOR BUCKETS. RBICS revenue data is provided by the DATA PROVIDER. Eligible are companies where either:

1. The sum of the last fiscal year revenues in all the RBICS Level 6 sectors in Appendix 7.1 is at least 50% of the total revenues.
2. The sum of the last fiscal year RBICS Level 6 revenues in a SECTOR BUCKET is at least 3% of the aggregate INDEX UNIVERSE revenues in the respective SECTOR BUCKET.

In a third step, further exclusions are performed on the remaining stocks, based on the following rules:

1. The NFD/EBITDA ratio is calculated, where
  - NFD: total debt – cash and short term investments
  - For stocks with negative NFD, the NFD/EBITDA ratio is set to zero
  - For stocks with a negative EBITDA, OCF is used for the calculation of the ratio
  - Stocks with negative EBITDA and negative OCF are excluded
2. Each stock is assigned one SECTOR BUCKET, defined as the SECTOR BUCKET with the highest aggregate RBICS Level 6 revenues.
3. The average (AVG) and standard deviation (SD) of NFD/EBITDA are calculated for all companies in each SECTOR BUCKET.
4. A bucket exclusion threshold (BET) of  $AVG + 1.5 * SD$  is calculated for each stock.
5. Stocks with  $NFD/EBITDA > BET$  are excluded.

In a last step, the stocks that have not been excluded yet are selected based on the following scores, calculated for each stock:

- Bucket-Score:
  - %GEOREV: A company's geographic revenues in a country divided by total revenues of the company
  - GDP\_RANK: ranking (between 1 and 0) of the ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES GDP per capita (PPP, USD)
  - ICT\_RANK: ranking (between 1 and 0) of the ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES ICT goods imports (% total goods imports)
  - INT\_RANK: ranking (between 1 and 0) of the ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES individuals using the internet (% of population)
  - COUNTRY\_RANK: average of (GDP\_RANK, ICT\_RANK, INT\_RANK)



- BUCKET: The sum of the products of a company's %GEOREV and COUNTRY\_RANK over all ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES
- Z\_BUCKET: z-score of BUCKET
- RANK\_BUCKET: ranking (between 1 and 0) of Z\_BUCKET
- RDCPX-Score:
  - RDCPX: (R&D expenses + CAPEX)/sales divided by (SECTOR BUCKET R&D expenses + SECTOR BUCKET CAPEX)/SECTOR BUCKET sales, data of last fiscal year
  - RDCPX-1: (R&D expenses + CAPEX)/sales divided by (SECTOR BUCKET R&D expenses + SECTOR BUCKET CAPEX)/SECTOR BUCKET sales, data of fiscal year T-1
  - RDCPX-2: (R&D expenses + CAPEX)/sales divided by (SECTOR BUCKET R&D expenses + SECTOR BUCKET CAPEX)/SECTOR BUCKET sales, data of fiscal year T-2
  - A\_RDCPX: average of (RDCPX, RDCPX-1, RDCPX-2)
  - Z\_RDCPX: z-score of A\_RDCPX
  - RANK\_RDCPX: ranking (between 1 and 0) of Z\_RDCPX
- Rev-Score:
  - SUM\_REVT: sum of the revenues in all the RBICS Level 6 sectors in Appendix 7.1, data of last fiscal year
  - SUM\_REVT-1: sum of the revenues in all the RBICS Level 6 sectors in Appendix 7.1, data of fiscal year T-1
  - SUM\_REVT-2: sum of the revenues in all the RBICS Level 6 sectors in Appendix 7.1, data of fiscal year T-2
  - CAGR\_REV: CAGR between SUM\_REVT and SUMREVT-2, if not available growth rate between SUM\_REVT and SUMREVT-1
  - Z\_REV: z-score of CAGR\_REV
  - RANK\_REV: ranking (between 1 and 0) of Z\_REV
- Marg-Score:
  - MARGT: EBIT/sales, data of last fiscal year
  - MARGT+1: estimated EBIT/sales, data of fiscal year T+1
  - MARGT+2: estimated EBIT/sales, data of fiscal year T+2
  - CAGR\_MARG: CAGR between MARGT+2 and MARGT divided by the respective bucket average. If MARGT+2 is not available, growth rates between MARGT+1 and MARGT are





used. Any company having less than 3 analysts estimating EBIT or sale is not assigned a score.

