

Press Release

After three months, Solactive Expands Biodiversity Index Series with Strategic Partner Iceberg Data Lab

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FRANKFURT AM MAIN – To halt the deterioration of our ecosystems, a variety of solutions and contributions are needed, including in the finance industry. Only three months after a successful launch together, Solactive, Iceberg Data Lab, and Societe Generale decided to expand their biodiversity screened index strategies with three new indices: the Solactive Japan Biodiversity Screened 50 CW Index, the Solactive World Biodiversity Screened 200 CW Index, and the Solactive Global Biodiversity Screened 200 CW JP 10 JPY. Both the second and the third ones allow investors to consider the impact of companies on biodiversity into their investments on a global scale.

The **Solactive World Biodiversity Screened 200 CW Index** is a combination of the new **Solactive Japan Biodiversity Screened 50 CW Index** and two other existing sub-indices focusing on the **US and the Eurozone**. The composition includes 100 securities from the US, 50 from the Eurozone and 50 from Japan. The **Solactive Global Biodiversity Screened 200 CW JP 10 JPY Index** is constructed in the same way, but assigns a greater weight to the Japan sub-index.

In addition to the new three indices, a second version of the Solactive Transatlantic Biodiversity Screened 150 CW Index, which was also released in December last year, is now part of the offer. The new **Solactive Transatlantic Biodiversity Screened 150 CW EZ 55 Index** has a higher allocation to the Eurozone compared to the first version. The new index is constructed in the same way as the previous one, except that it has a higher weight on the Eurozone than before, namely 55% instead of 50%.

The four indices are licensed to Societe Generale for the issuance of structured products. They include securities from corporate issuers from the respective regions that exhibit lower impact on biodiversity compared to their industry peers. Moreover, they exclude securities from corporate issuers that breach certain activity- and norm-based criteria.

The biodiversity impact assessment is based on data by Solactive's strategic partner **Iceberg Data Lab**. Their **Corporate Biodiversity Footprint metric** reflects the extent to which ecosystems affected by a company's business have been degraded from their pristine natural state. The score factors a company's land use, air and water pollution, as well as GHG emissions throughout their value chain (Scope 3).

Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive, commented: *"Ecosystem services alone are estimated to be worth between 125 and 140 USD trillion annually. Healthy ecosystems are invaluable to our society and our*

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economy. We are thrilled to expand this set of indices focusing on screening companies on their impact on biodiversity with our strategic partner Iceberg Data Lab and our long-standing client Societe Generale, so shortly after the initial launch."

Foued Jaziri, Global Head of Societe Generale Index, said: *"Contributing to the preservation of biodiversity is a key part of Societe Generale's commitments to support the environmental transition. Entrusted by our clients, we are thrilled to be able to extend the financial investments opportunities that factor the specific risks to biodiversity, while taking into account the bespoke needs of our customers."*

Matthieu Maurin, CEO of Iceberg Data Lab, said: *"We are proud to see the extension of the suite of biodiversity indices developed by our strategic partner Solactive and Societe Generale. This illustrates the growing commitment of the private sector towards Biodiversity and the appetite for our innovative and science-based environmental data solutions."*

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

As at January 2022, Solactive served approximately 500 clients across the world, with approximately US\$250 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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