

Press Release

Press Release - FinEx Captures Fallen Angels Investing Benefits with a new ETF - Index Provided by Solactive

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FRANKFURT AM MAIN – FinEx ETF has announced the launch of a new ETF, the FinEx Fallen Angels UCITS ETF, that allows investors to capture risk premium in USD bonds classified as Fallen Angels. The fund tracks Solactive USD Fallen Angel Issuer Capped Index.

After the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, the USD high yield space has seen a dramatic expansion following the market turmoil in 2020. As a result, billions of dollars worth of bonds were re-classified from investment grade to high yield. Particularly interesting to long-term investors remains one specific area of the sub-investment grade segment: **Fallen Angels**.

Fallen Angel bonds are defined as bonds that have recently been downgraded from investment grade to high yield while belonging to the relatively attractive BB+ to BB- rating segment. Since these corporate bonds have recently lost their prestigious investment grade, they are no longer eligible for investors, such as pension funds, who often face restrictions for investments in non-IG bonds and thus faced some desinvestment pressure.

Through investing in Fallen Angel bonds, investors can benefit from higher expected risk-adjusted returns of the sector. Solactive's robust methodology allows for both segment representation and rules-based and transparent selection of the index constituents.

*"As the indexed fixed income market matures, index strategies underpinning passive funds become more sophisticated," comments Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive. "The **FinEx Fallen Angel UCITS ETF** is a prime example of a passive strategy exploiting a structural characteristic deeply embedded in the fixed income market previously captured by mostly active investors."*

Oleg Yankelev, CEO of AMC FinEx Plus in Russia, said: "We continue to rely on Solactive to deliver the best possible solution for implementing index strategies. The **FinEx Fallen Angel UCITS ETF** is an exciting opportunity to make a smart move among the global search for yield. This segment of high yield bond market is exactly where many investors want to be – equity-like returns with fixed income risks."

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The FinEx Fallen Angels UCITS ETF started trading on April 22, 2021, on Moscow Exchange.

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Note to editors

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The unique blend of our 250 staff's expertise in data, data science, financial markets, and technology enables our clients' continued success through the delivery of a superior experience, unique customization capabilities, and the best value for money available in the industry. With more than 14,000 indices calculated daily, we offer a full suite of solutions, including market-leading ESG and thematic indices.

As at February 2021, Solactive served approximately 450 clients across the world, with approximately US\$200 billion invested in products linked to our indices. Solactive is registered with ESMA as a benchmark administrator and is supervised by the BaFin.

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