

## **GUIDELINE**

### **Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index**

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# Introduction

This document is to be used as a guideline with regard to the composition, calculation and management of the Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index. Any changes made to the guideline are initiated by the Committee specified in section 1.6. The Euro Prime ESG Sustainability Index is calculated and published by Solactive AG. The name “Solactive” is copyrighted.

## 1 Index specifications

The Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index (the “**Index**”) is owned, calculated, administered and published by Solactive AG assuming the role as administrator (the “**Index Administrator**”) under the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the “**Benchmark Regulation**” or “**BMR**”). It tracks the price movements in shares of companies that pass several corporate social responsibility screens applied by the Index Adviser.

The Index is a price return index.

The Index is published in Euro.

### 1.1 Short name and ISIN

The Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index as well as Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index NTR is distributed under ISIN DE000SLA00T4 and DE000SLA70L4; the WKN is SLA00T and SLA70L. The Index is published in Reuters under the code .SOLESG and .SOLESGN and in Bloomberg under the code SOLESG Index as well as SOLESGN Index.

### 1.2 Initial value

The Index is based on 100 at the close of trading on the start date of 19th March 2010.

### 1.3 Distribution

The Solactive Euro Prime ESG 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 affiliated vendors. Each vendor decides on an individual basis as to whether he will distribute/display the Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index via his information systems.

### 1.4 Prices and calculation frequency

The level of the Index is calculated on each Calculation Day from 9:00 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. London time rates provided by WM/ Refinitiv (the “WM/ Refinitiv Rate”). If there is no 04:00 p.m. London time WM/ Refinitiv Rate for the relevant Calculation Day, the last available 04:00 p.m. London time WM/ Refinitiv Rate will be used for the closing level calculation.

## 1.5 Weighting

On each Adjustment Day each Index Component of the Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index is weighted according to its free float market capitalization (MCAP). That is, the weight is defined as:

$$Weight(i, t) = \frac{MCAP(i, t)}{\sum_{j=1}^{30} MCAP(j, t)}$$

The maximum weight a single stock can have is 10%. In case a calculated weight exceeds 10%, it is set to 10%, and the excess weight is distributed among the remaining stocks which have a weight below 10% according to their relative weight. For example, if the initially calculated weight of stock i exceeds 10%, and the initial weights of all remaining stocks are below 10%, the excess weight of stock i is redistributed proportionally among all remaining stocks and their new weights can be calculated as:

$$Weight_{new(j,t)} = Weight_{initial(j,t)} + Weight_{initial(j,t)} * \frac{(Weight(i, t) - 10\%)}{\sum_{j=1}^{29} Weight_{initial(j,t)}}$$

$Weight_{initial(j,t)}$ : *The weight of stock j prior to the redistribution of any excess weights*

$Weight(i, t) - 10\%$ : The weight of stock i in excess of 10%

$Weight_{new(j,t)}$ : *The weight of stock j in case another stock i has a weight of more than 10%*

## 1.6 Decision-making bodies

A Committee composed of staff from Solactive AG is responsible for decisions regarding the composition of Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index as well as any amendments to the rules (in this document referred to as the “**Committee**“ or the “**Index Committee**”). The future composition of the Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index is determined by the Committee on the Selection Days according to the procedure outlined in 2.1 of this document. The Committee shall also decide about the future composition of the Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index if any Extraordinary Events should occur and the implementation of any necessary adjustments.

Members of the Committee can recommend changes to the guideline and submit them to the Committee for approval.

## 1.7 Publication

All specifications and information relevant for calculating the Index are made available on the <http://www.solactive.de> web page and sub-pages.

## 1.8 Historical data

Historical data will be maintained from the launch of the Index on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

## 1.9 Licensing

Licences to use the Index as the underlying value for derivative instruments are issued to stock exchanges, banks, financial services providers and investment houses by Solactive AG.

