

Consultation Notice on proposed amendments to the methodology of indices comprised in the Credit Suisse Commodity Benchmark

This Notice is addressed to all users and stakeholders of the Credit Suisse Commodity Benchmark ("**CSCB**") and is published by Credit Suisse International ("**CSI**") in its capacity as Index Administrator (as defined below) in respect of each index comprised in CSCB (together "**CSCB Indices**" and each, a "**CSCB 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 CSCB Indices. CSI also acts as (i) the administrator (the "**Index Administrator**" and "**Index Administration**") of each CSCB Index for the purposes of 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 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 index committee (the "**Index Committee**") and in consultation with the Index Advisory 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) of the Indices (as defined below) and as Index Administrator is hereby consulting on those proposed amendments (the "**Consultation**").

The Consultation covers the CSCB Indices (together the "**Indices**" and each, an "**Index**") listed in the appendix to this Notice (the "**Appendix**"). 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.

The indices comprised in CSCB which are not listed in the Appendix are expected to cease to be published by the Index Sponsor ahead of the Transfer Effective Date. The cessation of such indices is outside the scope of the Consultation.

Current Index Methodology

The current methodology used for the Indices (the "**Index Methodology**") is set out in Section A. Core Index Methodology ("**Section A**") and the corresponding Section B. Index Parameters of the Credit Suisse Index Framework - Listed Markets Operating Manual ("**Section B**" and together with Section A the "**CS Index Rules**")

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

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

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 CSCB Indices.

As part of the implementation of the Index Administrator Exit, CSI on a date which is expected to be by, or shortly after year end 2023 (the “**Transfer Effective Date**”), proposes to transfer its role as Index Sponsor of the Indices to UBS AG, London Branch or an affiliate (the “**Index Sponsor Transfer**”), which in turn proposes to appoint MerQube, Inc as Index Administrator and Index Calculation Agent (succeeding CSI in those capacities) for the Indices the “**Third Party Administrator Appointment**”) on the Transfer Effective Date. MerQube, Inc. has delegated its index administration and index calculation activities to its subsidiary, MerQube UK Limited (“**MerQube**”), and MerQube would therefore undertake the duties of the Index Administrator and the Index Calculation Agent for the Indices following the Transfer Effective Date.

MerQube is registered as an administrator by the FCA under UK BMR.

MerQube, Inc. has been an established index administrator and index calculation agent since 2019. Further information on MerQube, Inc and MerQube can be found at <https://merqube.com/home>.

Amendments to the Index Methodology relating to the Indices 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 Indices, with effect from the Transfer Effective Date in each case:

- CSI will transfer its role as Index Sponsor to UBS AG, London Branch or an affiliate and CSI will cease to be the Index Sponsor, Index Administrator and Index Calculation Agent;
- the Indices will be renamed, as set out in the Appendix;
- UBS AG, London Branch or its affiliate, as Index Sponsor, will appoint MerQube, Inc., subject to delegation to MerQube to act as Index Administrator and Index Calculation Agent, replacing CSI in such roles;
- MerQube will publish and calculate the level of the Indices, in place of CSI;
- the fixing time in respect of foreign exchange rates in the Index Methodology will be changed to 4pm London time; and
- the CS Index Rules for the Indices will be replaced by the index rules prepared by MerQube, Inc. (the “**MerQube Index Rules**”). The MerQube Index Rules will contain the Index Methodology, with changes to reflect the changes above and certain others to reflect the ongoing roles of MerQube as Index Administrator and Index Calculation Agent of the Indices.

Consultation Period and availability of documentation

In order to take into account the views of users and stakeholders of the Indices, CSI, as Index Administrator, is conducting the Consultation on the proposed amendments. The Consultation opens on 15 November 2023 and will run until close of business in New York on 6 December 2023 (the “**Consultation Period**”).

Within the Consultation Period, users and stakeholders are invited to send any feedback or comments on this Consultation to: list.qis-consultation@credit-suisse.com

Copies of the CS Index Rules and draft MerQube Index Rules will be made available to users and stakeholders of the CSCB Indices 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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Appendix

