

MARKET CONSULTATION
COINSHARES BLOCKCHAIN
GLOBAL EQUITY INDEX
GUIDELINE CHANGE

31 March 2022



Content of the Market Consultation

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

NAME	RIC	ISIN
CoinShares Blockchain Global Equity Index PR Index	.BLOCKP	DE000SLA6ZC3
CoinShares Blockchain Global Equity Index	.BLOCK	DE000SLA6ZB5

Rationale for the Market Consultation

The index aims to capture the investment upside of potential earnings growth driven by the adoption of blockchain related business models. It offers exposure to global companies that participate in the blockchain ecosystem in at least one of the following areas: Mining hardware, Mining technology, Mining operations, Energy, Token investments, Blockchain Financial Services, Blockchain payment systems, Blockchain technology solutions, Blockchain consulting or communications services. In order to improve the replicability robustness of the index, Solactive has proposed several changes in the guideline as detailed below

Proposed Changes to the Index Guideline

The following Methodology changes are proposed in the following points of the Index Guideline ordered in accordance with the numbering of the affected sections:

Section 1. Index Specifications

From (old version):

“[...]”

The Index intends to track the price movements of a global portfolio of companies participating in the blockchain ecosystem.

To (new version):

“[...]”

The index aims to capture the investment upside of potential earnings growth driven by the adoption of blockchain related business models. It offers exposure to global companies that participate in the blockchain ecosystem in at least one of the following areas: Mining hardware, Mining technology, Mining



operations, Energy, Token investments, Blockchain Financial Services, Blockchain payment systems, Blockchain technology solutions, Blockchain consulting or communications services.

Section 1.5 Weighting

From (old version):

“[...]”

And where $MktCap_n$ is the total market capitalisation in USD of company n , FF_MktCap_n is the free float market capitalisation in USD of company n , and $Indexed_Assets$ is the total USD value of assets benchmarked to the index as of the Selection Date as defined in Section 4.

The weight of each security n is capped at Max_Wgt_n , with any excess weight above this level distributed pro-rata to any index component with a weight below its Max_Wgt_n . This process is repeated until no individual index component has a weight above its Max_Wgt_n .

To (new version):

“[...]”

And where $MktCap_n$ is share class market capitalisation in USD of the index component n , FF_MktCap_n is free float market capitalisation in of the index component n , and $Indexed_Assets$ is total USD value of assets benchmarked to the Index provided by the Index Advisor as of the Selection Day.

The weight of each security n is capped at Max_Wgt_n , with any excess weight above this level distributed pro-rata to any index component with a weight below its Max_Wgt_n . This process is repeated until no individual index component has a weight above its Max_Wgt_n .

The maximum aggregated weight of Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs) is capped at 8%. Any aggregated weight above this cap is deducted proportionally from the SPACs and redistributed evenly among the other Index component in compliance with the security-specific weight cap determined in the preceding steps.



Section 4 Definition

From (old version):

“[...]”

1. Companies need to be listed on a regulated stock exchange in any of the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom and United States.

Based on the above pool of companies (the “Index Universe”) the Index Advisor looks for companies participating in the blockchain ecosystem in at least one of the following Areas (this process encompasses inter alia screening company descriptions on bona-fide sources, company annual filings and websites)...

To (new version):

“[...]”

2. Companies need to be listed on a regulated stock exchange in any of the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom and United States.
3. Listings on the TSX Venture Exchange are not eligible.
4. Companies need to participate in the blockchain ecosystem in at least one of the areas listed in the table below. The analysis encompasses inter alia screening of company descriptions on bona-fide sources, company annual filings and websites.
5. Companies are assigned to one of the blockchain exposure categories outlined in the table below. The classification is based on the following 5 criteria:
 - a. blockchain business earnings growth potential
 - b. blockchain business earnings power
 - c. blockchain business development stage
 - d. blockchain business market share growth potential
 - e. blockchain business sustainability

This is determined by reviewing company filings and websites and engaging in discussions with company management teams.

blockchain exposure category	blockchain Category Score
Core	5
Significant	4



Moderate	3
Developing	2
Potential	1

The Index Administrator has outsourced the determination of the Index Universe to the Index Advisor. Such outsourcing has been made in accordance with the requirements of the BMR (Article 10 BMR). Any discretionary decision of the Index Advisor will be made in accordance with the specifications regarding the exercise of discretion or expert judgement established by the Index Administrator.

Blockchain Category Score” shall have the meaning as defined in Section 4.

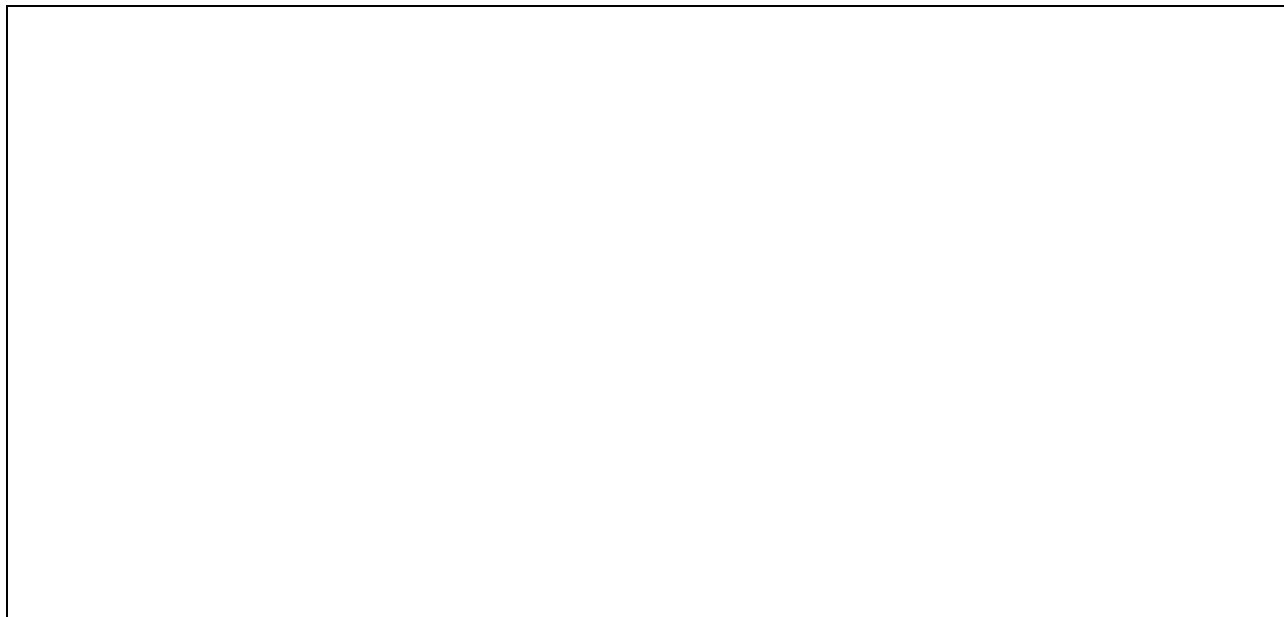
“Index Administrator” shall have the meaning as defined in Section “Introduction”.

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 CoinShares Blockchain Global Equity Index 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 *April 14th 2022 (cob)*.

Subject to feedback received on this Market Consultation, the changes mentioned above are intended to become effective *April 15th 2022*.

Please send your feedback via email to marketconsultation@solactive.com, specifying "Market Consultation I CoinShares Blockchain Global Equity Index as the subject of the email, or

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Should you have any additional questions regarding the consultative question in particular, please do not hesitate to contact us via above email address.