## **2 Composition of the Index**

### **2.1 Selection of the Index Components**

The initial composition of the Index as well as any ongoing adjustment is based on the following rules:

On the Selection Days, the Index Adviser provides the Selection Pool (Chapter 4). Based on the criteria outlined in Chapter 4, the Index Calculator determines the securities that are eligible for inclusion in the index.

The shares must have a historical daily average daily volume over the last 20 business days of at least 10 mm Euro. The 30 largest stocks by free float market capitalization are retained.

### **2.2 Ordinary adjustment**

The composition of the Index is reviewed four times a year on the last business day in February, May, August and November. The composition of the Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index is reviewed on the Selection Day and necessary changes are announced. Adjustment occurs on each 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in March, June, September and December.

The first adjustment will be made in June 2015 based on the Trading Prices of the Index Components on the Adjustment Day.

Solactive AG shall publish any changes made to the Index composition on the Selection Day and consequently with sufficient notice before the Adjustment Day.

### **2.3 Extraordinary adjustment**

If a company included in Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index is removed from the Index between two Adjustment Days due to an Extraordinary Event, the weight of the respective company will be split proportionally amongst the remaining companies. The Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index is adjusted on the same day. This is announced by Solactive AG after the close of business on the day on which the new composition of the Index was determined by the Committee.

## **3 Calculation of the Index**

### **3.1 Index formula**

The Index Value on a Business Day at the relevant time is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$Index_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_{i,t} * p_{i,t} * f_{i,t}}{D_t}$$

with:

$x_{i,t}$  = Number of Index Shares of the Index Component i on Trading Day t

$p_{i,t}$  = Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t

$f_{i,t}$  = Foreign exchange rate to convert the Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t into the Index Currency

$D_t$  = Divisor on Trading Day t

The initial Divisor on the Start Date is calculated according to the following formula:

$$D_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_{i,t} * f_{i,t} * x_{i,t})}{100}$$

After the close of trading on each Adjustment Day t the new Divisor is calculated as follows:

$$D_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_{i,t} * f_{i,t} * x_{i,t})}{Index_t}$$

This Divisor is valid starting the immediately following Business Day.

### 3.2 Accuracy

The value of the Index will be rounded to four decimal places.

The Number of Index Shares of the Index Components will be rounded to six decimal places.

Trading Prices and foreign exchange rates will be rounded to four decimal places.

Divisors will be rounded to six decimal places

### 3.3 Adjustments

Indices need to be adjusted for systematic changes in prices once these become effective. This requires the new Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component and the Divisor to be calculated on an ex-ante basis.

This procedure ensures that the first ex quote can be properly reflected in the calculation of the Index. This ex-ante procedure assumes the general acceptance of the Index calculation formula as well as open access to the parameter values used. The calculation parameters are provided by Solactive AG.

Any delay in calculating the new Number of Shares of an Index Component would create problems. Therefore the procedure described above is the most appropriate.

### 3.4 Dividends and other distributions

Special cash dividend payments and other distributions are included in the Index. They cause an adjustment of the Divisor. The new Divisor is calculated as follows:

$$D_{t+1} = D_t * \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_{i,t} * f_{i,t} * x_{i,t}) - (x_{i,t} * y_{i,t} * g_{i,t})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_{i,t} * f_{i,t} * x_{i,t})}$$

with

$p_{i,t}$  = Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t

$f_{i,t}$  = Foreign exchange rate to convert the Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t into the Index Currency

$x_{i,t}$  = Number of Index Shares of the Index Component i on Trading Day t

$y_{i,t}$  = Distribution of Index Component i with ex date t+1 multiplied by the Dividend Correction Factor

$g_{i,t}$  = Foreign exchange rate to convert the amount of the distribution of Index Component i on Trading Day t into the Index Currency

$D_t$  = Divisor on Trading Day t

$D_{t+1}$  = Divisor on Trading Day t+1

### 3.5 Corporate actions

#### 3.5.1 Principles

Following the announcement by an issuer of Index Components of the terms and conditions of a corporate action the Index Calculator determines whether such corporate action has a dilutive, concentrative or similar effect on the price of the respective Index Component.