Current name of Index Component	Price Return Indices (PR)	Excess Return Indices (ER)	Total Return Indices (TR)	Proposed name of Index
Composite	CSIXPR	CSIXER	CSIXTR	UBS Prompt Commodity Index
WTI Crude Oil	CSIXCLPR	CSIXCLER	CSIXCLTR	UBS Prompt WTI Light Crude Oil Commodity Index
WTI Crude (ICE) Oil	CSIXWTPR	CSIXWTER	CSIXWTTR	UBS Prompt WTI Light Crude (ICE) Commodity Index
Brent Crude Oil	CSIXBRPR	CSIXBRER	CSIXBRTR	UBS Prompt Brent Crude Oil Commodity Index
NY Harbour ULSD	CSIXHOPR	CSIXHOER	CSIXHOTR	UBS Prompt Heating Oil Commodity Index
Gasoil	CSIXGOPR	CSIXGOER	CSIXGOTR	UBS Prompt Gasoil Commodity Index
RBOB Gasoline	CSIXRBPR	CSIXRBER	CSIXRBTR	UBS Prompt RBOB Gasoline Commodity Index
Natural Gas	CSIXNGPR	CSIXNGER	CSIXNGTR	UBS Prompt Natural Gas Commodity Index
Copper High Grade	CSIXHGPR	CSIXHGER	CSIXHGTR	UBS Prompt Copper high grade Commodity Index
Aluminium primary	CSIXALPR	CSIXALER	CSIXALTR	UBS Prompt Aluminium primary Commodity Index
Copper grade A	CSIXCUPR	CSIXCUER	CSIXCUTR	UBS Prompt Copper grade A Commodity Index
Nickel primary	CSIXNIPR	CSIXNIER	CSIXNITR	UBS Prompt Nickel primary Commodity Index
Lead standard	CSIXPBPR	CSIXPBER	CSIXPBTR	UBS Prompt Lead Standard Commodity Index
Zinc high grade	CSIXZNPR	CSIXZNER	CSIXZNTR	UBS Prompt Zinc high grade Commodity Index
Gold	CSIXGCPR	CSIXGCER	CSIXGCTR	UBS Prompt Gold Commodity Index
Silver	CSIXSIPR	CSIXSIER	CSIXSITR	UBS Prompt Silver Commodity Index
Platinum	CSIXPLPR	CSIXPLER	CSIXPLTR	UBS Prompt Platinum Commodity Index
Palladium	CSIXPAPR	CSIXPAER	CSIXPATR	UBS Prompt Palladium Commodity Index
Corn	CSIXCNPR	CSIXCNER	CSIXCNTR	UBS Prompt Corn Commodity Index
SRW Wheat	CSIXWHPR	CSIXWHER	CSIXWHTR	UBS Prompt SRW Wheat Commodity Index
HRW Wheat	CSIXKWPR	CSIXKWER	CSIXKWTR	UBS Prompt HRW Wheat Commodity Index
Milling Wheat	CSIXCAPR	CSIXCAER	CSIXCATR	UBS Prompt Milling Wheat Commodity Index
Soybeans	CSIXSYPR	CSIXSYER	CSIXSYTR	UBS Prompt Soybeans Commodity Index
Soybean Meal	CSIXSMPR	CSIXSMER	CSIXSMTR	UBS Prompt Soybean Meal Commodity Index
Soybean Oil	CSIXBOPR	CSIXBOER	CSIXBOTR	UBS Prompt Soybean Oil Commodity Index
Sugar # 11	CSIXSBPR	CSIXSBER	CSIXSBTR	UBS Prompt Sugar #11 Commodity Index
Coffee 'C' Arabica	CSIXKCPR	CSIXKCER	CSIXKCTR	UBS Prompt Coffee C Arabica Commodity Index
Cocoa (ICE)	CSIXCCPR	CSIXCCER	CSIXCCTR	UBS Prompt Cocoa (ICE) Commodity Index
Sugar # 5	CSIXWSPR	CSIXWSER	CSIXWSTR	UBS Prompt Sugar #5 Commodity Index
Coffee Robusta	CSIXRCPR	CSIXRCER	CSIXRCTR	UBS Prompt Coffee Robusta Commodity Index
Cocoa (EN)	CSIXQCPR	CSIXQCER	CSIXQCTR	UBS Prompt Cocoa (EN) Commodity Index
Cotton	CSIXCTPR	CSIXCTER	CSIXCTTR	UBS Prompt Cotton Commodity Index
Live Cattle	CSIXLCPR	CSIXLCER	CSIXLCTR	UBS Prompt Live Cattle Commodity Index
Feeder Cattle	CSIXFCPR	CSIXFCER	CSIXFCTR	UBS Prompt Feeder Cattle Commodity Index
Lean Hogs	CSIXLHPR	CSIXLHER	CSIXLHTR	UBS Prompt Lean Hogs Commodity Index
WTI Crude		CSIXCLE2		UBS 4x6 WTI Light Crude Oil Commodity Index
Gold		CSIXGCE2		UBS 4x6 Gold Commodity Index
Composite	CSD0PR	CSD0ER	CSD0TR	UBS Prompt Commodity 01E Index
Composite	CSD0P2	CSD0E2	CSD0T2	UBS 4x6 Commodity 01E Index