- Z\_MARG: z-score of CAGR\_MARG
- RANK\_MARG: ranking (between 1 and 0) of Z\_MARG
- Total-Score:
  - RANK\_TOTAL: average of (RANK\_RDCPX, RANK\_REV, RANK\_MARG, RANK\_BUCKET)

The 50 stocks with the highest RANK\_TOTAL are selected for the final INDEX, where the number of stocks from a SECTOR\_BUCKET is capped at 10% of the total number of stocks in the final INDEX for the Infrastructure bucket and at 33% for all other buckets. In case of equal ranks, the security with the higher AVERAGE DAILY VALUE TRADED is assigned the higher rank. The total number of stocks (N) can be smaller than 50, if less than 50 stocks are eligible for the final INDEX. In case less than 40 stocks are eligible, the constraints are relaxed in the following order, until at least 40 stocks are selected for the final INDEX:

1. Remove the third step, the exclusion based on NFD/EBITDA ratio.
2. Decrease the first constraint in the first step, the exclusion based on the sum of the last fiscal year revenues in all the RBICS Level 6 sectors in Appendix 7.1, starting from 50%.

The INDEX COMPONENTS resulting from this selection will then be checked for listing in the MEXICAN SIC and RNVE at the FIRST ANNUAL SIC AND RNVE REVIEW DATE. For RNVE, eligible is also the primary equity listing of the Mexican listing in the RNVE list. If any of the components is not listed, those INDEX COMPONENTS will be excluded and replacement components are determined according to the selection procedure above. The resulting replacements will be checked again for listing in the MEXICAN SIC AND RNVE at the SECOND ANNUAL SIC AND RNVE REVIEW DATE. Those replacements that are not listed at the SECOND ANNUAL SIC AND RNVE REVIEW DATE will be excluded from the list of INDEX COMPONENTS. The INDEX COMPONENTS not listed at the FIRST ANNUAL SIC AND RNVE REVIEW DATE as well as the replacements not listed at the SECOND ANNUAL SIC AND RNVE REVIEW DATE are not eligible for future selections or reviews. In case there are not enough replacement components, components not listed will be excluded without replacement.

The selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS is fully rule-based and the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR cannot make any discretionary decision.

## 2.3. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each SELECTION DAY each INDEX COMPONENT is assigned a weight based on modified FREE FLOAT MARKET CAPITALIZATION. To do so, the FREE FLOAT MARKET CAPITALIZATION weight of each INDEX COMPONENT is weighted by the share of SUM\_REVT of total revenues of the company. Further, a single weight cap of 5% and a single weight floor of 0.3% are applied. In a next step, a HHI cap of  $(1/N)*1.5$  is applied to the weights to derive the



final INDEX weights. The weighting is performed by redistributing weights that are in violation of a constraint proportionally to the other INDEX COMPONENTS until all constraints are met.



## 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 shares as determined on the FIXING DAY based on the weights calculated on the SELECTION 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: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/>.

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

### 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 price return, net total return and gross total return Index.

The calculation is performed according to the Equity Index Methodology, which is available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/>. 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 the INDEX CURRENCY.

Any dividends or other distributions are reinvested back into the INDEX COMPONENT paying the dividend or other distribution 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.

For the construction of the PR, NTR and GTR versions a management fee of 0.36% per annum is deducted on each INDEX CALCULATION DAY. The management fee will be applied in compliance with the Solactive Equity Index Methodology, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/>.

### 4.2. ACCURACY

The level of the INDEX will be rounded to two 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: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/>.



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 <https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/>. 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: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/>. 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 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 following, but not conclusive, list of corporate actions as relevant for 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: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/disruption-policy/>. 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. MISCELLANEOUS

### 5.1. DISCRETION

Any discretion which may need to be exercised in relation to the determination of the INDEX (for example the determination of the INDEX UNIVERSE (if applicable), the selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS (if applicable) or any other relevant decisions in relation to the INDEX) shall be made in accordance with strict rules regarding the exercise of discretion or expert judgement.

