



**Rules for the Amsterdam All-Share index®**

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# 1 Composition of the Amsterdam All-Share index

- 1.1 *Amsterdam All-Share Index* The Amsterdam All-Share index is a weighted index based on the prices of shares of all eligible companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam.
- 1.2 *Design Amsterdam All-Share Index* The Amsterdam All-Share index is designed to reflect general trends in the trading of shares listed on Euronext Amsterdam.
- 1.3 **Composition**
- 1.3.1 *Universe* The Amsterdam All-Share index consists exclusively of shares which are issued by companies that have been admitted to listing on Eurolist by Euronext in Amsterdam.
- 1.3.2 *Excluded securities* The shares of the following companies are excluded from the Amsterdam All-Share index:
- (a) Investment Instruments (as defined by the ICB classification system);
  - (b) Holding companies of companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam;
  - (c) Companies whose shares are subject to a special listing regime;
  - (d) Securities listed on Euronext Amsterdam traded in non-Euro currencies;
  - (e) Convertible preference shares and loan stocks until converted;
  - (f) Other companies or institutions as determined by the Compiler.
- 1.3.3 *Dual listing* Companies with a dual listing on Euronext Amsterdam qualify for inclusion in the Amsterdam All-Share Index when the turnover of this security is at least equal to 1 % of the total number of issued shares at Euronext Amsterdam, calculated over the course of the previous calendar year. This velocity is calculated on a daily basis by dividing the number of shares traded by the outstanding number of shares. Then these values are added to calculate the annual velocity.  
For the purpose of these rules a company with a dual listing is considered to be a company with besides the listing on Euronext Amsterdam also a listing on another exchange. The compiler will make the final decision if there is any doubt.
- 1.4 **Selection**
- Selection* Companies with more than one listing on Euronext Amsterdam will not be included more than once in the Amsterdam All-Share index. When selecting a particular class of a company's shares for inclusion in the index, the class of shares with the highest value of regulated turnover will be selected.

## 1.5 **Weighting**

- 1.5.1 *Weighting in shares* The weighting of a constituent is determined by its current market capitalisation. This market capitalisation is calculated by multiplying the last trade share price by the total number of listed shares of the relevant share category on Euronext Amsterdam. The total current number of shares in issue of each company is included in the Amsterdam All-Share Index.

## 1.6 **Index level calculation**

*Index level* The Amsterdam All-Share Index value is equal to the current total market capitalisation of the index divided by the index divisor (see chapter 2).

## 1.7 **Depository receipts**

*Shares* In these rules the term “shares” includes depository receipts for shares.

## 1.8 **Amsterdam All-Share Index series**

- 1.8.1 *Indices in All-Share series* Other indices in the Amsterdam All-Share Index series are: the Amsterdam All-Share sector indices. See chapter 5.
- 1.8.2 *Rules for indices in All-Share series* All indices in the Amsterdam All-Share Index series are governed by the same rules and principals governing the Amsterdam All-Share Index.

## 2. Calculation and publication of the Amsterdam All-Share Index

- 2.1 *Calculation of index* The level of the Amsterdam All-Share Index is calculated using the share prices quoted on Euronext Amsterdam of all the securities included in the index. The entire amount of issued shares of a constituent company is included in the calculation of the company's market capitalisation.
- 2.2 *Share prices* Share prices are the prices at which transactions are executed during regular daytime trading in shares listed on Eurolist by Euronext in Amsterdam.
- 2.3 *Cancellation of prices* The level of the Amsterdam All-Share index is calculated each trading day on the basis of the last published prices on that day. If prices are cancelled, the index will not be recalculated unless the Compiler decides otherwise.
- 2.4 *Publication frequency* The level of the Amsterdam All-Share index is published every trading day after closing of the regular daytime trading in officially listed shares on Eurolist by Euronext in Amsterdam.
- 2.5 *Price unavailable* If no price has been fixed for a security on the trading day concerned, the last known price established during regular daytime trading in officially listed shares on Euronext Amsterdam will be used.
- 2.6 *Intervention in publication* The Compiler retains the right to delay or to suspend the publication of the level of the Amsterdam All-Share index or to mark the level of the Amsterdam All-Share index indicative, if the Compiler believes that circumstances prevent the proper calculation of the index.

### 3. Corporate events affecting selection

#### 3.1 Operational adjustment to the composition of the index

*General* The composition of the portfolio on which the Amsterdam All-Share index is based may change as a result of decisions or events, which affect one or more of the constituents of the Amsterdam All-Share index.

#### 3.2 Mergers and Acquisitions

3.2.1 *Price source if trading stops* If regular daytime trading in one of the companies included in the Amsterdam All-Share index stops or the company is no longer traded during regular daytime trading in officially listed shares, the Compiler of the Amsterdam All-Share index will in the first instance use the last known price of the company concerned, subject to the provisions of section 2, but will also have the possibility of using prices which were not established during regular daytime trading in officially listed shares at Euronext Amsterdam.