If this should be the case the Index Calculator shall make the necessary adjustments that are deemed appropriate in order to take into account the dilutive, concentrative or similar effect and shall determine the date on which this adjustment shall come into effect.

Amongst other things the Index Calculator can take into account the adjustment made by an Affiliated Exchange as a result of the corporate action with regard to option and futures contracts on the respective share traded on this Affiliated Exchange.

### 3.5.2 Capital increases

In the case of capital increases with ex-date t+1 the Index is adjusted as follows:

$$x_{i,t+1} = x_i * \frac{1+B}{1} \quad \text{with:}$$

$x_{i,t+1}$  = Number of Index Shares of Index Component i on Trading Day t+1

$x_{i,t}$  = Number of Index Shares of Index Component i on Trading Day t

B = Shares received for every share held

$$p_{i,t+1} = \frac{p_{i,t} + s * B}{1+B} \quad \text{with:}$$

$p_{i,t}$  = Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t

$p_{i,t+1}$  = Hypothetical Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t+1

s = Subscription Price in the Index Component currency

$$D_{t+1} = D_t * \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_{i,t} * f_{i,t} * x_{i,t}) + \sum_{i=1}^n [(x_{i,t+1} * p_{i,t+1} * f_{i,t}) - (x_{i,t} * p_{i,t} * f_{i,t})]}{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_{i,t} * f_{i,t} * x_{i,t})}$$

with

$p_{i,t}$  = Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t

$f_{i,t}$  = Foreign exchange rate to convert the Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t into the Index Currency

$x_{i,t}$  = Number of Index Shares of the Index Component i on Trading Day t

$p_{i,t+1}$  = Hypothetical price of Index Component i on Trading Day t+1

$x_{i,t+1}$  = Number of Index Shares of the Index Component i on Trading Day t+1

$D_t$  = Divisor on Trading Day t

$D_{t+1}$  = Divisor on Trading Day t+1

### 3.5.3 Share splits

In the case of share splits with ex-date on Trading Day t+1 it is assumed that the prices change in ratio of the terms of the split. The new Number of Index Shares is calculated as follows:

$$x_{i,t+1} = x_{i,t} * B$$

$x_{i,t}$  = Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component on Trading Day t

$x_{i,t+1}$  = Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component on Trading Day t+1

B = Shares after the share split for every share held before the split

### 3.5.4 Stock distributions

In the case of stock distributions with ex-date on Trading Day t+1 it is assumed that the prices change according to the terms of the distribution. The new Number of Index Shares is calculated as follows:

$$x_{i,t+1} = x_{i,t} * (1 + B)$$

$x_{i,t}$  = Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component on Trading Day t

$x_{i,t+1}$  = Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component on Trading Day t+1

B = Shares received for every share held

## 3.6 Calculation of the Index in the event of a Market Disruption Event

The Index is not calculated in the event of a Market Disruption Event or Force Majeure Event. If the Market Disruption Event or Force Majeure Event continues over a period of eight Trading Days, then the Committee will determine the necessary action (including but not limited to taking into account the market conditions prevailing at this point in time, the last quoted Trading Price for each of the Index Components as well as any other conditions that it deems relevant for calculating the Index value) such that the affected securities resulting from the Market Disruption Event are no longer causing such disruption to occur.

