

INDEX RULE BOOK

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1. INDEX SUMMARY

Factsheet	AEX[®] Family
Index names	AEX-Index [®] , AMX-Index [®] , AScX [®] -Index, AEX [®] All-Tradable
Index type	Price indices; Net return index and Gross return index versions are also available.
Index governance structure	The AEX Steering Committee acts as Supervisor of the AEX-Index family. NYSE Euronext acts as the Compiler and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the index.
Eligible stocks	Companies admitted to listing on Euronext Amsterdam, that fulfil screening criteria regarding (among others) the trading form, classification, minimum price and trading in euro.
Selection	<p>The index family is made up of shares issued by the highest ranking companies in terms of Free Float market capitalization. Eligible companies are required to fulfil the velocity thresholds and minimum free float. The 25 highest ranking companies are included in the AEX, the following 25 are included in the AMX while the remainder is included in the AScX. Within the buffer zone (rankings 24-27) currently included companies are preferred over companies not yet included in each of the indices.</p> <p>The AEXAT consists of all companies included in AEX, AMX or AScX.</p>
Number of constituents	AEX and AMX: 25, AScX: maximum 25, AEXAT: maximum 75
Weighting	Based on Free Float adjusted market capitalization. The Free Float is rounded up to the next multiple of 5%.
Capping	15%
Review of composition	Annual with quarterly fast entry or replacement. Effective after the third Friday of March (annual review), June, September and December.
Review of free float and capping	Annual in March
Review of number of shares	Annual in March
Base Currency	Euro

Note: the factsheet is a summary of the rule book for information purposes only. The text of the rulebook is leading.

Reference Data

Index name	Isincode	Mnemo	Bloomberg Code	Reuters code	Base date	Base value	Publication since
AEX®	NL0000000107	AEX	AEX	.AEX	03-01-83	45.38	03-01-83
AEX® NR	QS0011211156	AEXNR	AEXNR	.AEXNR	03-01-83	45.38	29-12-10
AEX® GR	QS0011131990	AEXGR	RAEX	.AEXGR	03-01-83	45.38	02-09-99
AMX®	NL0000249274	AMX	AMX	.AMX	03-01-83	45.38	04-10-95
AMX® NR	QS0011211164	AMXNR	AMXNR	.AMXNR	03-01-83	45.38	29-12-10
AMX® GR	QS0011204763	AMXGR	RAMX	.AMXGR	03-01-83	45.38	04-10-95
AScX®	NL0000249142	ASCX	ASCX	.ASCX	31-12-04	400	02-03-05
AScX® NR	QS0011211172	ASCXN	ASCXN	.ASCXN	31-12-04	400	29-12-10
AScX® GR	QS0011204995	ASCXG	RASCX	.ASCXGR	31-12-04	400	02-03-05
AEXAT	NL0010614491	AEXAT	AEXAT	AEXAT	31-12-04	400	09-12-13
AEXAT NR	NL0010614509	AEXTN	AEXTN	AEXTN	31-12-04	400	09-12-13
AEXAT GR	NL0010614517	AEXTG	AEXTG	AEXTG	31-12-04	400	09-12-13

Note: The base value of 45.38 was equal to NLG 100 at the time of creation.

2. GOVERNANCE AND DISCLAIMER

2.1 INDICES

This rule book applies to the following indices, hereafter referred to as “index”:

- AEX
- AMX
- AScX
- AEXAT

2.2 SUPERVISOR

The AEX Steering Committee acts as independent supervisor of the index (“Supervisor”). The Supervisor is responsible for monitoring the selection of constituents for the index and ensuring that the index offers a reliable and representative view of the market.

2.3 COMPILER

NYSE Euronext is the compiler of the index (“Compiler”). The Compiler is responsible for the day-to-day management of the index and is also responsible for decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules.

