

## **GUIDELINE**

# **Solactive Global Uranium & Nuclear Components Total Return 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 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 trademarked.

## 1 Index specifications

The Solactive Global Uranium & Nuclear Components Total Return Index (“Solactive Global Uranium & Nuclear Components”, the “Index”) is an Index of Solactive AG and is calculated and distributed by Solactive AG. It tracks the price movements in shares of companies which are (or are expected to be in the near future) active in the uranium industry. This particularly includes uranium mining, exploration, uranium investments and technologies related to the uranium industry. The Index will include a minimum of 20 components at every rebalancing.

The Index is a Net Total Return Index.

The Index is published in USD.

### 1.1 Short name and ISIN

The Index is distributed under ISIN DE000SLA4825; the WKN is SLA482. The Index is published on Reuters under the code .SOLURANT and on Bloomberg under the code SOLURANT Index.

### 1.2 Initial value

The Index is started at the close of trading on the start date of 30 January 2018.

### 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. Prices of Index Components not listed in the Index Currency are translated using spot foreign exchange rates quoted by Reuters. 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 Business Day from 9:00am 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 Weighting

On each Selection Day and Reweighting Selection Day a calculation model is applied to determine the weights of the Index Components of the Solactive Global Uranium & Nuclear Components Total Return Index. The objective of the calculation model is to minimize the sum of squared differences between the final weights and the free float market capitalization weighted Index Universe subject to the following set of constraints.

- (a) The maximum weight of a pure play company is 20%
- (b) The maximum weight of a non-pure play company is 4.50%
- (c) The maximum weight of a nuclear component producer company is 4.50%
- (d) The minimum weight is 0.25%
- (e) The sum of weights of all components that have a weight larger than 5% must not exceed 45%
- (f) The sum of weights of all components that have a market capitalization smaller than USD 100 million must not exceed 5%
- (g) The maximum allowed weight of a company that has an average daily trading volume over the previous 3 months below USD 200,000 is 0.50%
- (h) The sum of weights of all nuclear component producer companies must not exceed 30%

### 1.5.1 Continuous Listing Standard Review

On each Monitoring Selection Day the index composition will be reviewed for a breach of the following criteria (Continuous Listing Standards):

The maximum weight of the top index constituent must not be larger than 25%

- If this criterion is breached, the stock is capped at 22% and the excess weight is redistributed to other non-capped stocks.

The maximum aggregate weight of top 5 index constituents must not exceed 60%

- If this criterion is breached, the stocks will be proportionally capped at 55% and the excess weight is redistributed to other non-capped stocks.

The maximum weight of constituents with a market liquidity below 250,000 shares traded (monthly average of the previous 6 months) and USD 25m monthly average daily traded value (monthly average of the previous 6 months) must not exceed 30%

- If this criterion is breached, the stocks with a market liquidity below 250,000 shares traded (monthly average of the previous 6 months) and USD 25m monthly average daily traded value (monthly average of the previous 6 months) will be proportionally capped at 25% and the excess weight is redistributed to other non-capped stocks.

The maximum weight of constituents with a full-market capitalization below USD 100m must not account for more than 10%

- If this criterion is breached, stocks with market capitalization below 100m will be proportionally capped at 9% and the excess weight is redistributed to other non-capped stocks.

o This reweighting process will be repeated until no Continuous Listing Standards are breached.

In the event that the CLS criteria cannot be satisfied using the buffers described above, the weighting will be reviewed by the Index Committee. After the review a decision will be announced publicly.

## **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 if 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.

## **1.7 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 January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## **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:

On the Selection Days, Solactive defines the eligible Universe, an Index Universe that encompasses of companies that have or expect to have a significant part of the business operations related to the uranium industry (in particular uranium mining, exploration for uranium, physical uranium investments and technologies related to the uranium industry). Additionally, Solactive will add a list of companies that can be identified as nuclear component producers.

The universe will be constructed and defined by Solactive and supported with the “Uranium Suppliers Annual” as provided on a yearly basis by Ux Consulting (UxC).

### 2.2 Ordinary adjustment

The composition of the Index is ordinarily adjusted once a year on the last business day of January. The composition of the Index is reviewed on the Selection Day and necessary changes are announced.

Additionally, the weights of the Index components will be newly determined as described in 1.5 on the Reweighting Adjustment Day on the last business day of July.

Further, the index will be reviewed for breaches of the Continuous Listing Standards as explained in 1.5.1 on the Monitoring Selection Days.

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

An extraordinary adjustment, if applicable, is triggered and applied in compliance with the rules set forth in the Solactive Guideline for Extraordinary Corporate Actions.

## 3 Calculation of the Index

### 3.1 Index formula

The Index is an index whose value on a Business Day is equivalent to the sum over all Index Components of the products of (a) the Number of Shares of the Index Component and (b) the price of the Index Component at the respective Exchange.

As a formula:

$$Index_t = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i,t} * p_{i,t}$$

With:

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

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

### 3.2 Accuracy

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

The Number of Shares of the Index Components will be rounded to six decimal places.

Trading Prices will be rounded to four 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 Shares of the affected Index Component to be calculated on an ex-ante basis.

The Index is adjusted for distributions, capital increases, rights issues, splits, par value conversions and capital reductions.

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. They cause an adjustment of the Number of Shares of the corresponding Index Component. The new Number of Shares is calculated as follows:

$$x_{i,t} = x_{i,t-1} * \frac{p_{i,t-1}}{p_{i,t-1} - D_{i,t}}$$

With:

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

$D_{i,t}$  = Payment on Trading Day t multiplied by the Dividend Correction Factor of the respective country

### 3.5 Corporate actions

#### 3.5.1 Principles

Following the announcement by a company included in the Index of the terms and conditions of a corporate action the Index Calculator determines whether such corporate action has a dilution, concentration or other effect on the price of the Index Component.