## 4. Definitions

“Selection Pool” in respect of a Selection Day are those companies that fulfill the following conditions:

The Index Adviser on a quarterly basis sends a selection universe consisting of European companies, screened for a number of constraints as mentioned below:

All companies in the selection universe have been certified with the ISS ESG “PrimeStatus”. The companies in the selection universe are further screened for Controversial Business Areas and Controversial Business Practices and removed from the pool if they violate either of the exclusion criteria below.

| Theme                                                | Topic                 | Exclusion criterion                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Norm-Based Research<br>(severe and very severe only) | Environment           | Environmental Protection: Direct Involvement                                                                                    |
|                                                      |                       | Environmental Protection: Supply Chain                                                                                          |
|                                                      |                       | Environmental Protection: Financier                                                                                             |
|                                                      | Human Rights          | Fundamental Human Rights: Direct Involvement                                                                                    |
|                                                      |                       | Fundamental Human Rights: Supply Chain                                                                                          |
|                                                      |                       | Fundamental Human Rights: Financier                                                                                             |
|                                                      | Business Malpractice  | Accounting / disclosure standards: Direct Involvement                                                                           |
|                                                      |                       | Bribery: Direct Involvement                                                                                                     |
|                                                      | Labour Rights         | Child Labour: Direct Involvement                                                                                                |
|                                                      |                       | Child Labour: Supply Chain                                                                                                      |
| Forced Labour: Direct Involvement                    |                       |                                                                                                                                 |
| Forced Labour: Supply Chain                          |                       |                                                                                                                                 |
| Labour Standards: Direct Involvement                 |                       |                                                                                                                                 |
| Labour Standards: Supply Chain                       |                       |                                                                                                                                 |
| Union Rights: Direct Involvement                     |                       |                                                                                                                                 |
| Union Rights: Supply Chain                           |                       |                                                                                                                                 |
| Workplace Discrimination: Direct Involvement         |                       |                                                                                                                                 |
| Workplace Discrimination: Supply Chain               |                       |                                                                                                                                 |
| Sector Based Screening                               | Abortifacients        | Production (Indicated for Abortion): Revenue Share > 0.00 %                                                                     |
|                                                      | Abortion              | abortion: Any Tie                                                                                                               |
|                                                      | Alcohol               | Production: Revenue Share ≥ 5.00%                                                                                               |
|                                                      | Animal Testing        | Non-Pharmaceutical - Beyond legal requirements: Any Tie<br>Non-Pharmaceutical - Total: Any Tie                                  |
|                                                      | Animal Welfare        | Fur - Production: Level of Involvement > 0.00%<br>Fur - Distribution: Level of Involvement > 0.00%                              |
|                                                      | Civilian Firearms     | Production and Services: Revenue Share > 0.00%                                                                                  |
|                                                      | Controversial Weapons | Controversial Weapons: Verified Involvement                                                                                     |
|                                                      | Fossil Fuels - Coal   | Extractives - Production: Revenue Share > 0.00%<br>Refining – Processing: Revenue Share > 0.00%<br>Trade: Revenue Share > 0.00% |

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | Power Generation: Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Fossil Fuels - Oil                               | Extractives - Production: Revenue Share $> 0.00\%$<br>Energy - Production: Revenue Share $\geq 10.00\%$                                                                                                                                               |
| Fossil Fuels                                     | Oil - Extractives - Production: Revenue Share $<AND>$<br>Oil - Energy - Production: Revenue Share $<AND>$<br>Gas - Extractives - Production: Revenue Share $<AND>$<br>Gas - Energy - Production: Revenue Share $<AND>$<br>Distribution $\geq 10.00\%$ |
| Fossil Fuels – Power Generation                  | Total Power: Revenue Share $<AND>$<br>Biomass: Revenue Share $\geq 50.00\%$                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Fossil Fuels - Unconventional Extraction Methods | Arctic Drilling - Production: Any Tie<br>Arctic Drilling - Exploration: Any Tie<br>Hydraulic Fracturing: Revenue Share (Total)<br>Oil Sands - Production: Revenue Share $> 0.00\%$<br>Oil Sands - Exploration: Revenue Share $> 0.00\%$               |
| Gambling                                         | Production: Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$<br>Distribution: Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$<br>Service: Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$                                                                                                                          |
| GMO                                              | Agriculture - Production: Revenue Share $> 0.00\%$                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Hazardous Substances                             | Hazardous Substances Lists : ChemSec SIN List, REACH Candidate List, REACH Authorisation List                                                                                                                                                         |
| Military Equipment and Services                  | Production and Services: Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$<br>Production and Services: Revenue Share (Combat Involvement) $> 0.00\%$<br>Production and Services: Revenue Share (Non-Combat Involvement) $\geq 5.00\%$                                       |
| Nuclear Power                                    | Total: Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$<br>Power Generation - Production: Revenue Share $> 0.00\%$<br>Uranium - Production: Revenue Share $> 0.00\%$<br>Service: Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$                                                               |
| Pornography                                      | Total (Age Restricted Involvement): Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$<br>Production (Age Restricted Involvement): Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$<br>Distribution (Age Restricted Involvement): Revenue Share $\geq 5.00\%$                                     |

