

## Press Release

### Solactive Launch First-Ever Investable Thematic Index Tracking the Photonics Industry

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**FRANKFURT AM MAIN** – Solactive is delighted to launch the Solactive EPIC Core Photonics Index. Photonics is the physical science of generating, detecting, and manipulating light. Photonics applications and integrations are ubiquitous. They are included in everyday life products from smartphones, televisions, laser printers, LED lighting to more advanced applications, such as medical diagnostics and security systems. Companies operating in these sectors all require photonics technology as a key aspect of their functionality.

The European Photonics Industry Consortium (EPIC), a non-profit industry advocate for Photonics, has collaborated with Solactive and Anatase Ltd. in developing the world's first investable index, which tracks the photonics industry on a global scale.

Carlos Lee, General Director at EPIC and the inspiration for the index, explained: "Photonics is the next technology growth story. Currently, the Photonics market is valued at nearly \$800 billion and is expected to reach \$1.2 trillion by 2026 (growing at 8% per year). EPIC was formed in 2003 to promote and support the Photonics Industry."

The **Solactive EPIC Core Photonics Index** is a representation of companies that derive a majority of their revenues from Photonics manufacturing activities. The selection of the **Solactive EPIC Core Photonics Index's** constituents is based on the comprehensive expertise provided by EPIC, the leading authority in the Photonics Industry.

*"Industry consolidation will drive Photonics investment returns over the next 10-20 years, and while individual company returns are potentially very large, it is difficult for investors to differentiate between the winners and losers over time. This is why a thematic index approach makes more sense,"* added Markus Barth, 30-year veteran index architect and CEO of consulting firm Anatase Ltd. who designed the index methodology. *"The environmental impact of Photonics manufacturing is also significantly lower. The index has over a 90% lower carbon footprint than the overall US and European markets."*

*"Solactive is recognised globally as a leader in the thematic space, and we are delighted that EPIC has chosen to partner with us for this first of its kind launch,"* comments Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive.

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## Note to editors

### About Solactive

Solactive is a leading provider of indexing, benchmarking, and calculation solutions for the global investment and trading community. Headquartered in Frankfurt, and with offices in Hong Kong, Toronto, Berlin, and Dresden, we innovate and disrupt the status quo as the partner of choice for our clients.

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 18,000 indices calculated daily, we offer a full suite of solutions, including market-leading ESG and thematic indices.

As at April 2020, 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.

### About EPIC

The European Photonics Industry Consortium (EPIC), founded in 2003, is a not-for-profit association with headquarters in Paris, France. EPIC serves the Photonics community through a regular series of workshops, market studies, and partnering. EPIC focuses its actions on LEDs and OLEDs for lighting, optical fibre telecommunications, laser manufacturing, sensors, photovoltaics, and photonics for life sciences. For more information please visit: <https://www.photonics-index.org>

### About Anatase Ltd

Anatase is a consulting company founded in 2019 by Markus Barth, CFA. A seasoned investment professional and index pioneer, Markus has designed and launched highly successful indices throughout his 30+ year career. Anatase provides expertise in index development and investment solutions. For more information, please visit: <http://www.AnataseLtd.com>

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