### 5.2. METHODOLOGY REVIEW

The methodology of the INDEX is subject to regular review, at least annually. In case a need of a change of the methodology has been identified within such review (e.g. if the underlying market or economic reality has changed since the launch of the INDEX, i.e. if the present methodology is based on obsolete assumptions and factors and no longer reflects the reality as accurately, reliably and appropriately as before), such change will be made in accordance with the Solactive Methodology Policy, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/methodology-policy/>.

Such change in the methodology will be announced on the SOLACTIVE website under the Section "[Announcement](https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/)", which is available at <https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/>. The date of the last amendment of this INDEX is contained in this GUIDELINE.

### 5.3. CHANGES IN CALCULATION METHOD

The application by the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR of the method described in this document is final and binding. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR shall apply the method described above for the composition and calculation of the INDEX. However, it cannot be excluded that the market environment, supervisory, legal and financial or tax reasons may require changes to be made to this method. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR may also make changes to the terms and conditions of the INDEX and the method applied to calculate the INDEX that it deems to be necessary and desirable in order to prevent obvious or demonstrable error or to remedy, correct or supplement incorrect terms and conditions. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR is not obliged to provide information on any such modifications or changes. Despite the modifications and changes, the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR will take the appropriate steps to ensure a calculation method is applied that is consistent with the method described above.



## 5.4. TERMINATION

SOLACTIVE makes the greatest possible efforts to ensure the resilience and continued integrity of its indices over time. Where necessary, SOLACTIVE follows a clearly defined and transparent procedure to adapt Index methodologies to changing underlying markets (see Section 5.2 "Methodology Review") in order to maintain continued reliability and comparability of the indices. Nevertheless, if no other options are available the orderly cessation of the INDEX may be indicated. This is usually the case when the underlying market or economic reality, which an index is set to measure or to reflect, changes substantially and in a way not foreseeable at the time of inception of the index, the index rules, and particularly the selection criteria, can no longer be applied coherently or the index is no longer used as the underlying value for financial instruments, investment funds and financial contracts.

SOLACTIVE has established and maintains clear guidelines on how to identify situations in which the cessation of an index is unavoidable, how stakeholders are to be informed and consulted and the procedures to be followed for a termination or the transition to an alternative index. Details are specified in the Solactive Termination Policy, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/termination-policy/>.

## 5.5. OVERSIGHT

An oversight committee composed of staff from SOLACTIVE and its subsidiaries (the "**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**") is responsible for decisions regarding any amendments to the rules of the INDEX. Any such amendment, which may result in an amendment of the GUIDELINE, must be submitted to the OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE for prior approval and will be made in compliance with the Methodology Policy, which is available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/methodology-policy/>.





## 6. DEFINITIONS

**“AVERAGE DAILY VALUE TRADED”** means, in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT, the sum of DAILY VALUE TRADED over the specified period divided by the number of TRADING DAYS that fall in the specified period.

**“BENCHMARK REGULATION”** shall have the meaning as defined in Section “Introduction”.

**“BMR”** shall have the meaning as defined in Section “Introduction”.

**“BUSINESS DAY”** is a day on which the TARGET2 system is open for general business.

**“CALCULATION DAY”** is every weekday from Monday to Friday. A day on which the TARGET2 system 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.

**“DAILY VALUE TRADED”** means, in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT and a TRADING DAY, the product of (i) the CLOSING PRICE of such INDEX COMPONENT and (ii) the volume traded (measured as a number of shares) of such INDEX COMPONENT on the EXCHANGE during such TRADING DAY.

**“DATA PROVIDER”** is FactSet. For more information, please visit: <https://www.factset.com/>.

**“ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES”** see Appendix 7.2.

**“ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY”** is each day on which the TARGET2 system is open for general business.