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                    | Human Embryonic Stem Cells: Specialized Company |
| Stem Cell Research | Human Embryonic Stem Cells: Any Tie             |
|                    | Enabling Technology: Any Tie                    |
|                    | Contact Research Organization: Any Tie          |

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|---------|------------------------------------------|
|         | Production: RevenueShare > 0.00%         |
| Tobacco | Distribution: Revenue Share $\geq$ 5.00% |
|         | Service: Revenue Share $\geq$ 5.00%      |

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Companies with a Norms Based Research Overall Flag in Red category are excluded.

Additionally, the companies need to fulfil the following:

1. Incorporation and stock market listing in the Eurozone.
2. Primary Listing on a regulated stock exchange in the form of shares tradable for foreign investors without restrictions.
3. Average Daily Trading Volume over the last 20 business days of at least 10,000,000 Euro.
4. Climate total Emissions Intensity above 1500
5. Energy Consumption Intensity above 300 GWh/mEUR.

Companies missing data according to the Energy Consumption Intensity field are still eligible for the index selection.

**“Index Component”** is each share currently included in the Index.

**“Number of Shares”** is in respect of an Index Component and any given Business Day the number or fraction of shares included in the Index. It is calculated for any Index Component as the ratio of (A) the Percentage Weight of an Index Component multiplied by the Index value and (B) its Trading Price.

**“Percentage Weight”** of an Index Component is the ratio of its Trading Price multiplied by its Number of Shares divided by the Index value.

**“Dividend Correction Factor”** is calculated as 1 minus the applicable withholding tax rate and/or other applicable tax rate currently prevalent in the respective country.

In particular an **“Extraordinary Event”** is

- a Merger
- a Takeover bid
- a delisting
- the Nationalisation of a company
- Insolvency.

The Trading Price for this Index Component on the day the event came into effect is the last available market price for this Index Component quoted on the Exchange on the day the event came into effect (or, if a market price is not available for the day the event came into effect, the last available market price quoted on the Exchange on a day specified as appropriate by the Index Calculator), as determined by the Index Calculator, and this price is used as the Trading Price of the particular Index Component until the end of the day on which the composition of the Index is next set.

In the event of the Insolvency of an issuer of an Index Component the Index Component shall remain in the Index until the next Adjustment Day. As long as a market price for the affected Index Component is available on a Business Day, this shall

be applied as the Trading Price for this Index Component on the relevant Business Day, as determined in each case by the Index Calculator. If a market price is not available on a Business Day the Trading Price for this Index Component is set to zero. The Committee may also decide to eliminate the respective Index Component at an earlier point in time prior to the next Adjustment Day. The procedure in this case is identical to an elimination due to and Extraordinary Event.

An Index Component is “**delisted**” if the Exchange announces pursuant to the Exchange regulations that the listing of, the trading in or the issuing of public quotes on the Index Component at the Exchange has ceased immediately or will cease at a later date, for whatever reason (provided delisting is not because of a Merger or a Takeover bid), and the Index Component is not immediately listed, traded or quoted again on an exchange, trading or listing system, acceptable to the Index Calculator,

“**Insolvency**” occurs with regard to an Index Component if (A) all shares of the respective issuer must be transferred to a trustee, liquidator, insolvency administrator or a similar public officer as result of a voluntary or compulsory liquidation, insolvency or winding-up proceedings or comparable proceedings affecting the issuer of the Index Components or (B) the holders of the shares of this issuer are legally enjoined from transferring the shares.

