

## Press Release

### Launch of Solactive ISS ESG Prime Index Series

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Solactive is pleased to announce the release of its *Solactive ISS ESG Prime Index Series*, a range of indices tracking various regional segments of the global stock market including only companies fulfilling ambitious absolute ESG performance requirements.

These companies, categorized as "Prime" by ISS ESG, the responsible investment arm of Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), achieve or exceed the sector-specific performance requirements defined by ISS based on the ESG risk exposure and impact of their respective business model and value chain (absolute best-in-class approach).

In addition, only companies operating in accordance with market standards on ESG controversy screens are eligible for inclusion. Those standards are based on established norms such as the United Nations Global Compact and the exclusion of significant involvement in defined sectors.

Including benchmarks for global, emerging and developed markets, as well as the USA and Europe, the *Solactive ISS ESG Prime Index Series* covers five important regions initially. Based on the Solactive Global Benchmark Series (GBS) and a consistent methodology framework, customized extensions to the series focusing on specific countries, regions, or sectors may be added efficiently upon request.

Timo Pfeiffer, Head of Research at Solactive, comments: *"After launching our first set of broad, exclusion-based ESG-benchmarks in February, we are now pleased to extend our range and offer clients yet another alternative in that space, this time focusing on the 'best of the best' in terms of overall ESG performance by combining exclusions with a rigorous, absolute best-in-class approach."*

The *Solactive ISS ESG Prime Index Series* is available for licensing and may be used as the basis for ETFs and structured products, benchmarking purposes or as the starting universe for customized index strategies.

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### About Solactive

Solactive AG is an innovative index provider that focuses on the development, calculation and distribution of tailor-made indices across all asset classes. As at January 2019, Solactive AG served approximately 400 clients in Europe, America and Asia, with approximately USD 200 billion invested in products linked to indices calculated by the company globally, primarily via 380 exchange-traded funds from a number of well-known providers. Solactive AG was established in 2007 and is headquartered in Frankfurt.

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