

# INDEX GUIDELINE

Solactive ESG Nordic 0-1y Bond NOK TR 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 ESG Nordic 0-1y Bond NOK TR Index (the “INDEX”). Any amendments to the rules made to the GUIDELINE are approved by the OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE as specified in the Bond Index Methodology. 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

The Solactive ESG Nordic 0-1y Bond NOK TR Index is designed to track the performance of the short-term Nordic bonds market with eligible issuers operating in accordance with pre-defined ESG screens. The screens are based on established norms such as the United Nations Global Compact and on significant involvement in controversial sectors such as Fossil fuel, gambling and tobacco. The index is calculated as a Total Return Index and is denominated in NOK.

### 1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Type	Calculation Formula*	RIC	BBG ticker
Solactive ESG Nordic 0-1y Bond NOK TR Index	DE000SL0CM30	NOK	TR	Periodic	.SOLNOR1	-
SOLACTIVE ESG NORDIC 0-1Y NOK Hedged TR Index	DE000SL0CM48	NOK	CH	Standard	.SOLNOR1H	-



\*The calculation formula refers to the index calculation's dependency on cash reinvestment, based on whether the cash reinvestment occurs on a daily/direct basis or periodically.

\*TR means that the INDEX is calculated as a Total Return index as described in the Bond Index Methodology, which is available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-index-methodology/>

\*CH means that the Index is calculated as Currency Hedge Index, as described in the Currency Hedged Index Methodology, which is available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/currency-hedged-general-methodology/>

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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 04<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 is 1000. Levels of the INDEX published for a period prior to this date have been back-tested. Historical values from the 04<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 will be recorded in accordance with Article 8 of the BMR.

### 1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The INDEX is calculated and distributed once every BUSINESS DAY based on the EVALUATED BID PRICE of the INDEX COMPONENTS. Bonds added in a rebalancing (see Section 3) are included the INDEX at the EVALUATED ASK PRICE on the relevant REBALANCE DAY (as specified in Section 3). Bonds which are excluded from the INDEX in a rebalance are reflected in the calculation of the level of the INDEX for the REBALANCE DAY at the LAST EVALUATED BID PRICE on the relevant REBALANCE DAY. INDEX analytical values are calculated each BUSINESS DAY using the LAST EVALUATED BID PRICE based on FIXING TIME.

The currency hedged indices are calculated based on TRADING PRICES on the EXCHANGES on which the UNDERLYING INDEX COMPONENTS are listed. TRADING PRICES of the UNDERLYING 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 UNDERLYING INDEX and 4:00 PM London WM Spot and Forward Fixings quoted by Reuters. If there is no 4:00 PM London time WM Fixing for the relevant CALCULATION DAY, the last available 4:00 PM London time WM Fixing will be used for the closing level calculation.

## 2. INDEX SELECTION

On each SELECTION DAY, all bonds which meet the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS are eligible for inclusion in the INDEX and will be added as INDEX COMPONENT on the REBALANCE DAY. Additionally, on each SELECTION DAY, it will be evaluated whether all current INDEX COMPONENTS still meet the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS. Each INDEX COMPONENT that does not meet the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS will be removed from the INDEX on the next REBALANCE DAY.



## 2.1. SELECTION OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

The initial composition of each INDEX, as well as any selection for a rebalance (as specified in Section 3) is determined using the following rules:

- Corporate and Sovereign issuers are eligible (including Governments, Local Governments, and Supranationals).
- Eligible issuers must have Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland or Denmark as COUNTRY OF RISK.
- Eligible bonds must be denominated in NOK, SEK, DKK, EUR or USD.
- USD denominated bonds must have a minimum amount outstanding of USD 200Mn.
- EUR denominated bonds must have a USD-equivalent amount outstanding of minimum USD 200Mn.
- NOK, DKK and SEK denominated issues must have a USD-equivalent amount outstanding of minimum USD 50Mn.
- The modified duration of eligible bonds must not exceed 1 year and their spread duration must not exceed 3 years.
- Eligible issuers must have a credit rating of at least BB-.
- Corporate issuers must comply with the following ESG screening (no ESG screening is applied to Sovereign issuers):

Theme		Exclusion criterion	
Norm-Based Research	Environment	Verified ongoing failure to respect established norms	
	Human Rights		
	Corruption		
	Labour Rights		
Controversial Weapons Research	Chemical weapons	Verified ongoing involvement	
	Biological weapons		
	Nuclear weapons		
	Depleted Uranium		
	Nuclear weapons outside the NPT		
	Cluster munitions		
Sector-Based Screening	Anti-personnel mines	50% Services, 5% Production, 5% Distribution or 5% Exploration	
	Fossil Fuel		
	Oil sands		0% Production, 0% Exploration
	Military		50% Services, 5% Production or 5% Distribution
	Pornography	5% overall, 0% Production	



	Tobacco	50% Services, 0% Production or 5% Distribution
	Gambling	50% Services, 5% Production or 5% Distribution
	Alcohol	50% Services, 5% Production or 5% Distribution
	Cannabis	50% Services, 5% Production or 5% Distribution
Explanation: % figures refer to revenue threshold (for degree of involvement) above which criterion is breached		

(the “INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS”)]

The determination of the INDEX COMPONENTS is fully rule-based and Solactive has no discretion.