If this should be the case the Index Calculator shall make the necessary adjustments to the affected Index Component and/or the formula for calculating the Index and/or to other terms and conditions of this document that he deems appropriate in order to take into account the dilution, concentration or other 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 (from the company's own resources or through cash contributions) the new Numbers of Shares are calculated as follows:

$$x_{i,t} = x_{i,t-1} * \frac{p_{i,t-1}}{p_{i,t-1} - rB_{i,t-1}} \quad \text{with:} \quad rB_{i,t-1} = \frac{p_{i,t-1} - B - N}{BV + 1}$$

With:

$x_{i,t}$  = Number of Shares of Index Component i on the day of the distribution

$x_{i,t-1}$  = Number of Shares of Index Component i on the day prior to the distribution

$p_{i,t-1}$  = Closing price on the day prior to ex-date

$rB_{i,t-1}$  = Calculated value of rights issue

$B$  = Price of rights issue

$N$  = Dividend disadvantage

$BV$  = Subscription ratio

$B = 0$  if capital is increased from the company's own resources.



The last dividend paid or the announced dividend proposal is applied as the dividend disadvantage.

### 3.5.3 Capital reductions

In the case of capital reductions, the new Number of Shares is determined as follows:

$$x_{i,t} = x_{i,t-1} * \frac{1}{H_{i,t}}$$

With:

$H_{i,t}$	= Reduction ratio of the company on day t
$x_{i,t}$	= Number of Shares of the affected Index Component on the day of the distribution
$x_{i,t-1}$	= Number of Shares of the affected Index Component on the day prior to the distribution

### 3.5.4 Share splits and par value conversions

In the case of share splits and par value conversions it is assumed that the prices change in ratio to the number of shares or to the par values. The new Number of Shares is calculated as follows:

$$x_{i,t} = x_{i,t-1} * \frac{N_{i,t-1}}{N_{i,t}}$$

With:

$N_{i,t-1}$	= Former par value of security class i (or new number of shares)
$N_{i,t}$	= New par value of security class i (or former number of shares)
$x_{i,t}$	= Number of Shares of the affected Index Component on the day of the distribution
$x_{i,t-1}$	= Number of Shares of the affected Index Component on the day prior to the distribution

## 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

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

- (a) Listing on a regulated stock exchange in the form of shares tradable for foreign investors without restrictions
- (b) The universe will be constructed and defined by Solactive and supported with the “Uranium Suppliers Annual” as provided on a yearly basis by the Ux Consulting Company (UxC). The report will also be considered to classify companies as pure play companies or non-pure play companies. Pure Play companies in the “Uranium Suppliers Annual” are generally those with significant business operations in the uranium industry (particularly in uranium mining and exploration for uranium). Non-pure Play companies are generally those that conduct business operations that are related to the uranium industry (in particular uranium mining, exploration for uranium, physical uranium investments and technologies related to the uranium industry), and in which they generate large absolute revenues. Additionally, a list of “nuclear component producers” will be added to the index universe.
- (c) Free Float Market Capitalization of at least USD 75 million for companies which are not Index Components on the respective Selection Day, at least USD 50 million for companies which are Index Components on the respective Selection Day
- (d) Average daily trading volume in the last three months of at least USD 100,000 for companies which are not Index Components on the respective Selection Day, at least USD 50,000 for companies which are Index Components on the respective Selection Day

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

**“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 issuer 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 issuer 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 Depositary Receipts (ADR) and Global Depositary 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 share in question in a manner that appears reasonable to him.

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 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.

**“Market Capitalization”** is with regard to each of the shares in the Index Universe on a Selection Day or on a Reweighting Selection Day or on a Monitoring Selection Day the value published as the Market Capitalization for this day.

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

**“Free Float Market Capitalization”** is with regard to each of the shares in the Selection Pool or in the Index on a Selection Day or on a Reweighting Selection Day or on a Monitoring Selection Day the Market Capitalization for this day multiplied by the ratio of (A) the number of shares in circulation and (B) the number of shares outstanding of the respective company share class.

**“Adjustment Day”** is the last business day in January. If that day is not a business day, the adjustment day will be postponed to the next following business day.

**“Selection Day”** is the Business Day 10 Business Days before the Adjustment Day.

**“Reweighting Adjustment Day”** is the last business day in July. If that day is not a business day, the adjustment day will be postponed to the next following business day.

**“Reweighting Selection Day”** is the Business Day 10 Business Days before the Reweighting Adjustment Day.

**“Monitoring Adjustment Day”** is the last business day in April and October. If that day is not a business day, the adjustment day will be postponed to the next following business day.

**“Monitoring Selection Day”** is the Business Day 10 Business Days before the Monitoring Adjustment Day.

**“Primary Producer”** refers to operating uranium producers that supply uranium to utilities across the globe. They typically have strong financial positions and will likely maintain large market shares going forward. Companies must not but can be

categorized according to the latest “Uranium Suppliers Annual” report as retrieved from Ux Consulting (1501 MACY DR, ROSWELL, GA 30076 USA).

**“Pure Player”** refers to a company if a significant part of the business operations is or is expected to be related to the uranium industry (in particular uranium mining, exploration for uranium, physical uranium investments and technologies related to the uranium industry). For companies that are defined as Primary Producers, they must additionally earn more than 50% of the previous year’s revenue with the sale of uranium.

**“Non-pure Player”** refers to a company if a significant absolute amount of the business operations is or is expected to be related to the uranium industry (in particular uranium mining, exploration for uranium, physical uranium investments and technologies related to the uranium industry).

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
2. 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.