3.2.2 *Mergers, acquisitions, other cases* If trading at Euronext Amsterdam is stopped or will stop in accordance with article 3.2.1, the following will apply:

- (a) in the event of a merger, acquisition or similar situation, the company in question will be replaced by the company that will continue to be traded during regular daytime trading in officially listed shares at Euronext Amsterdam, provided that this company complies with the requirements for inclusion in an index laid down in section 1 of these rules. If a bid is accepted during regular daytime trading hours this will result in the index being adjusted with effect from the next trading day. If a bid is accepted outside regular daytime trading hours this will result in the index being adjusted with effect from the second trading day after the bid was accepted. For the purpose of these rules a trading day is considered to be that part of the day during which regular daytime trading takes place at Euronext Amsterdam.
- (b) in all cases other than those described in (a) above the company in question will be removed from the index, on the understanding that a transitional period to be determined by the Compiler, subject to a maximum of three months, may apply, provided that the company in question continues to meet the requirements laid down in section 1 of these rules.

The removal of a company from the index will be announced at least three days in advance. Subsequently, in order to ensure that the level of the index remains unchanged the divisor will be adjusted.

- 3.2.3 *Prices used in case of merger or acquisition offers* If shares may be offered for exchange in connection with a merger or acquisition and this temporarily results in two listings at Euronext Amsterdam, the prices of the offered shares will be used, unless the Compiler decides otherwise.
- 3.2.5 *Reweighting of other constituents* Since the level of the index will remain unchanged after a company has been removed from the index as referred to in article 3.2.2 or 3.2.3, the divisor will be adjusted.
- 3.3 **Split-up**
- 3.3.1 *Split-up inclusion* In the event that a company included in the Amsterdam All-Share index is split up, the companies resulting from the split, including the original company where appropriate, will continue to be included in the index. For the purposes of these rules a split-up is taken to mean a legal demerger, a spin-off or another situation which the Compiler deems to be similar.
- 3.4 **New listings**
- 3.4.1 *Inclusion of new listings* Newly listed stocks on Eurolist by Euronext in Amsterdam shall be added to the Amsterdam All-Share Index on the trading day following the first day of trading at the official closing price of the first day of trading.
- 3.4.2 *New listings with a dual listing* Newly listed companies on Eurolist by Euronext in Amsterdam with a dual listing have to be listed 80 days to qualify for inclusion in the Amsterdam All-Share Index. The velocity will be calculated based on the value of turnover extrapolated over a full calendar year. When extrapolating the value of turnover, the value of turnover for the first twenty trading days after the launch of the company on Euronext Amsterdam will not be taken into consideration. After these 80 days the company shall be added to the Amsterdam All-Share Index if the extrapolated velocity is at least equal to 1%.
- 3.5 **Final provisions for operational adjustments of selection**
- 3.5.1 *Permissible index change* Operational adjustments to the selection and/or weighting of companies included in the Amsterdam All-Share index may not result in the index concerned changing by more than 0.01 index points.

## 4. Corporate events affecting weighting of constituents

- 4.1 *Basic principle* The aim of the Compiler of the Amsterdam All-Share index when making operational adjustments is to ensure that the basic principles of the index (see section 1) are maintained and that the index continues to reflect as closely as possible the value of the underlying portfolio.
- 4.2 **Dividends**
- 4.2.1 *Definition special dividend* In the event of ordinary dividends the index will not be adjusted.
- In the case of cash or scrip dividends, the index will only be adjusted if these dividends are special. The Compiler will use the following criteria for deciding whether a dividend should be considered to be a special dividend:
- (a) the declaration by a company of a dividend additional to those dividends declared as part of the company's normal results and dividend reporting cycle; merely an adjustment to the timing of the declaration of a company's expected dividend would not be considered as a special dividend circumstance; or
  - (b) the identification of an element of a dividend paid in line with a company's normal results and dividend reporting cycle as an element that is unambiguously additional to the company's normal payment.
- For the purpose of clarification, the Compiler will not make an adjustment for the following situations:
- 1. payment of ordinary dividends, irrespective of how they are financed;
  - 2. the issue of redeemable shares or any other entitlement in lieu of an ordinary dividend; or
  - 3. an unexpected increase or decrease, resumption or cessation, or change in frequency to an ordinary dividend.
- 4.2.2 *Adjustment for dividend* In the event of a special dividend, bonus dividend or bonus issue (in the form of cash or shares), the divisor of the Amsterdam All Share index will be adjusted in such a way that the value of the index remains the same.
- 4.3 **Rights issues and other rights**
- 4.3.1 *Rights issue* In the event of a rights issue the divisor will be adjusted in such a way that the value of the index remains the same. The adjustment of the divisor shall be based on the theoretical value of the rights issue as calculated by the Compiler. The Compiler shall only effect adjustments if the rights issue represents a positive value.
- 4.3.2 *Other rights* The procedure set out in article 4.3.1 will also be followed if a value can be attributed to a subscription right for convertible bonds, bonds with warrants or warrants with preferential rights for shareholders.

