

INDEX GUIDELINE

SOLACTIVE GLOBAL SUPERDIVIDEND™ 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 Solactive Global SuperDividend™ 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.

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	Representation of top 100 global high dividend-yield stocks.			
Regional Allocation	Global Markets			
Rebalancing Fee	-			
Rebalancing Frequency	Quarterly			

1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Туре	RIC	BBG ticker
Solactive Global	DE000SLA0SD9	USD	NTR*	.SOLSDIV	SOLSDIV Index
SuperDividend™ Index					
Solactive Global	DE000SLA8DP8	USD	PR*	.SOLSDIVP	SOLSDIVP Index
SuperDividend™ Index (Price)	DEUUUSLABDP8				

^{*}NTR and PR mean that the Index is calculated as a net total return and price return Index as described in the Equity Index Methodology, which is available on the Solactive website: https://www.solactive.com/documents/equity-index-methodology/

Para os ÍNDICES NTR, as alíquotas de retenção de imposto fonte (WHT) aplicadas a empresas constituídas nos EUA serão reduzidas da alíquota padrão da Solactive (listada no site da SOLACTIVE https://www.solactive.com) para 0%.

The INDEX is published on the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR (https://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 INDEX is based on 100 at the close of trading on the START DATE, 07/06/2011.



1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The level of the INDEX is calculated on each CALCULATION DAY from 9:00am to 11:00pm 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. London time WM Fixing quoted by Reuters. If there is no 04:00 p.m. London time WM Fixing for the relevant CALCULATION DAY, the last available 04:00 p.m. 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 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. A quarterly review of the INDEX COMPONENTS will occur following the rules outlined in Section 2.3.

Each INDEX COMPONENT will be assigned a weight as described in Section 2.4.

2.1. INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS

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

- 1) Listing on a regulated stock exchange in the form of shares tradable for foreign investors without restrictions in the Developed Countries or Emerging Countries as determined by the Solactive Country Classification Framework, excluding exchanges in India, China and Argentina. The framework and the country lists are available on the Solactive website: https://www.solactive.com/documents/solactive-country-classification/.
- 2) DIVIDEND YIELD > 6% and < 20% on the SELECTION DAY for companies which currently are no Index Components, DIVIDEND YIELD > 3% for companies which currently are Index Components.
- 3) Market Capitalization of at least 500 million USD on the respective Selection Day.
- 4) Average daily trading volume in the last three months of at least 1,000,000 USD on the respective SELECTION DAY.
- 5) Dividend Forecast is at least stable, i.e. there is no official announcement as of the Selection Day that dividend payments will be cancelled or significantly reduced in the future.
- 6) No Closed End Fund, Business Development Companies (BDCs), Partnership (both Qualified Publicly Traded Partnership and non-qualified Partnership) or Trust.

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

Based on the INDEX UNIVERSE, the initial composition of the INDEX is determined on the Selection Day in accordance with the following rule (the "INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS").

- 1) The companies in the INDEX UNIVERSE are ranked in descending order according to their DIVIDEND YIELD.
- 2) The 100 companies with the largest DIVIDEND YIELD on that day are then chosen as Index Components.
- 3) Following the annual ADJUSTMENT DAY, if a company is included in the INDEX UNIVERSE, it is only removed from the INDEX if it's DIVIDEND YIELD on the SELECTION DAY is not in the Top 200 of the INDEX UNIVERSE. In this case, the company with the largest DIVIDEND YIELD that is currently not an index member is chosen as replacement.

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

2.3. DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW

Once a quarter (10 Business Days before the last Business Day in May, August and November), the INDEX COMPONENTS are screened for dividend cuts or an overall negative outlook concerning the companies' dividend policy ("**DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY**"). Quarterly reductions of the dividend payment from a value of 20% or higher will be taken into account and reviewed. If any changes need to be implemented, the index will be adjusted at the close of the last Business Day of the respective month ("DIVIDEND CUT ADJUSTMENT DAY").

