

Press Release

DWS Launches Emerging Markets ETF Tracking Solactive Index and Expands its Paris-Aligned Range Once More

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FRANKFURT AM MAIN – Solactive is pleased to announce that DWS expanded once more its net-zero ETF range with a new ETF tracking a Solactive index. After introducing five net-zero ETFs tracking Solactive's indices this year to the market, DWS launches now an Emerging Market Net Zero Pathway Paris Aligned UCITS ETF (XEMN), which tracks the Solactive ISS ESG Emerging Market Net Zero Pathway Index. The Xtrackers Emerging Market Net Zero Pathway Paris Aligned UCITS ETF follows the same climate reduction targets as the rest of the series. It listed on the Deutsche Börse and the London Stock Exchange.

The **Solactive ISS ESG Emerging Market Net Zero Pathway Index** is part of the **Solactive ISS ESG Net Zero Pathway Index Series**. The series focuses on large and medium-sized companies and aims to represent multiple segments of the global stock market complying with the regulations of the EU Paris-Aligned Benchmarks (EU PAB) as regards the minimum standards for EU Climate Transition Benchmarks and EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks. The indices provide a 50% reduction in carbon intensity versus an equivalent non-ESG market benchmark, and a 7% year-on-year ongoing decarbonization pathway.

Moreover, the series pursues to implement recommendations of the Net Zero Investment Framework¹ from the IIGCC (Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change). According to those references, the indices re-weight components according to carbon intensity and to their commitment to the Science Based Target Initiative (SBTI)² and Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) reporting standards³. The indices overweight companies through three distinct pillars: Adoption of science-based targets, high climate disclosure standards, and mitigating climate change. As a result, climate metrics are the primary driver of active company weights in the indices.

The underlying securities include only companies operating in accordance with market standards for responsible business conduct (Norms-Based Research). Those standards are based on established norms such

¹ The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) is the European membership body for investor collaboration on climate change. Its mission is to support the investment community in driving significant progress towards net zero by 2030. <https://www.iigcc.org/resource/net-zero-investment-framework-implementation-guide/>

² The Science Based Targets Initiative SBTi aims to align emissions reductions and net-zero targets in line with climate science.

³ The Financial Stability Board created the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures to improve reporting of climate-related financial information.

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as the United Nations Global Compact and the exclusion of significant involvement in defined sectors. In addition, the securities are screened for their involvement in controversial weapons.

In March, Xtrackers launched two net-zero ETFs tracking **Solactive ISS ESG Net Zero Pathway Index Series** offering core exposure to eurozone and developed market equities. In September, the company expanded the range with three new products following Solactive's indices, offering exposure to companies domiciled in industrialized countries in the USA, Europe, or Japan.

Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive, commented: *"We are very happy to come to the end of the year with the news of one more expansion of DWS Paris-aligned ETFs. With another ETF tracking our ISS ESG Net Zero Pathway Index Series, investors have options to diversify in various regions keeping their commitment with ESG investing. Therefore, the new product shows our longstanding innovative strengths in ESG indices and reinforces Solactive's commitment to provide clients with the most seamless and fitting ESG solutions."*

Simon Klein, Global Head of Passive Sales at DWS, said: *"With the new ETF, we now offer a full range of products aligned with the Paris Climate Agreement, giving investors suitable solutions for both developed and emerging markets."*

For more information, please visit:

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Note to editors

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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 20,000 indices calculated daily, we offer a full suite of solutions, including market leading ESG and thematic indices.

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