2.4 CASES NOT COVERED IN RULES

In cases which are not expressly covered in these rules, operational adjustments will take place along the lines of the aim of the index. Operational adjustments may also take place if, in the opinion of the Compiler, 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 products based on the index and/or the proper functioning of the markets. The Compiler will report to the Supervisor if it took a decision about a case which is not specifically covered in the rules for comments and review.

2.5 RULE BOOK CHANGES

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 index is compiled or calculated or affect the index in another way. The Compiler will submit all decisions regarding supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing these rules to the Supervisor for recommendations or approval.

2.6 LIABILITY

NYSE Euronext and any partnership or joint venture of which NYSE Euronext is a part, or any subsidiary, parent, subsidiary of a parent (in each case, direct or indirect) or affiliated corporation of NYSE Euronext, including e.g. Euronext NV (hereinafter “NYSE Euronext”), the Compiler and the Supervisor are not liable for any losses resulting from supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing the rules for the index. The Compiler will do everything within its power to ensure the accuracy of the composition, calculation, publication and adjustment of the index in accordance with relevant rules. However, neither NYSE Euronext, nor the Compiler, nor the Supervisor of the index are 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. Furthermore, NYSE Euronext, the Compiler and the Supervisor of the index do not guarantee the continuity of the composition of the index, the continuity of the method of calculation of the index, the continuity of the dissemination of the index levels, and the continuity of the calculation of the index.

2.7 OWNERSHIP AND TRADEMARKS

NYSE Euronext owns all intellectual and other property rights to the index, including the name, the composition and the calculation of the index. AEX®, AEX-Index®, AMX®, AMX-Index® and AScX® are registered trademarks of Euronext N.V. or its subsidiaries.

3. PUBLICATION

3.1 DISSEMINATION OF INDEX VALUES

3.1.1 Opening

The opening level is calculated using the last known prices of traded constituents or in the case of constituents that have non-traded, halted or suspended status, the previous day reference prices or estimated prices (for IPOs, buyouts and swap offers).

The official opening level is the first level published after a share price is available for all constituents. Index levels published before the official opening level is published are considered pre-opening index levels.

If, for whatever reason, share prices are not available for all constituents five minutes after Euronext Markets (as defined in the Euronext harmonised rule book) started regular daytime trading, the official opening level will be published as soon as the companies whose share prices are available of the current trading day represent at least 80% of the value of the index at the close of the previous trading day.

3.1.2 Deviating opening threshold

For the AScX the minimum percentage of companies that are trading is set at 70%.

3.1.3 Calculation and dissemination

The index is calculated based on the most recent prices of transactions concluded on Euronext Markets. The level of the index is in principle published every 15 seconds. The index is calculated from 09:00 hours until Euronext Markets stop regular daytime trading on the days when the Euronext Markets are open for trading.

3.1.4 Closing level

The closing level is the last level disseminated on the trading day.

3.2 EXCEPTIONAL MARKET CONDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

The Compiler retains the right to delay the publication of the opening level of the index. Furthermore, the Compiler retains the right to suspend the publication of the level of the index to mark the level of the index indicative if it believes that circumstances prevent the proper calculation of the index.

If prices are cancelled, the index will not be recalculated unless the Compiler decides otherwise.

If the index remains in pre-opening phase during the entire trading session, the last published pre-opening level of the index will be used as the official closing level of the index for that day. In such cases, the Compiler will not calculate an official opening level for the index.

3.3 ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY

3.3.1 Announcement policy

Changes to the index, its components or its rules will be announced by an index announcement which will be published electronically.

As a rule the announcement periods that are mentioned underneath will be applied. However, urgent treatments or late notices may require the Compiler to deviate from the standard timing.

3.3.2 Inclusion of new constituents

The inclusion of companies in the index will take place at reviews only. See the announcement period hereunder.

3.3.3 Removal of constituents

At least two full trading days should pass between the announcement and the actual removal of the constituent.