A “**Takeover bid**” is a bid to acquire, an exchange offer or any other offer or act of a legal person that results in the related legal person acquiring as part of an exchange or otherwise more than 10% and less than 100% of the voting shares in circulation from the issuer of the Index Component or the right to acquire these shares, as determined by the Index Calculator based on notices submitted to public or self-regulatory authorities or other information considered by the Index Calculator to be relevant.

With regard to an Index Component a “**Merger**” is

- (i) a change in the security class or a conversion of this share class that results in a transfer or an ultimate definite obligation to transfer all the shares in circulation to another legal person,
- (ii) a merger (either by acquisition or through forming a new structure) or a binding obligation on the part of the issuer to exchange shares with another legal person (except in a merger or share exchange under which the issuer of this Index Component is the acquiring or remaining company and which does not involve a change in security class or a conversion of all the shares in circulation),
- (iii) a takeover offer, exchange offer, other offer or another act of a legal person for the purposes of acquiring or otherwise obtaining from the issuer 100% of the shares issued that entails a transfer or the irrevocable obligation to transfer all shares (with the exception of shares which are held and controlled by the legal person), or
- (iv) a merger (either by acquisition or through forming a new structure) or a binding obligation on the part of the issuer of the share or its subsidiaries to exchange shares with another legal person, whereby the issuer of the share is the acquiring or remaining company and it does not involve a change in the class or a conversion of the all shares issued, but the shares in circulation directly prior to such an event (except for shares held and controlled by the legal person) represent in total less than 50% of the shares in circulation directly subsequent to such an event.

The “**Merger Date**” is the date on which a Merger is concluded or the date specified by the Index Calculator if such a date cannot be determined under the law applicable to the Merger.

“**Nationalisation**” is a process whereby all shares or the majority of the assets of the issuer of the shares are nationalised or are expropriated or otherwise must be transferred to public bodies, authorities or institutions.

“**Exchange**” is, in respect of Solactive Euro Prime ESG Index and every Index Component, the respective primary exchange where the Index Component has its primary listing. The Committee may decide to declare a different stock exchange the “Exchange” for trading reasons, even if the company is only listed there via a Stock Substitute.

“**Stock Substitute**” includes in particular American Depositary Receipts (ADR) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDR).

With regard to an Index component (subject to the provisions given above under “Extraordinary Events”) the “**Trading Price**” in respect of a Trading Day is the closing price on this Trading Day determined in accordance with the Exchange regulations.

If the Exchange has no closing price for an Index Component, the Index Calculator shall determine the Trading Price and the time of the quote for the share in question in a manner that appears reasonable to him.

A **“Trading Day”** is in relation to the Index or an Index Component a Trading Day on the Exchange (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 normal Exchange closing time. The Index Calculator is ultimately responsible as to whether a certain day is a Trading Day with regard to the Index or an Index Component or in any other connection relating to this document.

A **“Business Day”** is a day on which XETRA is open for general business. Saturday and Sunday are not considered Business Days.

The **“Index Calculator”** is Solactive AG or any other appropriately appointed successor in this function.

The **“Index Adviser”** is ISS ESG.

The **“Index Currency”** is Euro.

**“Market Capitalization”** is with regard to each of the shares in the Selection Pool on a Selection Day or Adjustment Day the value published by Reuters (or a successor) as the Market Capitalization for this day.

As at the date of this document Market Capitalization is defined by Reuters as the value of a company calculated by multiplying the number of shares outstanding of the company by its share price. **“Free Float Market Capitalization”** is with regard to each of the shares in the Selection Pool or in the Index on a Selection Day or Adjustment Day the Market Capitalization for this day multiplied by the ratio of (A) the number of shares in circulation and (B) the number of shares outstanding of the respective company.

