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LuxSE collaborates with Solactive on Solactive LGX Green Bond Impact Index

Luxembourg 26 November 2020: The Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE) entered into an agreement with the German index engineering company Solactive AG to establish a new green bond impact index, the **Solactive LGX Green Bond Impact Index**. This index is composed of a selection of green bonds listed on LuxSE and displayed on the Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX), the world's leading platform for sustainable securities.

All the selected bonds included in the LGX Green Bond Impact Index will exclusively fund projects that have a positive environmental or climate impact. While Solactive remains the owner and administrator of the index, LuxSE supports the German index provider in identifying the securities to include.

LuxSE's sustainable finance experts will ensure that the green bonds included in the index are compliant with recognised market standards—such as the International Capital Market Association's Green Bond Principles or the Climate Bonds Taxonomy—and are providing the required documentation, which includes at least an external review and a post-issuance report. LuxSE furthermore builds the selection with liquidity in mind to make the index as relevant as possible for asset managers and investors wishing to invest in green securities.

“By contributing to this new green bond impact index, we take a step further in our mission to facilitate sustainable investment. All stakeholders need to be able to access transparent and meaningful information to make informed and sustainable investment decisions, and indices serve as guidance. The Green Bond Impact Index furthermore enhances the visibility of the green bond issuers displayed on LGX, who commit to maximum transparency. It is a pleasure for us to collaborate with a leading index provider like Solactive on this unique project,” explained Julie Becker, Deputy CEO of LuxSE and Founder of LGX.

A double-expertise project

The index was carefully built to provide market players with exposure to the green bond market. With a wide range of indices already created, Solactive has a broad experience of technical infrastructures, regulatory requirements and

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security standards, and offers the end-user a smooth experience. LuxSE adds to this technical expertise its in-depth knowledge of sustainable finance and the right data to mirror the green bond market accurately.

“As assets in the ESG space grow tremendously, the number of existing ESG products leave investors with a maze of opportunities. I am very happy that Solactive, with the expertise of LuxSE, is able to connect investors with meaningful investment opportunities via the Green Bond Impact Index, which serves as a transparent benchmark towards a greener future,” commented Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive.

A new product for the LGX Hub

The Solactive LGX Green Bond Impact Index is the latest initiative by the Luxembourg Green Exchange, which was rewarded a UN Global Climate Action Award 2020 in the category of Financing for Climate-Friendly Investment for its leading role in sustainable finance.

In 2020, LuxSE has established several services linked to sustainable finance. In May, LuxSE launched the LGX Academy to offer formalised sustainable finance courses to various market players and raise awareness on green, social and sustainable investments, related standards, applicable regulation and current market practice. In September, LuxSE added the LGX DataHub, a centralised database of structured data on a wide range of green, social and sustainability bonds.

To explore the Solactive LGX Green Bond Impact Index, go to <https://lgxhub.bourse.lu/index>

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About the Luxembourg Stock Exchange

The Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE) is the gateway to access international investors. With more than 37,000 listed securities, including 33,000 debt instruments, from 2,000 issuers in 100 countries, LuxSE is one of the world's leading exchanges for the listing of international, financial securities and offers a unique and integrated service offering covering listing, trading and information services.

In 2016, LuxSE launched the Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX) and became the first exchange in the world to operate a platform dedicated entirely to sustainable securities. LGX has become a meeting place for impact-conscious issuers and investors, and has a leading global market share of listed green, social and sustainability bonds worldwide.

LuxSE also operates a specialist subsidiary, Fundsquare, which provides services to support and standardise cross-border distribution of investment funds.

For more information, visit www.bourse.lu

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, 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 14,000 indices calculated daily, we offer a full suite of solutions, including market-leading ESG and thematic indices.

As at April 2020, Solactive served approximately 450 clients across the world, with approximately US\$200 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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