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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 Hilton Capital BDC Corporate Bond TR (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 Hilton Capital BDC Corporate Bond TR Index aims to track the total performance of bonds issued by Business Development Companies (BDC) in the US. A BDC is a unique vehicle designed to invest in small and medium-sized US businesses. BDCs were created by Congress in 1980 as an amendment to the Investment Company Act of 1940, with the goal of encouraging the flow of capital to private, mid-sized US businesses.



1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Type	Calculation Formula	RIC	BBG ticker
Solactive Hilton Capital BDC Corporate Bond TR Index	DE000SL0FH00	USD	TR	Periodic	.SOLHBDCC	SOLHBDCC

*TR means that the INDEX is calculated as 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/>

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

The INDEX is published on the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR (www.solactive.com) and is, in addition, available via the price marketing services of Boerse Stuttgart GmbH and may be distributed to all of its affiliated vendors. Each vendor decides on an individual basis as to whether it will distribute or display the INDEX via its information systems.

Any publication in relation to the INDEX (e.g. notices, amendments to the GUIDELINE) will be available at the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR: <https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/>.

1.3. INITIAL LEVEL OF THE INDEX

The initial level of the INDEX on the START DATE is 1000. Historical values from the LIVE DATE will be recorded in accordance with Article 8 of the BMR. Levels of the INDEX published for a period prior to the LIVE DATE have been back tested.

1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The INDEX is calculated and distributed once every BUSINESS DAY based on the LAST EVALUATED BID PRICE of the INDEX COMPONENTS. Bonds added in a rebalancing (see Section 3) are included the INDEX at the LAST EVALUATED ASK PRICE on the relevant REBALANCE DAY. 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. Prices of INDEX COMPONENTS not listed in the INDEX CURRENCY are converted using the 4:00 PM London WM Fixing Spot exchange rates.



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

- The issuer must be listed on the latest “Business Development Company Report” published yearly by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC.gov | Business Development Company Report](#).
- Only fixed coupon bonds are eligible. Floating rate notes, convertible, inflation linked bonds, US municipal bonds, ABS/MBS, perpetual bonds and other structured securities are not eligible.
- The bond’s Issue Date must be on or before SELECTION DAY
- Bonds must have a minimum amount outstanding of USD 250 million
- On SELECTION DAY a price from the PRICE PROVIDER must be available for each INDEX COMPONENT.

(the “INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS”)]

2.2. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each SELECTION DAY each INDEX COMPONENT is weighted using the market value based on the LAST EVALUATED BID PRICE and accrued interest as on the SELECTION DAY in order to achieve the aim of the INDEX. Additionally, the weighting of the INDEX COMPONENTS follows a 10% Issuer capping.



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

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

“BUSINESS DAY” is with respect to the INDEX each day Monday to Friday except the following sets of days: New York Securities Exchange (XNYS) and SIFMA.

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

“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 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.

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

“LAST EVALUATED BID PRICE” the last available evaluated bid price by the designated PRICING PROVIDER

“LAST EVALUATED ASK PRICE” the last available evaluated ask price by the designated PRICING PROVIDER

“LIVE DATE” is 24/01/2025.

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

“PRICING PROVIDER” is Intercontinental Exchange (“ICE”) .

“REBALANCE DAY” is the last BUSINESS DAY of February, May, August, and November.

“SELECTION DAY” is 5 BUSINESS DAYS before the scheduled REBALANCE DAY, disregarding any potential change of the REBALANCE DAY

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

“START DATE” is 24/01/2025.

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

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1.0	<i>07 March 2025</i>	Index Guideline creation

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