

MARKET CONSULTATION SOLACTIVE ISS PARIS ALIGNED SELECT EURO CORPORATE IG INDEX – GUIDELINE CHANGE

04 January 2023

**Content of the Market Consultation**

Solactive AG has decided to conduct a Market Consultation with regard to changing the Index Methodology of the following Index (the ‘**Index**’):

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**Rationale for the Market Consultation**

The Index aims to mirror the performance of liquid, ESG screened, euro denominated, investment grade corporate bonds. In addition, the Index is in line with a 1.5°C scenario through 2050. This change intends to mirror the latest market developments with regards to the interdependency between PAB benchmarks and the requirements for sustainable investments in general and the adverse impact considerations in particular while keeping the same risk/return profile. In that sense the objective of the Index remains unchanged.

**Proposed Changes to the Index Guideline**

The following Index Methodology changes are proposed in the following points of the Index Guideline:

*The following ESG filters should be added to the section on “Activity-Based Screening) in the table in section 2.1 in the Index Guideline;*

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| **Filter** | **Exclusion value** |
| Adult Entertainment - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >15% |
| Adult Entertainment Producer - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >5% |
| Alcohol - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >15% |
| Alcohol Producer - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >5% |
| Gambling - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >15% |
| Gambling Ownership or Operations | >5% |
| Cannabis Recreational | >0% |
| Civilian Firearms - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >5% |
| Civilian Firearms Producer | >0% |
| Weapons Producer - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >5% |
| Weapons - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >15% |
| Genetic Engineering - Maximum Percentage of Revenue | >5% |
| Any tie to thermal coal | >0% |

A projection of the expected impact of the proposed change based on the data as of the most recent Selection Day shows a deletion of approximately 200 bonds that do not comply with the new ESG filters. For the index to reach the target number of bonds, as suggested in the sampling methodology described in the guideline, these deletions will be partially offset with the addition of, approximatively, the same  amount of bonds. The actual number of deletions/additions will be determined on the Selection Day, after the effective date of the proposed change and may be higher or lower.

**Feedback on the proposed changes**

If you would like to share your thoughts with Solactive, please use this consultation form and provide us with your personal details and those of your organization.

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| Confidentiality (Y/N) |  |

Solactive is inviting all stakeholders and interested third parties to evaluate the proposed changes to the Methodology for the Solactive ISS Paris Aligned Select Euro Corporate IG Index and welcomes any feedback on how this may affect and/or improve their use of Index.

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**Consultation Procedure**

Stakeholders and third parties who are interested in participating in this Market Consultation, are invited to respond until January 13, 2023 (cob)

Subject to feedback received on this Market Consultation, the changes mentioned above are intended to become effective on January 25, 2023.

Please send your feedback via email to [marketconsultation@solactive.com](mailto:marketconsultation@solactive.com), specifying “**Market Consultation** **Solactive ISS Paris Aligned Select Euro Corporate IG Index – Guideline Change**” as the subject of the email, or

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