

Press Release

Solactive Collaborates with BT Funds Management (BTNZ) on a Range of International Equity Indices against which c. 3 Billion NZD are to be Benchmarked

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FRANKFURT AM MAIN – Solactive and BT Funds Management (BTNZ) have joined forces to introduce a suite of indices derived from Solactive's flagship Global Benchmark Series (GBS). Some of them incorporate a customized strategy to align with the investment manager's sustainability principles, adhering to the exclusion list of companies identified and maintained by BTNZ. The new indices serve as benchmarks for active funds and mandates managed by five different asset managers acting on behalf of BTNZ and their members. This collaboration represents an additional c. 3 billion NZD of assets linked to Solactive's indices, as of October 2023.

The **Solactive GBS Global Markets ex Oceania Large & Mid Cap NZD Index NTR (SOGLMCZN)**, the **Solactive GBS Developed Markets ex Oceania Large & Mid Cap NZD Index NTR (ticker: SODLMCZN)**, and the **Solactive GBS Emerging Markets Large & Mid Cap NZD Index NTR (SEMLMCZN)** provide exposure to companies in various segments of global, developed, and emerging markets respectively. The first two exclude Australia and New Zealand from their selection, clearly separating the exposure from other strategies to further strengthen investment diversification.

These indices also serve as starting universes for custom-screened index versions, which leave out from the selection companies that constitute the BTNZ exclusion list. The custom-screened indices are the **Solactive Global Markets ex Oceania Custom Screened NZD Index NTR (SOOGCSNN)**, the **Solactive Developed Markets ex Oceania Custom Screened NZD Index NTR (SOODCSNN)**, and the **Solactive Emerging Markets Custom Screened NZD Index NTR (SOEMCSNN)**.

Additionally, Solactive and BTNZ also launched the **Solactive 85% Developed Markets ex Oceania 15% Emerging Markets Custom Screened NZD Index NTR (SODECSNN)** and included two hedged versions of the indices to isolate NZD currency risk.

Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive, commented: *"We are very pleased that, together with BTNZ, we are yet again able to expand our comprehensive and cost-efficient benchmark offering to Aotearoa New Zealand, ultimately aiming to provide increased value to BTNZ's members. In addition, our ability to offer flexible index customization underscores Solactive's commitment to delivering tailored solutions to better align with our client's – and their investors' – objectives. We are grateful to BTNZ for their continued trust and*

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partnership, especially in the sustainability space, sharing our vision and principles in contributing to the advancement of a more sustainable planet for all. "

Philip Houghton-Brown, Head of Investment Solutions at BTNZ, said: "BTNZ are excited to expand our trusted partnership with Solactive in providing further value to our investors, through the delivery of benchmark solutions and data for the management of our investment products."

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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, Dresden, and Amsterdam, we innovate and disrupt the status quo as the partner of choice for our clients.

The unique blend of our 300 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 26,000 indices calculated daily, we offer a full suite of solutions, including market leading ESG and thematic indices.

As at January 2023, Solactive served approximately 500 clients across the world, with approximately US\$300 billion invested in products linked to our indices. Solactive is registered with ESMA as a benchmark administrator and is supervised by the BaFin.

About BTNZ

BT Funds Management (NZ) Limited (BTNZ) manages all of Westpac NZ's investment funds, including the Westpac KiwiSaver Scheme and Active Series. BTNZ use a multi-manager approach to deliver strong risk

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adjusted returns, by including a wide variety of investment processes and strategies in all funds, including the KiwiSaver funds.

Each investment manager is an expert in a particular asset class - some are based in New Zealand, others are international. BTNZ focuses on high-quality, insightful research to help manage the funds. It believes in being disciplined, diversifying broadly, and investing sustainably. It looks for investments that range across asset classes, securities, aligns with BTNZ's sustainable investment purposes and investing styles - locally and internationally. BTNZ's purpose is to help our people, our communities and our customers financially, to grow a better New Zealand.

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