

# 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 Solactive Flight to Safety Index (the "INDEX"). Any amendments to the rules made to the GUIDELINE are approved by the OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE specified in Section 5.5. The INDEX is owned calculated, administered and published by Solactive AG ("SOLACTIVE") assuming the role as administrator (the "INDEX ADMINISTRATOR") under the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the "BENCHMARK REGULATION" or "BMR"). The name "Solactive" is trademarked.

# *The text uses defined terms which are formatted with "SMALL CAPS". Such Terms shall have the meaning assigned to them as specified in Section 6 (Definitions).*

The GUIDELINE and the policies and methodology documents referenced herein contain the underlying principles and rules regarding the structure and operation of the INDEX. SOLACTIVE does not offer any explicit or tacit guarantee or assurance, neither pertaining to the results from the use of the INDEX nor the level of the INDEX at any certain point in time nor in any other respect. SOLACTIVE strives to the best of its ability to ensure the correctness of the calculation. There is no obligation for SOLACTIVE – 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 does not constitute a recommendation for capital investment and does not contain any assurance or opinion of SOLACTIVE regarding a possible investment in a financial instrument based on this INDEX.

# 1. INDEX SPECIFICATIONS

## 1.1. SCOPE OF THE INDEX

Category	Description		
Asset Class	Multi asset		
Strategy	Representation of securities from the Utility sector, Long-term Treasuries and Physical Gold		
Regional Allocation	US		
Rebalancing Frequency	Quarterly		

### 1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	RIC	BBG ticker
Solactive Flight to Safety Index	DE000SLA9YF3	USD	.SOLFTS	SOLFTS Index

The INDEX is published on the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR (<u>www.solactive.com</u>) and is, in addition, available via the price marketing services of Boerse Stuttgart GmbH and may be distributed to all of its affiliated vendors. Each vendor decides on an individual basis as to whether it will distribute or display the INDEX via its information systems.

Any publication in relation to the INDEX (e.g. notices, amendments to the GUIDELINE) will be available at the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR: <u>https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/</u>.

## 1.3. INITIAL LEVEL OF THE INDEX

The initial level of the INDEX on the 01/02/2012, the START DATE, is 1000. Historical values from the 03/02/2020, the LIVE DATE, will be recorded in accordance with Article 8 of the BMR. Levels of the Index published for a period prior to the live date have been back-tested.

#### 1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The level of the INDEX is calculated on each CALCULATION DAY from 9:00 a.m. to 10:58 p.m. CET based on the TRADING PRICES on the EXCHANGES on which the INDEX COMPONENTS are listed. TRADING PRICES of INDEX COMPONENTS not listed in the INDEX CURRENCY are converted using the current Reuters spot foreign exchange

rate. Should there be no current TRADING PRICE for an INDEX COMPONENT, the later of: (i) the most recent CLOSING PRICE; or (ii) the last available TRADING PRICE for the preceding TRADING DAY is used in the calculation.

In addition to the intraday calculation a closing level of the INDEX for each CALCULATION DAY is also calculated. This closing level is based on the CLOSING PRICES for the INDEX COMPONENTS on the respective EXCHANGES on which the INDEX COMPONENTS are listed.

#### 1.5. LICENSING

Licenses to use the INDEX as the underlying value for financial instruments, investment funds and financial contracts may be issued to stock exchanges, banks, financial services providers and investment houses by Solactive

# 2. INDEX SELECTION

### 2.1. SELECTION OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

ISIN	RIC	Name	Currency
DE000SL0ADQ4 .SOLUTILT		Solactive US Large & Mid Cap Utilities Index	USD
DE000SLA4B99	.SOLUT20	Solactive US 20+ Year Treasury Bond Index	USD
-	XAUFIXPM=	LBMA Gold Price PM	USD

### 2.2. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each Selection Day each Index Component is assigned a weight according to its. inverse of the rolling 5-year monthly volatility. The weight of LBMA Gold Price PM is capped by 22.50%.

# 3. REBALANCE

### 3.1. ORDINARY REBALANCE

In order to reflect the new selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS determined on the SELECTION DAY (in accordance with Section 2.1 and 2.2) the INDEX is adjusted on the REBALANCE DAY after CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

This is carried out by implementing the weights as determined on the Selection Day.

#### 3.2. EXTRAORDINARY REBALANCE

The INDEX is not rebalanced extraordinarily.

# 4. CALCULATION OF THE INDEX

## 4.1. INDEX FORMULA

The Index value on a Business Day is equivalent to the sum product over Index Components and their Number of Shares

$$Index = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i,t} * p_{i,t}$$

- $x_{i,t}$  = 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

#### 4.2. ACCURACY

The level of the INDEX will be rounded to 2 decimal places.

#### 4.3. RECALCULATION

SOLACTIVE makes the greatest possible efforts to accurately calculate and maintain its indices. However, errors in the determination process may occur from time to time for variety reasons (internal or external) and therefore, cannot be completely ruled out. SOLACTIVE endeavors to correct all errors that have been identified within a reasonable period of time. The understanding of "a reasonable period of time" as well as the general measures to be taken are generally depending on the underlying and is specified in the Solactive Correction Policy, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/correction-policy/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/correction-policy/</a>



#### 4.4. MARKET DISRUPTION

In periods of market stress SOLACTIVE calculates its indices following predefined and exhaustive arrangements as described in the Solactive Disruption Policy\_ which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <u>https://www.solactive.com/documents/disruption-policy/</u>. Such market stress can arise due to a variety of reasons, but generally results in inaccurate or delayed prices for one or more INDEX COMPONENTS. The determination of the INDEX may be limited or impaired at times of illiquid or fragmented markets and market stress.

