

# MARKET CONSULTATION BOERSE.DE-CHAMPIONS- DEFENSIV-INDEX (BCDI)

08 May 2020



## Content of the Market Consultation

Solactive AG has decided to conduct a Market Consultation with regard to changing the Index Methodology of the following Index (the 'Index'):

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## Rationale for Market Consultation

Section 871(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) aims to collect tax on dividend-equivalent payments for derivative instruments referencing US equity instruments. Due to this non-US person could no longer avoid partially or entirely US withholding tax on US-source dividend payments by using financial derivatives. In consideration of effects from section 871(m) of IRC, Solactive AG has proposed to exclude the securities listed on the US stock exchanges from the Index going forward. Since no US securities have been included in the Index since 2017, the exclusion of securities listed on US stock exchanges will have no impact on the current Index composition.

## Proposed Change to the Index Guideline

The following Methodology change is proposed in the following point of the Index Guideline:

In section 4.1 "Indexspezifische Definitionen" the first requirement "a)", which states the geographical criteria for a security to be part of the "Auswahlpool", will be changed such, that "USA" will be excluded from the list of eligible countries.

### Previous version:

"Auswahlpool" sind, in Bezug auf einen Selektionstag, alle börsennotierten Aktiengesellschaften, welche folgende Kriterien erfüllen:

- a) Börsenlisting in einem der nachfolgend genannten Länder: Australien, Belgien, China, Dänemark, Deutschland, Finnland, Frankreich, Griechenland, Großbritannien, Hongkong, Irland, Italien, Japan, Kanada, Luxemburg, Mexiko, Niederlande, Norwegen, Österreich, Polen, Portugal, Schweden, Schweiz, Singapur, Spanien, Südkorea, Tschechien, Türkei, Ungarn, USA.

### Updated Version:

"Auswahlpool" sind, in Bezug auf einen Selektionstag, alle börsennotierten Aktiengesellschaften, welche folgende Kriterien erfüllen:



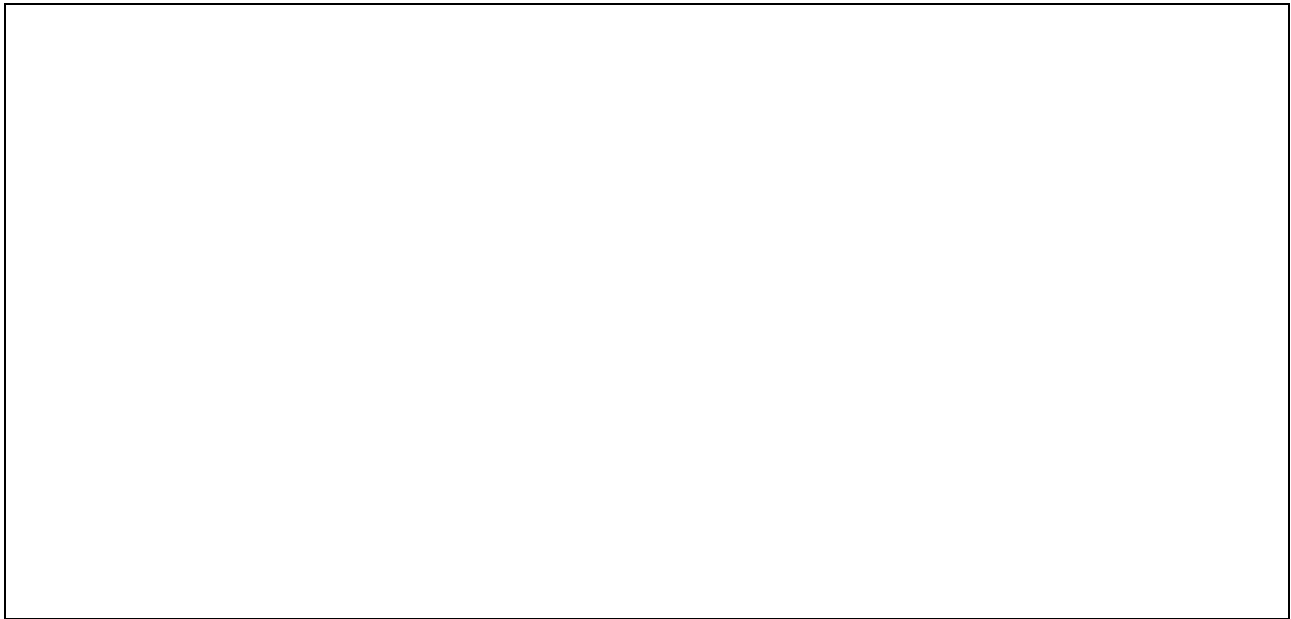
- a) Börsenlisting in einem der nachfolgend genannten Länder: Australien, Belgien, China, Dänemark, Deutschland, Finnland, Frankreich, Griechenland, Großbritannien, Hongkong, Irland, Italien, Japan, Kanada, Luxemburg, Mexiko, Niederlande, Norwegen, Österreich, Polen, Portugal, Schweden, Schweiz, Singapur, Spanien, Südkorea, Tschechien, Türkei, Ungarn.

Feedback on the proposed changes

If you would like to share your thoughts with Solactive, please use this consultation form and provide us with your personal details and those of your organization.

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Solactive is inviting all stakeholders and interested third parties to evaluate the proposed changes to the Methodology for the boerse.de-Champions-Defensiv-Index (BCDI) and welcomes any feedback on how this may affect and/or improve their use of Solactive indices.



### Consultation Procedure

Stakeholders and third parties who are interested in participating in this Market Consultation, are invited to respond until *21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 (cob)*.

Please send your feedback via email to [compliance@solactive.com](mailto:compliance@solactive.com), specifying "Market Consultation boerse.de-Champions-Defensiv-Index (BCDI) " as the subject of the email, or

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