

# 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 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.

It contains the underlying principles and rules regarding the structure and operation of the Solactive MOSA U.S. Large Cap Index (the "Index"). Solactive AG shall make every effort to implement the applicable 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 does not constitute a 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.



# 1 INDEX SPECIFICATIONS

- > The Solactive MOSA U.S. Large Cap Index (the "Index") is an index of Solactive AG and is calculated and distributed by Solactive AG (the "Index Calculator").
- > The Index seeks to track the performance of large and liquid U.S. companies which exhibit a higher exposure to certain investment factors that aim at identifying high quality and defensive companies. In addition, the index is weighted based on inverse volatility to reduce the exposure to highly volatile stocks.
- > The Index is calculated in a Price Return/Net Total Return/Gross Total Return version.

## 1.1 SHORT NAME AND ISIN

The Index is distributed under the below identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Type	RIC	BBG Ticker
Solactive MOSA U.S. Large Cap Index PR	DE000SLA6XV8	USD	PR	.SOLMOSAP	
Solactive MOSA U.S. Large Cap Index NTR	DE000SLA6XZ9	USD	NTR	.SOLMOSAN	
Solactive MOSA U.S. Large Cap Index GTR	DE000SLA6X00	USD	GTR	.SOLMOSAT	

## 1.2 INITIAL VALUE

The Index is based at 100 on the close of trading on the start date, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

## 1.3 DISTRIBUTION

Each 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 it will distribute/display the Index via its information systems.

## 1.4 PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The price of each 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 London 4 pm London WM fixings



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 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., 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 Rebalancing Day, every Index Components is weighted based on individual inverse 12month trailing volatility, subject to a cap of 5%.

## 1.6 OVERSIGHT

A committee composed of Solactive staff is responsible for decisions regarding any amendments to the rules (in this document referred to as the "Index Committee"). Any changes to the index guideline will be recommended to the Index Committee for approval.

## 1.7 PUBLICATION

All specifications and information relevant for calculating the Index are made available on the [www.solactive.com](http://www.solactive.com) web page and sub-pages.

## 1.8 HISTORICAL DATA

Historical data will be maintained from the launch of the Index on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## 1.9 LICENSING

Licenses 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 periodic adjustment, is based on the rules outlined below.

#### INDEX UNIVERSE:

For a security to be part of the index universe it has to fulfill the below requirements on each Selection Day:

1. Member of the Solactive US Large Cap Index.
2. Have its primary listing on NYSE or NASDAQ.
3. Be classified as common stock or preferred stock, REITs are not acceptable.
4. The company must have submitted its quarterly report within 45 days from the most recent quarter end.
5. The market capitalization of the company must be above USD 5 billion.
6. The lower of 1-month and 6-month average daily traded value (ADTV) must be above USD 5 million.

#### INDEX COMPOSITION:

The actual components of the final index are determined based on the steps described below:

1. Determine the MOSA score.

The MOSA score is a composite score calculated based on the most current profitability and expense metrics.

2. Sort in descending order by the MOSA score and select the top 125 stocks with the highest score.
3. Sort by 12-month volatility where the stock with the lowest 12month volatility equals 1 and select the top 100 stocks.

Volatility is defined as the standard deviation of the price returns over the most recent 12-months period.

4. Sort by 12-month – 1-month Momentum where the stock with the highest positive 12-month – 1-month Momentum equals 1 and select the top 75 stocks. Make sure at the same time that there are no more than 15 stocks from each sector.

Momentum is defined as the (total) price returns of selected periods, in this case for both 12-months and 1-month. The Momentum score is determined by subtracting the 12-month Momentum from the 1-month Momentum.



The resulting 75 stocks are weighted as described in section 1.5 and will replace the old index composition on the Rebalancing Day.

## 2.2 ORDINARY ADJUSTMENT

The composition of the indices is reviewed on the Selection Day and implemented after the close of the market on the Adjustment Day.

Solactive AG shall publish any changes made to the index composition on the Solactive webpage under the [Announcement section](#) 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 Value on a Business Day at the relevant time is calculated in accordance with the following 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

If  $t$  falls into the Rebalancing Period, the Number of Shares  $x_{i,t}$  is calculated as follows

$$x_{i,t} = \frac{w_i^{target}(t) * Index_{t-1}}{p_{i,t-1}},$$

Otherwise, besides any adjustments due to Corporate Actions,

$$x_{i,t} = x_{i,t-1}.$$

### 3.2 ACCURACY

The value of the Index will be rounded to 2 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 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 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 Number of Shares. The new Number of Shares is calculated as follows:





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

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 in Index Currency

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

## 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 consider 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 consider 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

The "**Adjustment Day**" is the close of the 6<sup>th</sup> Business Day of March, June, September and December. If that day is not an Eligible Rebalancing Day, the Adjustment Day will be the following Eligible Rebalancing Day.

A "**Business Day**" is any weekday from Monday through Friday on which NYSE and NASDAQ are open for trading.

"Dividend Correction Factor" is 1 for the Price Return and Total Return Indices. For the Net Total Return Indices, the Dividend Correction Factor is calculated as 1 minus the applicable withholding tax rate and/or other applicable tax rate prevalent in the respective country. The table can be accessed on the Solactive website at: [Withholding Tax Rates](#).

The "**Eligible Rebalancing Day**" is each day that is a Trading Day at the New York Stock Exchange or NASDAQ Stock Exchange.

The "**Exchange**" is, in respect of the Index and every Index Component, the respective primary exchange where the Index Component has its primary listing. The Index 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.

In particular, an "**Extraordinary Event**" is

- > a Merger
- > a Takeover Bid
- > a Delisting
- > the Nationalization of a company
- > Insolvency.

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

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

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.

2. trading on the Exchange or an Affiliated Exchange is ceased prior to the "**Normal Exchange Closing Time**", which 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. An exception to this classification as a Market Disruption Event is where the early cessation of trading is announced by the Exchange or Affiliated Exchange on this Trading Day at least one hour before
  - 2.1. the actual closing time for normal trading on the Exchange or Affiliated Exchange on the Trading Day in question or, if earlier.
  - 2.2. the closing time (if given) of the Exchange or Affiliated Exchange for the execution of orders at the time the quote is given.
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 its decision based on those circumstances that it considers reasonable and appropriate.

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.

"**Nationalization**" is a process whereby all shares or the majority of the assets of the issuer of the shares are nationalized or are expropriated or otherwise must be transferred to public bodies, authorities or institutions.

The "**Percentage Weight**" of an Index Component is the ratio of its Trading Price multiplied by its Number of Shares divided by the Index value and the Divisor.

The "**Selection Day**" is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Business Day of March, June, September and December.

The "**Total Shares**" are 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 the Divisor and (B) its Trading Price (converted into the Index Currency according to the principles laid out in Section 1.4 of this document).

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.

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 it.



## 5 CHANGES 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 that it 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.



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