

Consultation Notice on proposed amendments to the methodology of the Credit Suisse Swiss Equity Enhanced Call Writing Index

(Bloomberg Ticker: CSEACCET)

This Notice is addressed to all users and stakeholders of the Credit Suisse Swiss Equity Enhanced Call Writing Index (Total Return) with Bloomberg Ticker CSEACCET (the “**Index**”) and is published by Credit Suisse International (“**CSI**”) in its capacity as Index Administrator (as defined below) of the Index.

CSI is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority (“**PRA**”) and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (“**FCA**”) and the PRA. CSI is registered with the FCA as a benchmark administrator.

Introduction and scope of Consultation

CSI is the sponsor (the “**Index Sponsor**”) of the Index. CSI also acts as (i) the administrator (the “**Index Administrator**” and “**Index Administration**”) of the Index for the purposes of (i) Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (“**EU BMR**”) as it forms part of the domestic law of the United Kingdom (the “**UK BMR**”) and (ii) the index calculation agent (the “**Index Calculation Agent**”). CSI, as the Index Sponsor and Index Administrator, may, acting through its benchmark governance committee (the “**Index Committee**”), make decisions on any amendments to the Index Methodology (as defined below).

CSI, as Index Sponsor and Index Administrator has proposed amendments to the Index Methodology (as defined below) and as Index Administrator is hereby consulting on those proposed amendments (the “**Consultation**”).

The aim of the Consultation is to provide users and stakeholders with (i) applicable background information, (ii) the rationale for, and clear information on, the proposed amendments, (iii) an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments in respect of the proposed amendments and (iv) practical information on responding to the Consultation and next steps.

Capitalised terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the CS Index Rules (as defined below).

If you do not understand the contents of this Notice or are unsure how this affects you, you should consult an appropriate professional adviser.

Current Index Methodology

The current methodology of the Index (the “**Index Methodology**”) is set out in the following documents:

- the Credit Suisse SW Enhanced Collar Index Series Index Specific Rules dated as of 23 October 2018 (as amended on 21 February 2019) (the “**CS Index Specific Rules**”);
- the Credit Suisse Listed Option Interpolations Technical Document dated as of 5 June 2018 (as amended on 3 January 2022 and 8 September 2022 (the “**CS Interpolation Document**”); and

- the Credit Suisse Option Indices Master Index Rules dated as of 2 February 2018 as amended on 20 September 2018, and 8 November 2019 (the “**CS Master Index Rules**” and together with the CS Index Specific Rules, the CS interpolation Document, collectively referred to as the “**CS Index Rules**”).

The Index is one of a number of indices comprised in the Index Specific Rules, but this Consultation is limited to the Index and its Index Methodology.

Background to the Consultation and rationale for the proposed amendments to the Index Methodology

On 12 June 2023, UBS announced the completion of the acquisition of Credit Suisse. Credit Suisse Group AG was merged into UBS Group AG (the “**UBS/CS Acquisition**”) and the combined entity has since operated as a consolidated banking group. CSI has become a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of UBS Group AG. Following the UBS/CS Acquisition the decision has been taken in conjunction with CSI and the Index Committee, to conduct an orderly exit (the “**Index Administrator Exit**”) from CSI’s role as an administrator under UK BMR and this will impact the Index.

As part of the implementation of the Index Administrator Exit, CSI on a date which is expected to be on or after 12 January 2024 (the “**Transfer Effective Date**”), proposes to transfer its role as Index Sponsor of the Index to UBS AG, London Branch (“**UBS**”) (the “**Index Sponsor Transfer**”), which in turn proposes to appoint Solactive AG (“**Solactive**”) as Index Administrator and Index Calculation Agent (succeeding CSI in those capacities) for the Index (the “**Third Party Administrator Appointment**”) on the Transfer Effective Date.

Solactive was founded in 2007 and is registered as an administrator under Article 34 of EU BMR with the German Federal Supervisory Authority and appears on the register of administrators of the European Securities and Markets Authority. Further information on Solactive can be found at:

<https://www.solactive.com/>

Amendments to the Index Methodology are necessary from the Transfer Effective Date, as a result of the proposed Index Sponsor Transfer, Index Administrator Exit and Third Party Administrator Appointment.

Proposed amendments to the Index Methodology

In the context of the matters outlined above, it is proposed that, in respect of the Index, with effect from the Transfer Effective Date:

- CSI will transfer its role as Index Sponsor to UBS and CSI will cease to be the Index Sponsor, Index Administrator and Index Calculation Agent;
- UBS AG, London Branch, as Index Sponsor, will appoint Solactive AG, to act as Index Administrator and Index Calculation Agent, replacing CSI in such roles;
- the name of the Index will be changed to the UBS Swiss Equity Enhanced Call Writing Index;
- Solactive AG will publish and calculate the level of the Index in place of CSI, but with the new name and under the same Bloomberg Ticker;
- the Credit Suisse Swiss Equity Futures CHF Excess Return Index (CSRFSMCE) (constituent of CSEACCET and also administered by CSI) shall be replaced with the Solactive Swiss Equity 1-Day Rolling Future Index ER (CHF) index with Bloomberg ticker: SOF1SMSO, which (i) is sponsored by UBS, (ii) is administered and calculated by Solactive and (iii) follows the same index objective and construction methodology;
- OTC option prices shall be interpolated using a discount rate equal to the Swiss Average Rate O/N (SSARON Index) as of the immediately preceding calculation day; and

- the CS Index Rules for the Index will be replaced by the index rules prepared by Solactive (the "**Solactive Index Rules**"). The Solactive Index Rules will contain the Index Methodology, with amendments to reflect the changes above and certain others to reflect the ongoing roles of Solactive as Index Administrator and Index Calculation Agent of the Index.

Consultation Period and availability of documentation

In order to take into account the views of users and stakeholders of the Index, CSI, as Index Administrator, is conducting the Consultation on the proposed amendments. The Consultation opens on 8 December 2023 and will run until close of business in Zurich on 5 January 2024 (the "**Consultation Period**").

Within the Consultation Period, users and stakeholders are invited to send any feedback or comments on the Consultation to: list.qis-consultation@credit-suisse.com including a reference to the Bloomberg Ticker: CSEACCET in their email along with their name and details of their status as a user or stakeholder.

Copies of the CS Index Rules and draft Solactive Index Rules will be made available to users and stakeholders of the Index upon request to the same email address within the Consultation Period.

Please note that this Notice and any relevant updates on the Consultation will be made accessible on the following website: <https://www.credit-suisse.com/uk/en/investment-banking/financial-regulatory/customer-notices.html?a=32>

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