# 5. MISCELLANEOUS

### 5.1. DISCRETION

Any discretion which may need to be exercised in relation to the determination of the INDEX (for example the determination of the INDEX UNIVERSE (if applicable), the selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS (if applicable) or any other relevant decisions in relation to the INDEX) shall be made in accordance with strict rules regarding the exercise of discretion or expert judgement.

#### 5.2. METHODOLOGY REVIEW

The methodology of the INDEX is subject to regular review, at least annually. In case a need of a change of the methodology has been identified within such review (e.g. if the underlying market or economic reality has changed since the launch of the INDEX, i.e. if the present methodology is based on obsolete assumptions and factors and no longer reflects the reality as accurately, reliably and appropriately as before), such change will be made in accordance with the Solactive Methodology Policy\_which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/methodology-policy/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/methodology-policy/</a>.

Such change in the methodology will be announced on the SOLACTIVE website under the Section "<u>Announcement</u>", which is available at https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/. The date of the last amendment of this INDEX is contained in this GUIDELINE.

## 5.3. CHANGES IN CALCULATION METHOD

The application by the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR of the method described in this document is final and binding. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR 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 and financial or tax reasons may require changes to be made to this method. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR 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 ADMINISTRATOR is not obliged to provide information on any such modifications or changes. Despite the modifications and changes, the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR will take the appropriate steps to ensure a calculation method is applied that is consistent with the method described above.



### 5.4. TERMINATION

SOLACTIVE makes the greatest possible efforts to ensure the resilience and continued integrity of its indices over time. Where necessary, SOLACTIVE follows a clearly defined and transparent procedure to adapt Index methodologies to changing underlying markets (see Section 5.2 "Methodology Review") in order to maintain continued reliability and comparability of the indices. Nevertheless, if no other options are available the orderly cessation of the INDEX may be indicated. This is usually the case when the underlying market or economic reality, which an index is set to measure or to reflect, changes substantially and in a way not foreseeable at the time of inception of the index, the index rules, and particularly the selection criteria, can no longer be applied coherently or the index is no longer used as the underlying value for financial instruments, investment funds and financial contracts.

SOLACTIVE has established and maintains clear guidelines on how to identify situations in which the cessation of an index is unavoidable, how stakeholders are to be informed and consulted and the procedures to be followed for a termination or the transition to an alternative index. Details are specified in the Solactive Termination Policy, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <u>https://www.solactive.com/documents/termination-policy/.</u>

#### 5.5. OVERSIGHT

An oversight committee composed of staff from SOLACTIVE and its subsidiaries (the "OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE") is responsible for decisions regarding any amendments to the rules of the INDEX. Any such amendment, which may result in an amendment of the GUIDELINE, must be submitted to the OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE for prior approval and will be made in compliance with the Methodology Policy, which is available on the SOLACTIVE website: <u>https://www.solactive.com/documents/methodology-policy/</u>.

# 6. DEFINITIONS

"BENCHMARK REGULATION" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

A "BUSINESS DAY" is in relation to the index, any day other than a Saturday or Sunday and which is not a holiday according to SIFMA and the NYSE.

"BMR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"CALCULATION DAY" is in relation to the index, any day other than a Saturday or Sunday and which is not a holiday according to SIFMA and the NYSE.

"ELIGIBLE GBS REBALANCE DAY" is each day that is a TRADING DAY at the New York Stock Exchange, the London Stock Exchange, the EUREX Exchange, and the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

"ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY" is each day that is an ELIGIBLE GBSREBALANCE DAY and a TRADING DAY on each of the EXCHANGES of current and new INDEX COMPONENTS.

"GUIDELINE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX ADMINISTRATOR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX COMPONENT" is each security reflected in the INDEX.

"INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.2.

"INDEX CURRENCY" is the currency specified in the column "Currency" in the table in Section 1.2.

"LIVE DATE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 1.3.

"NUMBER OF SHARES" is 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 (B) its Trading Price.

"OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5.5.

"REBALANCE DAY" is the first Wednesday in February, May, August and November. If that day is not an ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY the REBALANCE DAY will be the immediately following ELIGIBLE REBALANCE DAY.

"SELECTION DAY" is 3 business days before the Rebalancing

"SOLACTIVE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"START DATE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 1.3.

"TRADING DAY" is with respect to an INDEX COMPONENT included in the INDEX at the REBALANCE DAY and every INDEX COMPONENT included in the INDEX at the CALCULATION DAY immediately following the REBALANCE DAY (for clarification: this provision is intended to capture the TRADING DAYS for the securities to be included in the INDEX as new INDEX COMPONENTS with close of trading on the relevant EXCHANGE on the REBALANCE DAY) a day on which the relevant EXCHANGE is open for trading (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 scheduled EXCHANGE closing time and days on which the EXCHANGE is open for a scheduled shortened period. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR is ultimately responsible as to whether a certain day is a TRADING DAY.

The "TRADING PRICE" in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT and a TRADING DAY is the most recent published price at which the INDEX COMPONENT was traded on the respective EXCHANGE.



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