

MARKET CONSULTATION  
METHODOLOGY AMENDMENT:  
TREATMENT TO ELIGIBILITY  
CRITERIA AND ISSUER CAPPING  
METHODOLOGY OF THE  
SOLACTIVE HILTON CAPITAL BDC  
CORPORATE BOND TR INDEX

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## Overview

Solactive AG is conducting this market consultation regarding a proposed amendment to the methodology of the below index:

Solactive Hilton Capital BDC Corporate Bond TR Index [.SOLHBDCC, DE000SL0FH00]

This proposal follows the Index Committee's review of the eligibility criteria and weighting methodology. The review considered standard market practice and alternative approaches.

For eligibility, frequent market practice is not to specify detailed criteria, but only to require that the issuer has a BDC "structure, as specified in SEC filings" or similar. The proposed clarification ensures that issuers are not unintentionally excluded when EDGAR filings show active BDC status.

For weighting, standard market practice is to align with the U.S. RIC rule for funds, which states that the sum of all securities held in issuers representing 5% or more of a fund's assets cannot exceed 50% of the fund's total assets. Alternatives such as capping all issuers below 5%, or scaling down all issuers at or above 5%, were considered but discarded. The chosen tiered capping approach is simple, transparent, and still allows for a staggered size distribution among the largest issuers.

## Proposed Change to the Index Methodology

The Index Committee has reviewed and approved the following amendments to the index methodology:

Removal of the existing selection rule:

The issuer must be listed on the latest "Business Development Company Report" published yearly by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC.gov | Business Development Company Report](https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/searchresults.asp)

Addition of the new selection rule:

The issuer must be listed on the latest "Business Development Company Report" published yearly by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC.gov | Business Development Company Report](https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/searchresults.asp). Primary source is that SEC Business Development Company Report. To avoid undesired deletions caused by omissions in that report, an issuer absent from the report shall nevertheless be included if (i) a recent EDGAR filing header shows an active Investment Company Act Commission File Number '814-xxxxx' and/or a filed Form N-54A, and (ii) no Form N-54C withdrawal is on EDGAR. In merger situations, the successor issuer is eligible where EDGAR shows assumption of the predecessor's obligations.

Removal of the existing weighting rule:

Additionally, the weighting of the INDEX COMPONENTS follows a 10% Issuer capping. The amendments will take effect at the November 2025 rebalancing



Addition of the new weighting rule:

The weighting of the issuers in the index follows the following pattern: The two biggest issuers are capped at 10%; the next two biggest issuers are capped at 8% and the next following 2 biggest issuers are capped at 7%. All remaining issuers are capped at 4.99%.



## Feedback on the Proposed Amendment

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.

Name	
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Solactive AG is inviting all stakeholders and interested third parties to provide feedback on the proposed methodology amendment.

Consultation period: 10 business days from the publication date of this notice.

Public notice period (after decision): 10 business days prior to the implementation of the change.

Implementation: Subject to feedback received and final approval by the Index Committee, the updated Index Guideline will be published on the Solactive website.

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## Consultation Procedure

Stakeholders and third parties, who are interested in participating in this Market Consultation, are invited to respond until 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (cob).

Please send your feedback via email to [marketconsultation@solactive.com](mailto:marketconsultation@solactive.com), specifying “Market Consultation-Bond Market Classification” 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.

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