

# **GUIDELINE**

# **Solactive US Internet Index TR**

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This document contains the underlying principles and regulations regarding the structure and the operating of the Solactive US Internet Index TR (the "Index"). Solactive AG shall make every effort to implement regulations. Solactive AG does not offer any explicit or tacit guarantee or assurance, neither pertaining to the results from the use of the Index nor the Index value at any certain point in time nor in any other respect. The Index is merely calculated and published by Solactive AG and it strives to the best of its ability to ensure the correctness of the calculation. There is no obligation for Solactive AG – irrespective of possible obligations to issuers – to advise third parties, including investors and/or financial intermediaries, of any errors in the Index. The publication of the Index by Solactive AG is no recommendation for capital investment and does not contain any assurance or opinion of Solactive AG regarding a possible investment in a financial instrument based on this Index

## Introduction

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

## 1 Index specifications

The Solactive US Internet Index TR (the "Index") is an Index of Solactive AG and is calculated and distributed by Solactive AG. It is designed to track the performance of small, medium and large capitalization equities engaged in either Internet commerce, Internet service (including social networking) or an Internet-related service. A company is deemed to be an Internet company by the Index Provider if it meets any of the following definitions: (1) it is engaged primarily in providing for a) the sale of goods (e.g. retail durables like appliances and non-durables like food and cleaning products), b) the sale of services (e.g. banking, broker, payments or real estate; static or streaming media; travel), or c) social networking (e.g. professional, personal or targeted networking) through an open network (a network with an open ecosystem designed to share as widely as possible); or (2) it is a company engaged in providing Internet-related services, including but not limited to a) network communications, b) Internet access, c) Internet infrastructure, d) Internet software, e) Internet search capability, f) web hosting, g) website design, h) cloud computing, or i) e-commerce. The components of the Underlying Index, and the degree to which these components represent certain industries, may change over time.

The Index is a total return index.

The Index is published in USD.

#### 1.1 Short name and ISIN

The Index is distributed under ISIN DE000SL0K0L8; the WKN is SL0K0L. The Index is published in Reuters under the code <.SOLNETT> and in Bloomberg under the code <SOLNETT Index>.

#### 1.2 Initial value

The Index is based on 100 at the close of trading on the start date, 12th January, 2011.

#### 1.3 Distribution

The 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 Index is calculated on each Business Day based on the prices on the respective Exchanges on which the Index Components are listed. The most recent prices of all Index Components are used. Should there be no current price available on Reuters, the most recent price or the Trading Price on Reuters for the preceding Trading Day is used in the calculation.

The Index is calculated every 15 seconds during each Business Day from 9:00am to 4:30pm, EST. In the event that data cannot be provided to Reuters or to the pricing services of Boerse Stuttgart AG the Index cannot be distributed.

Any incorrect calculation is adjusted on a retrospective basis.

#### 1.5 Weighting

Exposure to each Issuer is capped at 10% and such that the cumulative weight of all Issuer with an individual weight greater than 4.5% do not in the aggregate account for more than 45% of the weight of the Underlying Index.

On each Adjustment Day each Issuer of the Index is weighted by Free-Float Market Capitalization, adjusted for weight restrictions (weight capping). The procedure is outlined below:

- 1. The initial weights are calculated as Free-Float Market Capitalization of Issuer i relative to the Free-Float Market Capitalization of all Issuers in the index.
- 2. If the initial weight of any Issuer exceeds 10%, then this weight will be capped at 10%.
- 3. The excess weight that results from step 2 will be redistributed proportionally among all Issuers with a weight of less than 10%.
- 4. If this procedure results in Issuers receiving a weight of more than 10%, steps 2 and 3 are repeated iteratively until the weight of no Issuer exceeds 10%.
- 5. If the sum of those Issuers that are capped at 10.0% exceeds 45% in aggregate, the excess weight is subtracted equally such that the aggregate sum equals 45%. If the sum of those Issuers that are capped at 10.0% is less or equal to 45% in aggregate, but the sum of Issuers with a weight of more than 4.5% exceeds 45%, then the weight of Issuers with a current weight of less than 10% and more than 4.5% is set to 4.5%.
- 6. Any excess weight that may result from step 5 is redistributed proportionally among all Issuers with a weight of less than 4.5%.
- 7. If the procedure in step 6 results in Issuers receiving a weight of more than 4.5%, then this weight is capped at 4.5% with the excess weight being redistributed proportionally among all Issuers with a weight of less than 4.5%. Step 7 may be done iteratively until the weight of no Issuer with initially less than 4.5% needs to be capped at 4.5%.

