

## **GUIDELINE**

# **Solactive Nordic 150 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 Nordic 150 Index. Any changes made to the guideline are initiated by the Committee specified in section 1.5. The Solactive Nordic 150 Index is calculated and published by Solactive AG. The name “Solactive” is copyrighted.

## 1 Index specifications

The Solactive Nordic 150 Index (the “Index”) is an Index of Solactive and is calculated and distributed by Solactive AG.

The Index tracks the performance of the most liquid 150 stocks traded on one of the following exchanges: Nasdaq Copenhagen (XCSE), Nasdaq Helsinki (XHEL), Nasdaq Stockholm (XSTO) and Oslo Børs (XOSL). The liquidity is measured by the 12-month Average Daily Traded Value in SEK, as sourced from FactSet.

The index is calculated as a gross total return version.

The Index is published in Swedish Krone.

### 1.1 Short name and ISIN

The Index is distributed under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	WKN	Characteristic	Reuters	Bloomberg
Solactive Nordic 150 Gross Total Return Index	DE000SLA24E6	SLA24E	Gross Total Return	.SOLN150G	SOLN150G Index
Solactive Nordic 150 Net Total Return Index	DE000SLA24F3	SLA24F	Net Total Return	.SOLN150N	SOLN150N Index
Solactive Nordic 150 Price Return Index	DE000SLA24G1	SLA24G	Price Return	.SOLN150P	SOLN150P Index

### 1.2 Initial value

The Index is based on 100 at the close of trading on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Data before the Start Date of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 is backtested.

### 1.3 Distribution

The Solactive Nordic 150 Index is published via the price marketing services of Boerse Stuttgart AG and is distributed to all affiliated vendors. Each vendor decides on an individual basis as to whether he will distribute/display the Index via his information systems.

#### **1.4 Prices and calculation frequency**

The price of the Solactive Nordic 150 Index is calculated every 15 seconds on each Exchange Trading Day. Should there be no current price available, the most recent price is used in the calculation.

The Index is calculated every Exchange Trading Day from 8:00am to 10:30pm, CET. In the event that data cannot be provided to Reuters or to the pricing services of Boerse Stuttgart AG the Index cannot be distributed.

#### **1.5 Decision-making bodies**

A Committee composed of staff from Solactive is responsible for decisions regarding the composition of the Solactive Nordic 150 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 Nordic 150 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 Nordic 150 Index in the event that 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.

#### **1.6 Publication**

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

#### **1.7 Historical data**

Historical data will be maintained from the launch of the Index on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and backtested data from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **1.8 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.

## 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, Solactive defines the Solactive Nordic Index Universe, a selection pool of securities that encompasses the following criteria:

1. The starting universe for the selection is comprised of the Global Factset Screening Universe listed on one of the following exchanges: Nasdaq Copenhagen (XCSE), Nasdaq Helsinki (XHEL), Nasdaq Stockholm (XSTO) and Oslo Børs (XOSL).
2. The type of security is either an ordinary share or a depositary receipt (not including closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds).
3. It is the most actively traded share out of possible multiple shares issued by the same company (listed on at least one Reference Exchange).
4. Only equity securities with a Free-Float Percentage above 15% are eligible.

This selection pool is then ranked according to each stock's 12-month liquidity, measured as ADV (Average Daily Traded Value) in SEK, as sourced from Factset. All shares which have been traded for less than one month are dropped from the selection process, as long as these are not ranked among the top 100 in terms of Free-Float Market Cap in SEK.

The top 150 securities are selected in the final composition of the index.

### 2.2 Weighting

On each Selection Day, each Index Component of the Solactive Nordic 150 Index is weighted according to Free-Float Market Capitalization.

### 2.3 Ordinary adjustment

The composition of the Solactive Nordic 150 Index is reviewed twice per year, on the Selection Day. Necessary changes are announced. The composition of the Index is rebalanced after the close of trading on each Adjustment Day, when the new Number of Index Shares are implemented, as described below.

After the close of trading on each Selection Day  $t$ , the Number of Index Shares are calculated as follows:

$$x_{i,t} = \frac{w_{i,t} * Index_t * D_t}{p_{i,t} * f_{i,t}}$$

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

$w_{i,t}$  = Weight of the Index Component  $i$  determined on Selection Day  $t$ , as defined on section 2.2

$Index_t$	= Index Level on Exchange Trading Day t
$D_t$	= Divisor on Exchange Trading Day t
$p_{i,t}$	= Trading Price of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t
$f_{i,t}$	= Foreign exchange rate to convert the Price of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t into the Index Currency

In case the adjustment falls on a business holiday for one of the Reference Exchanges, it will be postponed by one day or more, until all stocks can be traded.

The first adjustment will be made in June, 2017 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.

## **2.4 Extraordinary adjustment**

An extraordinary adjustment, if applicable, is triggered and applied in compliance with the rules set forth in the [Guideline for Extraordinary Corporate Actions](#).

