



## **Rules for the Short indices**

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# 1. Definition of the Short indices

- 1.1 *General scope* The rules that are laid down in this document apply to the CAC 40® Short, AEX® Short, BEL 20® Short and PSI 20® Short indices.
- 1.2 *Definition of the Short index* The Short index tracks the performance of a strategy that combines an inverse exposure to an underlying index with the exposure to a risk-free money-market instrument (EONIA). Thus, the Short index reflects purely a strategy that aims at producing the inverse performance of an underlying index with an additional monetary gain.
- 1.3 *The Euronext Short indices*
- 1.3.1 *The CAC 40 Short index* The CAC 40 Short index aims to reflect the performance of the short strategy as applied to the CAC 40 Net Total Return index<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.3.2 *The AEX Short index* The AEX Short index aims to reflect the performance of the short strategy as applied to the AEX Total Return index.
- 1.3.3 *The BEL 20 Short index* The BEL 20 Short index aims to reflect the performance of the short strategy as applied to the BEL 20 Total Return.
- 1.3.4 *The PSI 20 Short index* The PSI 20 Short index aims to reflect the performance of the short strategy as applied to the PSI 20 Total Return index.

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<sup>1</sup> The CAC 40 Net Total Return index takes into account the reinvestment of gross dividends for French stocks and the reinvestment of net dividends (i.e. net of withholding tax) for foreign stocks included in the CAC 40 index.

## 2. Calculation of the Short indices

- 2.1 *General formula* The general formula of the Short indices is defined as follows:

$$SI_t = SI_T \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{UI_t}{UI_T} - 1 \right) \right] + 2 \times SI_T \left[ \frac{EONIA_T}{360} \right] D_{i,T} - SI_T \left[ \frac{REPO}{360} \right] D_{i,T}$$

$SI_t$  = Short index at time of calculation t

$SI_T$  = closing Short index at the previous calculation date

$UI_t$  = underlying index level (Total Return version of CAC 40, AEX, BEL 20 or PSI 20) at time of calculation t

$UI_T$  = closing Total return version of the underlying index level at the previous calculation day T

$D_{i,T}$  = is the number of days between the day of calculation and the previous calculation day T

$EONIA_T$  = Euro Overnight Index Average at the previous calculation date

$REPO$  = is the rate reflecting the repurchase agreement embedded in the strategy and specific to each underlying index

- 2.1.1 *REPO activation* The REPO, which is specific to each index, would be activated in case the Compiler of the Short indices considers that the cost of borrowing the underlying index portfolios should be reflected in the economic profit and loss profile of the strategy. In such a case, a notification period of one week should pass before this change becomes effective.

In case the activation is carried out in accordance with the conditions laid down above, a monthly reassessment of this parameter will be implemented on the third Friday of each month.

The REPOs have been activated for the following indexes:

CAC 40 Short : since June 13<sup>th</sup> 2008

AEX Short: since December 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

- 2.1.2 *Initial value of the indices* The value of the Short indices was set to 1000 on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2002.

- 2.2 *Start of calculation* The calculation of the Short indices starts as soon as the first real time indices levels of the underlying indices are available.

- 2.3 *Calculation frequency* The Short indices are calculated at the same calculation frequencies as their respective underlying indices, that is every 15s.

- 2.4 *Closing index Level* The calculation of the Short closing index levels are based on the respective official closing levels of the Total Returns indices published by Euronext.

### 3. Special circumstances of trading

- 3.1 *Unavailability of the underlying index level* In case the underlying index level of the Short index is not available during a time period outside the regular closing time of the Euronext markets, the level of the Short index will not be calculated.

If the unavailability extends over the closing auction time of the Euronext markets, the closing value of the Short index will be the last level known before the unavailability of the underlying.

- 3.2 *Suspension of the Short index* The Compiler of the Short indices will decide to suspend the calculation of the Short index if at time t the underlying Total Return index level gains more than 25% compared to its previous closing value.

That is, the Short index will be suspended if :

$$\left( \frac{UI_t}{UI_T} - 1 \right) > 25\%$$

In this case, Euronext will confirm the index level to be considered as the closing index value at the market close.

## 4. Final provisions

4.1 *Liability* The Compiler will do everything within its power to ensure the accuracy of the composition, calculation, publication and adjustment of the Short indices in accordance with relevant rules. However, neither Euronext N.V., nor the Compiler of the Short indices is liable for any inaccuracy in the calculation of the underlying index levels, calculations and the publication of the Short indices.

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