Note: if an Issuer has two eligible components within the Index, they will be treated together in calculated the Issuer weight for purposes of employing capping procedures.

## 1.6 Decision-making bodies

A Committee composed of staff from Solactive is responsible for decisions regarding the composition of the 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 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 Index in the event that any Extraordinary Events occur or any necessary adjustments are implemented by the Index Calculator.

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 April 8th, 2016. Backtested historical data is available from January 12, 2011.

## 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:

Based on the criteria outlined in Chapter 4, the Index Calculator determines the securities that are eligible for inclusion in the index. These securities are filtered according to the criteria below, resulting in the final index selection:

- 1. All companies that generate the majority of their revenues from internet activity are eligible for inclusion.
- 2. The index will select the 60 Issuers with the highest Free Float Market Capitalization. If less than 60 Issuers fulfill the criteria in Step 1, all Issuers will be included into the index.

## 2.2 Ordinary adjustment

The composition of the Index is reviewed on the Selection Day and necessary changes are announced.

The first adjustment will be made in April 2016 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

The Committee may, but is under no obligation to, substitute an Index Component with a successor Index Component upon the occurrence of an Extraordinary Event as determined by Solactive AG. Any such successor Index Component shall be included in the Index after the close of business on the day when an Extraordinary Event has been determined by Solactive AG. Any Component removal with or without a substitution will be announced publicly and, if necessary included in an update to the Index rules. Whether with or without an update to the Index rules, the substitution announcement will include an explanation of the approach used to remove and substitute a component.

## 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 2 decimal places.

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

Following the Committee's decision the Index is adjusted for distributions, capital increases and stock splits.

This procedure ensures that the first ex quote can be properly reflected in the calculation of the Index. This exante 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 the Index Calculator.

#### 3.4 Dividends and other distributions

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:

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

x<sub>i,t+1</sub> = Number of Index Shares of Index Component i on Trading Day t+1

x<sub>i,t</sub> = Number of Index Shares of Index Component i on Trading Day t

B = Shares received for every share held

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

p<sub>i,t</sub> = Price of Index Component i on Trading Day t

p<sub>i,t+1</sub> = 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<sub>i,t</sub> = Number of Index Shares of the affected Index Component on Trading Day t

x<sub>i,t+1</sub> = 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

"Index Universe" in respect of a Selection Day are companies that fulfill the following criteria:

- Must be a security in the current selection universe of the Solactive US Broad Market Index.
- 2. Minimum Free-Float Market Capitalization of USD 500mn.
- 3. Minimum Average Daily Value Traded over the past 3 months of USD 2 million.

"Index Component" is each share currently included in the Index.

"Issuer" is the company that issues the common stock shares that must be listed and traded on a national US stock exchange.

"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 I ssuer 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 I ssuer 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 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 Depository Receipts (ADR) and Global Depository 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 Component in question, by using an alternative price that the Exchange determines as appropriate, such as the last traded price, unless Solactive deems such price as not indicative of fair market value or such Component. In such case, the Index Committee will determine the appropriate price to be used..

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 the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading.

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

The "Index Currency" is USD.

**"Free-Float Market Capitalization"** is with regard to each of the shares in the Index Universe on a Selection Day or Adjustment Day the value published as the Free-Float Market Capitalization for this day.

As at the date of this document Free-Float Market Capitalization is defined as the value of a company calculated by multiplying the number of float shares outstanding of the company by its share price.

"Adjustment Day" is the fifth Business Day after each Selection Day.

"Selection Day" is the third Business Day of January, April, July and October.

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

- 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.

# 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.