- 1) All Index Components with quarterly reductions of their dividend payment of 20% or higher as well as all companies from the Top 200 of the Index Universe that are not current Index Components will be ranked by their Indicated Dividend Yield.
- 2) The top ranked companies will be added to the remaining INDEX COMPONENTS, which have no dividend cut or negative outlook (which group shall include companies with an anticipated dividend reduction of less than 20%) up to a total of 100 INDEX COMPONENTS.
 - To clarify: In case the quarterly screening on the DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY results in a situation without dividend cut, without overall negative outlook concerning the companies' dividend policy or without removal of a current INDEX COMPONENT, the composition remains unchanged, even if there are less than 100 INDEX COMPONENTS.
- 3) All companies from the INDEX UNIVERSE, that are not current INDEX COMPONENTS, have to meet criteria (1) to (4) and (6) outlined in section 2.1 as of the DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY to be eligible for inclusion.



Companies that have been removed from the INDEX COMPOSITION will remain in the Top 200 of the INDEX UNIVERSE and will be reviewed again on the next DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY.

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

2.4. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each SELECTION DAY each INDEX COMPONENT of the Solactive Global SuperDividend™ Index is weighted equally. The target Number of Total Shares will be implemented after a five-day REBALANCE PERIOD as described in section 3.1.

On each DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY, the company that is added to the INDEX at the quarterly reviews will be given the same weight as the member that will be deleted, calculated based on the DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY. In case more than one company is deleted, the cumulative weight of these companies is calculated and equally distributed among the replacements. Companies that remain in the INDEX will receive a weight based on the weight as of the DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY. The Target Number of Total Shares will be implemented after a five-day REBALANCE PERIOD as described in section 3.1.



3. REBALANCE

3.1. ORDINARY REBALANCE

In order to reflect the new selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS determined on the SELECTION DAY and DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY (in accordance with Section 2) the INDEX is adjusted during the REBALANCE PERIOD.

The Weights which are defined on the SELECTION DAY and DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY are used to determine the Number of Total Shares of each INDEX COMPONENT AS OF SELECTION DAY/DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY. The final Number of Total Shares after the last day of the REBALANCE PERIOD is achieved by implementing the Target Number of Total Shares of each constituent successively in the same portion per 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 and net 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 divisor 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 across the entire basket of INDEX COMPONENTS by means of a divisor 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 4 decimal places. Divisors will be rounded to six 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 rebalances. 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", 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 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

"ADJUSTMENT DAY" is the last BUSINESS DAY in February, If the last BUSINESS DAY in February is not a TRADING DAY, the rebalance is postponed to the next TRADING DAY.

"BENCHMARK REGULATION" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

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

"Business Day" is any weekday from Monday through Friday.

"CALCULATION DAY" is every weekday from Monday to Friday.

"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.

"DIVIDEND CUT ADJUSTMENT DAY" is the last BUSINESS DAY in May, August and November. If the last BUSINESS DAY in May, August and November is not a Trading Day, then the rebalance is postponed to the following Trading Day.

"DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY" is 10 BUSINESS DAYS before the last BUSINESS DAY in May, August and November.

"DIVIDEND YIELD" is calculated on the respective SELECTION DAY by taking the sum of all ordinary dividend payments in the preceding 12 months and dividing this amount by the close price on the respective SELECTION DAY. Withholding taxes applicable to institutional investors in the United States are deducted from the dividend amount.

"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.

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 "Market Capitalization" is with regard to each of the securities fulfilling the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS on a SELECTION DAY the share class-specific market capitalization. It is calculated as the multiplication of the shares outstanding with the Closing Price of the share class as of the respective SELECTION DAY.

"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.
- **"INDICATED DIVIDEND YIELD"** is calculated on the respective DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY by taking the annualized most recent ordinary dividend payment and dividing this amount by the close price on the respective DIVIDEND CUT REVIEW DAY. Withholding taxes applicable to institutional investors in the United States are deducted from the dividend amount.
- **"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 PERIOD" is the period starting from (and including) the ADJUSTMENT DAY/DIVIDEND CUT ADJUSTMENT DAY until and (including) the immediately following 4 TRADING DAYS.
- **"Selection Day"** is 10 Business Days before the last Business Day in February.
- "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. HISTORY OF INDEX CHANGES

Version	Date	Description
4.0	16 August 2021	Change to Divisor Index Logic
4.1	16 November 2021	Clarification Definition "Indicated Dividend Yield"
4.2	28 September 2022	Clarification section 2.3.2 – Dividend Cut Review
5.2	15 September 2023	WHT Rate Change
6.0	03 June 2024	Change section 2.4 + 3.1 to Share Fixing Multi-Day Rebalance



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