- 4.4 *Change of capital structure* If the issuer of shares in a company included in the Amsterdam All-Share index changes its capital structure, old shares will be replaced by new shares.
- 4.5 *Share split* In the event of a share split the number of shares in the company concerned will be multiplied by the factor used for the split at that time.
- 4.6 *Multiple adjustments* In the event that adjustments as referred to in articles 4.2 up to 4.5 inclusive occur in combination, the number of shares in the constituent company in question will be adjusted so that the value of the index remains the same.
- 4.7 *Threshold for change* The measures laid down in articles 4.2 up to 4.6 inclusive will not be taken if the Amsterdam All-Share index would change by less than 0.01 index points as a result of the circumstances described in those articles.
- 4.8 **Final provisions for operational adjustments affecting weightings**
- 4.8.1 *Permissible index change* Operational adjustments to the weighting of companies included in the Amsterdam All-Share index may not result in the index concerned changing by more than 0.01 index points.
- 4.8.2 *Cases not covered* In cases which are not expressly covered in these rules, operational adjustments will take place along the lines of the aim set out in article 4.1. Operational adjustments may also take place if, in the opinion of the Compiler of the Amsterdam All-Share index, it is desirable to do so to maintain a fair and orderly market in derivatives on this index and/or this is in the best interests of the investors in these products and/or the proper functioning of the markets.

# 5. Classification of Constituents within Industries and Sectors

- 5.1 *Industry Classification Benchmark(ICB)* Each company in the Amsterdam All-Share Index is allocated an industry and sector classification. The Euronext Amsterdam Industry Classification System is used to allocate the industry and sector classification. The Euronext Amsterdam Industry Classification System classifies companies according to their profit or revenue breakdown. The system is based on the Industry Classification Benchmark System, for which Euronext Amsterdam is licensed by FTSE International.
- 5.2 *Classification* Companies are classified by industry and sector.
- 5.3 *Changes in classification* The industry and/or sector classification of a constituent may change from time to time. The reassessment of the classification of a constituent will be made by Euronext Amsterdam. Adjustments in the classification resulting from the reassessment become effective on the next trading day.
- 5.4 *New listings* All new stocks entering the Amsterdam All-Share Index are assigned an industry and sector classification by Euronext Amsterdam and included in an Industry and Sector index. An index will not be calculated if it falls outside the scope of rule 5.6.
- 5.5 *Permissible index change* Adjustments in the sector classification of stocks in the Amsterdam All-Share Index shall not change the index value of the indices involved.
- 5.6 *Minimum constitution of indices.* The compiler will calculate and publish all the indices of level 1 (Industries) and those indices of level 3 (Sectors) which contain at least 5 values or represent more than 5% of the capitalization of the Amsterdam All-Share index. Publication of indices will start or stop on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 6. Governance and final provisions

- 6.1            *Governance*            The board of directors of Euronext Indices B.V., a subsidiary of Euronext Amsterdam N.V., is the Compiler of the Amsterdam All-Share index. The AEX Advisory Committee acts as adviser to the Compiler when amendments are made to these rules and whenever the Compiler deems this to be desirable or necessary in connection with the performance of its work. The AEX Steering Committee acts as the supervisor of the Amsterdam All-Share index.
- 6.2            *Compiler*                    The Compiler is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Amsterdam All-Share index and is also responsible for decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules.
- 6.3            *Cases not covered*            In cases not covered by these rules but which require direct action, the Compiler will make a decision to the best of its ability and along the lines of and in accordance with the aim of these rules. The decision will be submitted to the supervisor of the Amsterdam All-Share index at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 6.4            *Rule book*                    These rules may be supplemented, amended in whole or in part, revised or withdrawn at any time. Supplements, amendments, revisions and withdrawals may also lead to changes in the way the Amsterdam All-Share index is compiled or calculated or affect the Amsterdam All-Share index in another way. The Compiler will submit all decisions regarding supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing these rules to the AEX Steering Committee for recommendations and approval. All decisions will be published immediately. A period of at least three months should pass between the date a proposed change is published and the date this comes into effect, unless the change is not in conflict with the interests of an affected party. Euronext Amsterdam N.V., the Compiler nor the AEX Steering Committee are liable for any losses resulting from supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing the Rules for the Amsterdam All-Share index.
- 6.5            *Liability*                    The Compiler will do everything within its power to ensure the accuracy of the composition, calculation, publication and adjustment of the Amsterdam All-Share index in accordance with relevant rules. However, Euronext Amsterdam N.V., the Compiler and the AEX Steering Committee are not liable for any inaccuracy in share prices, calculations and the publication of the index, the information used for making adjustments to the index and the actual adjustments.
- 6.6            *Ownership of Amsterdam All-Share index*            Euronext Indices B.V. owns all intellectual and other property rights to the Amsterdam All-Share index, including the name, the composition and the calculation of the Amsterdam All-Share index.

## Definitions

**AEX Advisory Committee:** Committee consisting of representatives of users of the Amsterdam All-Share index which advises the Compiler with respect to the Amsterdam All-Share index.

**AEX Steering Committee:** Committee consisting of independent persons which acts as supervisor to the Amsterdam All-Share Index and to which all decisions regarding supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing these rules are submitted for approval.

**Compiler:** The AEX Committee of the board of directors of Euronext Indices B.V.

**ICB classification system:** Industry Classification Benchmark system