### 2.1.1 SELECTION OF THE INDEX CURRENCY COMPONENTS

Based on the INDEX CURRENCY 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 CURRENCY COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS”):

- All of the currencies from the INDEX CURRENCY UNIVERSE.

## 2.2. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

The weighting of the INDEX COMPONENTS will be as follows:

On each SELECTION DAY each INDEX COMPONENT is weighted using the market value based on the LAST EVALUATED BID PRICES and accrued interest as on the SELECTION DAY in order to achieve the aim of the Index.

3 BUSINESS DAYS before the scheduled REBALANCE DAY any issuer may not have a weight of more than 5%. In case any issuer has a weight of more than 5%, the weights of all bonds of this issuer will be proportionally reduced until the issuer weight reaches 5%. The excess weight is reallocated proportionally between the remaining bonds.

3 BUSINESS DAYS before the scheduled REBALANCE DAY the cumulative weight of Government, Local Government and Supranational issues (hereafter referred as Sovereign issues) may not be more than 25%. In case this threshold is breached, the weights of Sovereign issues are brought down proportionally until the sum of their weight reaches 25%. The excess weight is reallocated proportionally between the remaining bonds.

3 BUSINESS DAYS before the scheduled REBALANCE DAY the weight of covered bonds may not be more than 25%. In case this threshold is breached, the weights of covered bonds are brought down proportionally until their weight reaches 25%. The excess weight is redistributed proportionally between the remaining bonds.



### 2.2.1 WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX CURRENCY COMPONENTS

On each SELECTION DAY, the weight of each INDEX CURRENCY COMPONENT is assigned according to the aggregated weights of all the UNDERLYING INDEX COMPONENTS quoted in the respective currency.

## 3. ORDINARY REBALANCE

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

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

SOLACTIVE will publish any changes made to the INDEX COMPONENTS with sufficient notice before the REBALANCE DAY on the SOLACTIVE webpage.

## 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. Adjustments to the INDEX to account for corporate actions will be made in compliance with the Bond Index Methodology.

## 5. DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

“**BUSINESS DAY**” in relation to the index is each day, Monday to Friday, except banking holidays as defined by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), SIFMA, NOTC and XSTO.

“**CLOSE OF BUSINESS**” is a time stamp when an INDEX is calculated.

“**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.

“**CURRENCY HEDGE INDEX**” represent the return resulting from the sum of an underlying index performance and the performance of the hedge of this index using currency forward contracts.

“**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 CALCULATOR” is SOLACTIVE or any other appropriately appointed successor in this function.

“INDEX COMPONENT” is each bond reflected in the INDEX.

“INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.1.

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

“INDEX CURRENCY COMPONENTS” is each currency on which UNDERLYING INDEX COMPONENT trades in the market.

“INDEX CURRENCY COMPONENT WEIGHT” is value resultant from the sum of all the UNDERLYING INDEX COMPONENT’S weights quoted in the respective currency.

“INDEX CURRENCY UNIVERSE” is the sum of all currencies which fulfill the INDEX CURRENCY UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS.

“INDEX CURRENCY UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.1.1

“ISSUER” is the issuing entity of the respective bond.

“OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE” shall have the meaning as defined in the Bond Index Methodology.

“PRICING PROVIDER” is available under <https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-pricing-provider/>

“REBALANCE DAY” is the last BUSINESS DAY of the month.

“SELECTION DAY” is 4 BUSINESS DAYS before the scheduled REBALANCE DAY, disregarding any potential change of the REBALANCE DAY

For currency hedged indices, the selection day is equal to the rebalance day and rebalancing frequency is monthly.

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

“SPOT” is the spot foreign exchange rate to convert the currency of the INDEX COMPONENT into the denomination of the INDEX CURRENCY.

“TRADING PRICES” 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.

“UNDERLYING INDEX COMPONENTS” is each security reflected in the composition of the UNDERLYING INDEX.

**Please note that the definitions included in the Bond Index Methodology apply to this guideline. In case of a discrepancy, the definition presented in the guidelines should prevail.**



## 6. HISTORY OF INDEX CHANGES

Version	Date	Description
1.0	<i>04 August 2022</i>	Index Guideline creation ( <i>initial version</i> )
1.1	<i>27 June 2024</i>	Currency Hedged version guideline combined

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