If Reuters (or a successor):

(i) does not publish for a Selection Day a Market Capitalization for a share or

(ii) adopts another method for calculating the Market Capitalization for all shares or only with regard to the share in question or uses different assumptions in calculating the Market Capitalization for all shares or only with regard to the share in question, and in the reasonable assessment of the Index Calculator involves material changes (the Index Calculator makes the decision as to whether such changes are to be deemed “material” by applying factors that in his reasonable assessment appear appropriate to him),

the Index Calculator will determine the Market Capitalization in respect of the shares or of a share included in the Selection Pool and the respective Selection Day either from another publicly accessible source specified at his sole discretion or from other sources that in his assessment are reasonable and appropriate in the event that no other publicly quoted suitable prices are available.

**“Adjustment Day”** is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in the month following Selection Day.

**“Selection Day”** is the last Business Day in February, May, August and November.

An **“Affiliated Exchange”** is with regard to an Index Component an exchange, a trading or quotation system on which options and futures contracts on the Index Component in question are traded, as specified by the Index Calculator.

A **“Market Disruption Event”** occurs if

1. one of the following events occurs or exists on a Trading Day prior to the opening quotation time for an Index Component:

A) trading is suspended or restricted (due to price movements that exceed the limits allowed by the Exchange or an Affiliated Exchange, or for other reasons):

1.1. across the whole Exchange; or

- 1.2. in options or futures contracts on or with regard to an Index Component or an Index Component that is quoted on an Affiliated Exchange; or
- 1.3. on an Exchange or in a trading or quotation system (as determined by the Index Calculator) in which an Index Component is listed or quoted; or

B) an event that (in the assessment of the Index Calculator) generally disrupts and affects the opportunities of market participants to execute on the Exchange transactions in respect of a share included in the Index or to determine market values for a share included in the Index or to execute on an Affiliated Exchange transaction with regard to options and futures contracts on these shares or to determine market values for such options or futures contracts; or

2. trading on the Exchange or an Affiliated Exchange is ceased prior to the usual closing time (as defined below), unless the early cessation of trading is announced by the Exchange or Affiliated Exchange on this Trading Day at least one hour before

(aa) the actual closing time for normal trading on the Exchange or Affiliated Exchange on the Trading Day in question or, if earlier.

(bb) the closing time (if given) of the Exchange or Affiliated Exchange for the execution of orders at the time the quote is given.

**“Normal exchange closing time”** is the time at which the Exchange or an Affiliated Exchange is normally closed on working days without taking into account after-hours trading or other trading activities carried out outside the normal trading hours; or

3. a general moratorium is imposed on banking transactions in the country in which the Exchange is resident if the above-mentioned events are material in the assessment of the Index Calculator, whereby the Index Calculator makes his decision based on those circumstances that he considers reasonable and appropriate.

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

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

**“Index Administrator”** shall have the meaning as defined in Section “Introduction”

## 5 Appendix

### 5.1 Contact data

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### 5.2 Calculation of the Index – change in calculation method

The application by the Index Calculator of the method described in this document is final and binding. The Index Calculator 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, financial or tax reasons may require changes to be made to this method. The Index Calculator may also make changes to the terms and conditions of the Index and the method applied to calculate the Index, which he 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 Calculator is not obliged to provide information on any such

modifications or changes. Despite the modifications and changes the Index Calculator will take the appropriate steps to ensure a calculation method is applied that is consistent with the method described above.

## 6 History of Index Changes

| Version | Date             | Description                                |
|---------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1.0     |                  | Index Guideline creation (initial version) |
| 2.0     |                  |                                            |
| 3.0     |                  |                                            |
| 4.0     |                  |                                            |
| 5.0     |                  |                                            |
| 6.0     | 21 November 2024 | Update of ESG criteria and Name change     |