**“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.

**“FIRST ANNUAL SIC AND RNVE REVIEW DATE”** 24 BUSINESS DAYS after the SELECTION DAY.

**“FIXING DAY”** is the respective SELECTION DAY.

The **“FREE FLOAT”** is with regard to each of the securities fulfilling the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS on a SELECTION DAY the share class-specific fraction of the total number of shares of such share class issued that are available for trading by market participants and not locked-in by long term holders, as sourced from data vendors.

The **“FREE FLOAT MARKET CAPITALIZATION”** is with regard to each of the securities fulfilling the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS on a SELECTION DAY the share class-specific free float market capitalization. It is calculated as the multiplication of the shares outstanding in FREE FLOAT (as sourced from data vendors) with the CLOSING PRICE of the share class as of the respective SELECTION DAY.

**“GBS INDEX COMPONENT”** is each security reflected in the GBS Index specified in Section 2.1.

**“GUIDELINE”** shall have the meaning as defined in Section “Introduction”.



“**HHI**” is the Herfindahl-Hirschman-Index (HHI), where

$$\text{HHI} = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2.$$

“**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.

“**IOSCO BOARD**” are the IOSCO Board Members Nominated Based on Market Size, as long as the Presidents' Committee approved the composition of the IOSCO Board. For the avoidance of doubt, for the period 2019-2022 the IOSCO Board Members Nominated Based on Market Size (Resolution 4/2019) are Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America. This list may change in the future depending on the resolution of the President's Committee regarding the nominated Board Members for a period and communicated by IOSCO. For more information, please visit: <https://www.iosco.org/about/?subsection=resolutions>.

“**LIVE DATE**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 1.3.

“**Mexican SIC**” is the Mexican Sistema Internacional de Cotizaciones, an international publication system of the Mexican Stock Exchange (BMV). It lists those securities not listed in Mexico that are recognized by Mexican regulator, specifically the Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores (CNBV). For more information, please visit: <https://www.bmv.com.mx/es/empresas-listadas>.

“**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5.5.

“**REBALANCE DAY**” is 40 BUSINESS DAYS after SELECTION DAY for the annual selection in April. If the determined REBALANCE DAY is not an ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY, the REBALANCE DAY will be the immediately following ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY.

“**RNVE**” is the Registro Nacional de Valores y Emisores, a mandatory registration service whose objective is to register the classes and types of securities, along with the issuers and the respective issuances, as recognized by the Mexican regulator, the Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores (CNBV). Those entities interested in making a public offer for their securities or submitting them to a trading system are required to register with the RNVE. For more information, please visit: <https://www.bmv.com.mx/es/empresas-listadas>.

“**SECOND ANNUAL SIC AND RNVE REVIEW DATE**” 36 BUSINESS DAYS after the SELECTION DAY.



“**SECTOR BUCKET**” see Appendix 7.1.

“**SELECTION DAY**” is the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. If that day is not a BUSINESS DAY, the SELECTION DAY will be the immediately following BUSINESS DAY.

“**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.



