

## Press Release

### Averdas and Solactive Introduce the Solactive Averdas Productivity Leaders US 1500 Index and the Solactive Averdas Productivity Leaders US 500 Index

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FRANKFURT AM MAIN – Solactive is pleased to announce its first collaboration with Averdas AG on the launch of the Solactive Averdas Productivity Leaders US 1500 Index and its US 500 version. Developed through a data-driven and rules-based framework, this innovative index identifies U.S. companies that demonstrate superior productivity, operational resilience, and sustainable profitability, even during adverse economic conditions.

In the context of ongoing macroeconomic uncertainty, productivity has emerged as a key performance driver. Firms that effectively combine profitability with operational efficiency are increasingly distinguished by their ability to withstand economic pressures and sustain long-term value creation. Averdas' proprietary methodology targets such firms, offering a differentiated lens on productivity through asset deployment, process efficiency, and financial resilience.

The **Solactive Averdas Productivity Leaders US 1500 Index** applies a structured three-step selection process to constituents of the Solactive GBS United States 1500 Index. First, it identifies the top 40 companies with the highest Asset Productivity scores, which evaluate the efficient use of capital, labor, and technology. Among these, five are selected for their Process Productivity, focusing on sustainable profitability derived from structural efficiency. The remaining 25 constituents are selected based on Resilience, assessing companies' ability to maintain productivity amid market volatility. All selected components are equally weighted, and the index undergoes rebalancing on an annual basis.

The **Solactive Averdas Productivity Leaders US 500 Index** applies the same structured selection and weighting process, but processes the constituents of the Solactive GBS United States 500 Index as index universe.

Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive, commented: *"We are thrilled to announce our first collaboration with Averdas on the launch of this pioneering productivity-focused index. This project showcases the power of combining exceptional research with in-depth indexing expertise to develop highly differentiated investment strategies."*

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Prof. Dr. Leo Brecht, Chairman and Co-Founder at Averdas, commented: *"We are proud to collaborate with Solactive in launching the Solactive Averdas Productivity Leaders US 1500 Index and the Solactive Averdas Productivity Leaders US 500 Index. Productivity is one of the most consistent drivers of long-term value creation, and this index translates our research-driven approach into a transparent, rules-based strategy that helps investors access companies combining efficiency, resilience, and sustainable profitability."*

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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 30,000 indices calculated daily, we offer a full suite of solutions, including market-leading ESG and thematic indices.

As at January 2024, 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 Averdas

Averdas is an investment house focused on factors, funds, and ventures. We invest in productivity, a scientifically proven driver of long-term returns. We identify companies where productivity gains translate into sustainable economic performance.

Headquartered in Zug, Switzerland, Averdas combines quantitative research, proprietary analytics, and AI-supported models to assess efficiency, scalability, and capital effectiveness as core drivers of durable value creation. Our team brings together experts from industry, technology, finance, and data science, with strong access to latest university research.

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