## 3 Calculation of the Index

### 3.1 Index formula

The Index Value on an Exchange Trading Day at the relevant time is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

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

With:

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

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

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

$D_t$  = Divisor on Exchange Trading Day t

On the Selection Day preceding the Start Date (i.e. the Selection Day that defines the initial Index Components), the Divisor receives a theoretical value of 1,000,000. This enables the initial Number of Index Shares to be calculated according to section 3.3. 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:

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

With:

$D_{t+1}$  = Divisor on Exchange Trading Day immediately succeeding Adjustment Day t

$Index_t$  = Index Level on Adjustment Day t

This Divisor is therefore valid starting the immediately following Exchange Trading Day.

### 3.2 Accuracy

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

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

Divisors and Number of Index Shares will be rounded to six decimal places

### 3.3 Adjustments

The index is rebalanced twice per year. This requires the new Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component to be calculated on an ex-ante basis, as already described on section 2.3.

The Solactive Nordic 150 Index is also adjusted for dividends, capital increases (rights issues), capital reductions, share splits and par value conversions as well as, in accordance with the principles in 3.5.1, other corporate actions.

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.

### 3.4 Dividends and other distributions

Dividend payments and other distributions are included in the Index. These 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:

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

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

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

$D_t$  = Divisor on Exchange Trading Day t

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



### 3.5 Corporate actions

#### 3.5.1 Principles

Following the announcement by a company included in the 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:

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

With:

- $x_{i,t+1}$  = Number of Index Shares of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t+1  
 $x_{i,t}$  = Number of Index Shares of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t  
 $B$  = Number of Shares received for every share held

$$p_{i,t+1} = \frac{p_{i,t} + s * B}{1 + B}$$

With:

- $p_{i,t+1}$  = Hypothetical Trading Price of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t+1  
 $p_{i,t}$  = Trading Price of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t  
 $s$  = Subscription Price in the Index Component currency  
 $B$  = Number of Shares received for every share held

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

With:

$D_{i,t+1}$	= Divisor on Exchange Trading Day t+1
$D_{i,t}$	= Divisor on Exchange Trading Day t
$p_{i,t}$	= Trading Price of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t
$f_{i,t}$	= Foreign exchange rate to convert the Price of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t into the Index Currency
$x_{i,t}$	= Number of Index Shares of the Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t
$p_{i,t+1}$	= Hypothetical price of Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t+1
$x_{i,t+1}$	= Number of Index Shares of the Index Component i on Exchange Trading Day t+1

### 3.5.3 Share splits

In the case of share splits with ex date on Exchange 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:

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

With:

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

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

With:

$x_{i,t+1}$	= Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component on Exchange Trading Day t+1
$x_{i,t}$	= Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component on Exchange Trading Day t
$B$	= Number of Shares received for every share held

## **3.6 Miscellaneous**

### **3.6.1 Recalculation**

Solactive AG makes the greatest possible efforts to accurately calculate and maintain its indices. However, the occurrence of errors in the index determination process cannot be ruled out. In such cases Solactive AG adheres to its publicly available [Correction Policy](#).

### **3.6.2 Market Disruption**

In periods of market stress Solactive AG calculates its indices following predefined and exhaustive arrangements set out in its publicly available [Disruption Policy](#).

## 4. Definitions

**“Adjustment Day”** is the Wednesday immediately preceding the second Friday in June and December each year. If such date is not an Index Trading Day, the Index Trading Day immediately succeeding such date.

**“Average Daily Traded Value”, or “ADV”,** is calculated by summing up the daily value traded over the specified period ultimately preceding the Selection Day and dividing that sum by the number of Exchange Trading Days in the same period.

**“Dividend Correction Factor”** is in respect of any security for which the issuer is incorporated in Denmark: 0.73; in respect of any security for which the issuer is incorporated in the United States of America: 0.85; in respect of any other security: 1.0.

The **“Exchange Trading Day”** is any weekday from Monday through Friday.

**“Free-Float Market Capitalization”** is with regard to each of the shares in the Solactive Nordic 150 Index on a Selection Day or Adjustment Day, the value of the closing price multiplied by the Free-Float Shares Outstanding for this day.

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

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

The **“Index Currency”** is SEK.

An **“Index Trading Day”** is any day on which each Reference Exchange is open for trading during its respective regular trading sessions.

**“Reference Exchange”** is, in respect of Index and every Index Component, one of the following: Nasdaq Copenhagen (XCSE), Nasdaq Helsinki (XHEL), Nasdaq Stockholm (XSTO) and Oslo Børs (XOSL).

**“Selection Day”** is the last Index Exchange Trading of May and November.

**“Start Date”** is the first Exchange Trading Day in which the Index is being calculated (March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017).

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

## 5 Appendix

## **5.1 Contact data**

### **Information regarding the Index concept**

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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.