## 7. APPENDIX

### 7.1 SECTORS

| Sector Bucket  | FactSet RBICS Level 6 Sector Name*               |
|----------------|--|
| Infrastructure | Cable Equipment                                  |
| Infrastructure | Other Local Area Networking Equipment            |
| Infrastructure | General Communications Equipment                 |
| Infrastructure | Other Wireless Equipment                         |
| Infrastructure | Asset Tracking GPS Systems Manufacturing         |
| Infrastructure | Global Positioning Systems (GPS) Manufacturing   |
| Infrastructure | Other Satellite Equipment                        |
| Infrastructure | Carrier Core (Backbone) Equipment                |
| Infrastructure | Customer Premises Network Security Equipment     |
| Infrastructure | Carrier Edge Network Management Equipment        |
| Infrastructure | General Carrier Edge (Access) Equipment          |
| Infrastructure | General Customer Premises Equipment (CPE)        |
| Infrastructure | Other Wide Area Networking (WAN) Equipment       |
| Infrastructure | Cellular Site Equipment                          |
| Infrastructure | Fixed Microwave Systems Equipment                |
| Infrastructure | Other Core Infrastructure Equipment              |
| Infrastructure | Colocation and Data Center Services              |
| Infrastructure | Data Transport Carrier Services                  |
| Infrastructure | Tandem Interconnection Services                  |
| Infrastructure | Enhanced Telecommunications Services Software    |
| Infrastructure | General Communications Services                  |
| Infrastructure | Wireless Infrastructure Services                 |
| Infrastructure | Other Carrier Services                           |
| Processing     | Other Communications Semiconductors              |
| Processing     | Audio Multimedia Semiconductors                  |
| Processing     | Image Sensor and Image Capture Semiconductors    |
| Processing     | Multimedia Semiconductors                        |
| Processing     | Video Multimedia Semiconductors                  |
| Processing     | Other Specialized Semiconductors                 |
| Processing     | Peripheral Semiconductors                        |
| Processing     | Security and Identification Semiconductors       |
| Processing     | Desktop Computer Systems                         |
| Processing     | Multi-Type Business and Personal Systems         |
| Processing     | Other Computer Systems                           |
| Processing     | Portable Computer Systems                        |
| Processing     | Server Computer Systems                          |
| Processing     | Data Storage Media                               |
| Processing     | Multi-Type Data Storage Hardware Makers          |
| Processing     | General Computer Hardware Manufacturing          |
| Processing     | Diversified Technology Hardware                  |
| Processing     | Conventional Flat Panel Display Equipment        |
| Processing     | Other Computer Display Equipment                 |
| Processing     | Printed Circuit Boards                           |
| Processing     | Touchscreen Panels Display Equipment             |
| Processing     | Flexible Circuit Manufacturing                   |
| Processing     | Other Interconnect Fabrication Services          |
| Processing     | Printed Circuit Board/Wiring Board Manufacturing |
| Processing     | Information Storage Systems                      |




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| Access | Virtual Reality Equipment                          |
| Access | Wearable Technology                                |
| Access | Home and Office Virtual Reality Software           |
| Access | Technology Equipment Support and Installation      |
| Access | Fitness and Exercise Equipment                     |
| Access | Electronic Payment Processing                      |
| Access | Mixed Electronic Transaction Processing            |
| Access | Payment Processing Software                        |
| Access | Access Systems Manufacturing                       |
| Access | Diversified Electronic Security Equipment          |
| Access | Electronic Security Identification Equipment       |
| Access | Electronic System Security Equipment               |
| Access | Conferencing Equipment                             |
| Access | Other Business Communications Equipment            |
| Access | Cellular Phone Accessories Manufacturing           |
| Access | Other Cellular Phones Manufacturing                |
| Access | Other Mobile Equipment                             |
| Access | Smart Phone Manufacturing                          |
| Access | Computer Display Equipment                         |
| Access | Home and Office Productivity Peripherals           |
| Access | Human Interface Peripherals                        |
| Access | Input/Output (I/O) Adapter and Interface Devices   |
| Access | Other Peripherals                                  |
| Access | Video Peripherals                                  |
| Access | Audio Electronics Manufacturing                    |
| Access | Consumer Electronics Accessories Manufacturing     |
| Access | Media Player and Recorder Equipment                |
| Access | Other Video Electronics Equipment                  |
| Access | Video Signal Processor and Receiver Equipment      |
| Access | Electronic Gaming/Entertainment Electronics Makers |
| Access | Mobile Platform Applications Software              |
| Access | Other Handheld and Smart Phone Software            |
| Access | Home and Office Multimedia Software                |
| Access | Retail Industry Software                           |

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| Architecture | Cryptocurrency Mining                           |
| Architecture | Blockchain Technology                           |
| Architecture | Virtual Reality Design and Engineering Software |
| Architecture | Credit and Information Bureaus                  |
| Architecture | Records Management Services                     |
| Architecture | Media Usage and Survey-Based Market Researchers |
| Architecture | Managed Hosting Services                        |
| Architecture | Other Hosting Services                          |
| Architecture | Web Development Software Makers                 |
| Architecture | General Internet and Online Services            |
| Architecture | Web Navigation Sites and Software               |
| Architecture | Web Portal Sites and Software                   |
| Architecture | Web Search Sites and Software                   |
| Architecture | Computer Aided Design (CAD) Software            |
| Architecture | Mapping/Geographic Information Systems Software |
| Architecture | Multimedia Design and Engineering Software      |
| Architecture | Business Intelligence Software                  |
| Architecture | Diversified Content Management Software         |
| Architecture | Document Management Software                    |



