

INDEX GUIDELINE

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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 EURO IG CORPORATE 60 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 Solactive, 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 INDEX aims to track the performance of the Solactive Euro IG Corporate Index (SOLEUIGC) with a subset of 60 bonds.

- The INDEX aims to track the performance of SOLEUIGC index with a subset of 60 bonds from SOLEUIGC index. It is a rules-based, market value weighted index engineered to mirror the performance of 60 investment grade bonds denominated in EUR. The issuer's domicile is not relevant.
- INDEX CURRENCY IS EURO.

1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Type	RIC	BBG ticker
Solactive Euro IG Corporate 60 Index	SOLEIG60	EUR	TR*	.SOLEIG60	SOLEIG60

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/>

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 12th September 2023 is 1000. Historical values from the 12th September 2023 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 4 pm London Time WM Fixing quoted by Reuters.

Should there be no current 4 PM London WM Fixing available on Reuters the most recent 4 PM London WM Fixing on Reuters for the preceding BUSINESS DAY is used in the 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 the INDEX, as well as any selection for a rebalance (as specified in Section 3) is determined using the following rules:

- a) Corporate bonds denominated in EUR (euros)
- b) Amount Outstanding of at least 500 Million EUR for IG Indices and 150 Million EUR for HY Indices
- c) Time to maturity of at least 18 months for new issues entering the index. The minimum time to maturity for bonds in the index is 12 months. Bonds that switch from fixed to floating rate coupons qualify provided they are callable within the fixed rate period and have at least one year prior to the date the bond transitions from a fixed to a floating rate coupon structure.
- d) A minimum rating of BBB- by Standard & Poor's or Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service is required for IG Indices. For the avoidance of doubt if one of the rating agencies rates the bond as Investment Grade it is eligible for inclusion in the IG index. For HY Indices all bonds included must be rated sub-investment grade by Standard & Poor's or Moody's Investors Service, i.e. below BBB- and below Baa3 respectively. For the avoidance of doubt if one of the rating agencies rates the bond as Investment Grade it does not qualify for inclusion in the index. All ratings must be above D (default). If a bond is rated D by S&P or C by Moody's it is removed at the next rebalancing. If only one agency rating is available this rating shall be decisive.



- e) Fixed Coupon Bonds, Zero Coupon Bonds, Callable and puttable bonds (bonds with an announced call for the upcoming month are excluded), Payment-In-Kind Bonds and Step-Up Coupon Bonds are eligible for inclusion in the index.
- f) Bearer Bonds are eligible for inclusion in the index.
- g) Sinking Fund Bonds, Floating Rate Bonds, Convertible Bonds, Inflation-linked Bonds, Contingent Capital Securities, Covered Bonds, Preferred Securities, Securitized or Collateralized Bonds or Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) are not eligible for inclusion in the index.
- h) Callable perpetual securities qualify for inclusion in the index provided they are at least one year from the next call date.
- i) Bonds that switch from fixed to floating rate coupons qualify provided, they have at least one year prior to the date the bond transitions from a fixed to a floating rate coupon structure. If they are callable, the call date should be in the fixed rate period.
- j) Bonds sold by supranational entities are not eligible for inclusion.
- k) Bonds sold by entities that are 100% owned by national governments or their departments, or those guaranteed by them, are excluded from the index. Additionally, bonds issued by entities undertaking government-sponsored roles, particularly in the public sphere, are also excluded. These exclusions fall under the category 1 classification based on the issuer type, as outlined in the Bond Index Methodology, accessible on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-index-methodology/>
- l) Private placements are not eligible for inclusion in the index.
- m) Only one bond per tranche with exactly the same parameters (coupon, maturity, etc) will be selected for inclusion in the index. If several tranches (with the same parameters) are available bonds that are issued domestically, and under Euro MTN program are preferred. REGS securities will be preferred over 144a.

After the initial universe criteria, the following selection rules are applied:

- The bonds should be in the list of ECB eligible marketable assets.
- The bonds should have maximum of 10 years maturity from their issue date.
- The bonds from Non-Financials sector are excluded from the index.

Only 60 bonds are included in the index. The 60 bonds are selected based on the following criteria:

- Calculate the total weight per sector (Issuer Sector 2).
- Calculate the number of bonds to select from sector.



- Iterate over each group, select all bonds from the sector. If there are enough bonds in the sector, select the top bonds based on highest Amount Outstanding.
- If the selected bonds count is less than 60, fill the remaining slots with additional bonds from other sectors from which the bonds are not selected yet and repeat till the count is 60.

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

2.2. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each REBALANCE DAY each INDEX COMPONENT is weighted using the market value based on the LAST EVALUATED BID and accrued interest as on the REBALANCE DAY in order to achieve the aim of the INDEX. The weighting of the INDEX COMPONENTS will be as follows:

The index follows the market value weighted weighting.

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 of January, April, July and October.

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 common European banking holidays. 24th and 31st December, and Good Friday are not considered Business Days.

"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 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.

"ISSUER" is the issuing entity of the respective bond.

"LIVE DATE" is 12th September 2023.

"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 January, April, July and October month.

"SELECTION DAY" is 6 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".

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

"START DATE" is 12th September 2023.



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>12 September 2023</i>	Index Guideline creation (<i>initial version</i>)
1.1	<i>16 July 2024</i>	Added Initial Universe Criteria Rules

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