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| Architecture | Application Management Consulting                  |
| Architecture | Business Intelligence/Data Warehousing Consulting  |
| Architecture | General Information Technology (IT) Consulting     |
| Architecture | Multi-Tactic Enterprise Solutions Consulting       |
| Architecture | Design, Integration and Implementation Consulting  |
| Architecture | General Infrastructure and Network Consulting      |
| Architecture | Network Design and Implementation Consulting       |
| Architecture | Security and Management Consulting                 |
| Architecture | Software Design and Engineering Consulting         |
| Architecture | Cryptocurrency Trading and Exchanges               |
| Architecture | Data Storage Infrastructure Software               |
| Architecture | Network Administration Software                    |
| Architecture | Network Security Access Policy Software            |
| Architecture | Network Security Software                          |
| Architecture | Other Network Software                             |
| Content      | Patent/Copyright/License Consulting Services       |
| Content      | Direct Marketing Services                          |
| Content      | Other Marketing Specialists                        |
| Content      | Business Event and Conference Organizers           |
| Content      | Display Advertising Services                       |
| Content      | Marketing and Advertising Agencies and Networks    |
| Content      | Marketing Communications and Advertising Services  |
| Content      | Miscellaneous Marketing and Advertising Services   |
| Content      | Online Marketing and Advertising Support Services  |
| Content      | General Gaming Industries                          |
| Content      | General Gaming Products and Services               |
| Content      | Horse Racing and Intertrack Wagering Systems       |
| Content      | Lottery and Pari-Mutuel Systems                    |
| Content      | Online Gaming Systems                              |
| Content      | Events, Tickets and Mixed-Type Recreation          |
| Content      | Online Casinos                                     |
| Content      | General Spectator Sports and Performing Arts       |
| Content      | Motorsports  |
| Content      | Performing Arts and Exhibitions                    |
| Content      | Sports Teams and Sports Entertainment              |
| Content      | Mixed Usage Travel Arrangement and Reservation     |
| Content      | Auction Houses and Authentication Services         |
| Content      | General Consumer Content Providers                 |
| Content      | General Entertainment Content Providers and Sites  |
| Content      | Console Games Software                             |
| Content      | Online Game Websites and Software                  |
| Content      | Other Games Software                               |
| Content      | Public Relations Agencies                          |
| Content      | Media Download and Streaming Digital Content Sites |
| Content      | Communication and Collaboration Content Sites      |
| Content      | Media and Entertainment Industry Software          |



## 7.2 COUNTRIES

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Australia          | Malaysia             |
| Austria            | Mexico               |
| Belarus            | Netherlands          |
| Belgium            | New Zealand          |
| Brazil             | Norway               |
| Bulgaria           | Oman                 |
| Canada             | Panama               |
| Chile              | Peru                 |
| China*             | Poland               |
| Costa Rica         | Portugal             |
| Croatia            | Romania              |
| Czech Republic     | Russia               |
| Denmark            | Saudi Arabia         |
| Dominican Republic | Serbia               |
| Finland            | Singapore            |
| France             | Slovakia             |
| Germany            | South Korea          |
| Greece             | Spain                |
| Hong Kong          | Sweden               |
| Hungary            | Switzerland          |
| Ireland            | Thailand             |
| Israel             | Turkey               |
| Italy              | Turkmenistan         |
| Japan              | United Arab Emirates |
| Kazakhstan         | United Kingdom       |
| Kuwait             | United States        |
| Lebanon            | Uruguay              |

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\*includes Taiwan and Macau if available



## 8. HISTORY OF INDEX CHANGES

| Version | Date                 | Description   |
|---------|----------------------|---|
| 1.0     | <i>23 March 2023</i> | Index Guideline creation ( <i>initial version</i> ) |
| 1.1     | 23 March 2023        | Updated RBICs sectors, PTP exclusion                |



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