3.3.4 Corporate actions

In case of an event that could affect one or more constituents, the Compiler will inform the market about the intended treatment of the event in the index shortly after the firm details have become available and have been confirmed. Once the corporate action has been effectuated, the Compiler will confirm the changes in a separate announcement.

3.3.5 Rule changes

Barring exception, a period of at least two months should pass between the date a proposed change is published and the date this comes into effect. Exceptions can be made only if the change is not in conflict with the interests of an affected party.

3.3.6 Reviews: publication of new selection

The decisions of the Supervisor are published at least two weeks before the effective date of the review. This includes changes to the selection and preliminary Free Float factors.

The new selection of the index, their Free Float factors, number of shares and capping factors will be announced at least two trading days before the effective date, normally Wednesday after the close.

In the event of a takeover or other exceptional circumstances, the Compiler has the right to revise the selection from the time the announcement is published up to the close of the markets (including the trading-at-last phase) on the day when the review takes place.

3.3.7 Supervisor decisions

All decisions will be published without delay following the decision (after market close).

4. CALCULATION

4.1 CALCULATION OF THE PRICE INDEX

The index is calculated on a price return basis. The calculation is based on the current Free Float (see section 8. Definitions) market capitalization divided by the divisor. The divisor was determined on the initial capitalization base of the index and the base level. The divisor is adapted as a result of corporate actions and composition changes.

4.2 CURRENCY CONVERSION

The base currency of the index is Euro ("Base Currency").

Share prices that are quoted in other currencies than the Base Currency will be converted to the Base Currency using the last known exchange rate observed on Reuters. Closing prices will be converted based on the most recent WM/Reuters spot rates, which are published each business day around 17:00 CET.

4.3 TOTAL RETURN INDEX CALCULATION

4.3.1 Return indices

A net total return index as well as a gross total return index, is calculated and disseminated at the same frequency as the price index. The return indices are obtained by reinvesting the net and gross dividends respectively.

4.3.2 Withholding tax rate

The net dividend is calculated as the gross dividend minus the applicable withholding tax. A table detailing the percentages that are applied is available on the website of NYSE Euronext.

4.3.3 Ordinary dividends in shares

If a dividend is distributed in the form of shares only and if this is regarded as ordinary dividend, the return index will be reinvesting a cash equivalent of the dividend. If shareholders may choose between cash or shares the amount which is reinvested will be based on the cash option.

4.3.4 Conversion of dividends declared in other currencies

If a dividend for a constituent is declared in another currency than the Base Currency of the index, then the Compiler will in first instance use the Base Currency amount if investors have the option to be paid in that currency. If the dividend amount is available only in currencies that deviate from the Base Currency, the Compiler will convert the dividend amount using the reference rate for the cum-day (the business day prior to the ex-date). In principle the reference rate will be based on the foreign exchange reference rates as published daily by the ECB.

5. INDEX REVIEWS

5.1 GENERAL AIM AND FREQUENCY OF REVIEWS

5.1.1 General aim of the periodical review

The general aim of the periodical review of the index is to ensure that the selection and weighting of the constituents continues to reflect the underlying market or market segment it represents.

5.1.2 Effective date of reviews

The reviews become effective after the market close of the third Friday of March (the annual review), June, September and December (quarterly reviews).

5.2 INDEX UNIVERSE AND SELECTION PRINCIPLE

5.2.1 Index universe

The universe of the index is defined as companies that have been admitted to listing on Euronext Amsterdam. Eligible companies are:

- I. Companies with Euronext Amsterdam as Market of Reference (as defined in the Euronext harmonised rule book); and
- II. Companies with a Market of Reference other than Euronext Amsterdam that may enter based on the presence of
 - business assets in the Netherlands representing at least 33% of total consolidated balance sheet, or
 - head-office activities in the Netherlands representing at least 33% of total consolidated balance sheet or turnover, or
 - employment numbers of staff in the Netherlands representing at least 15% of the consolidated group;

These criteria may be relaxed if the case is supported by:

- Related derivative instruments on the local market ranking among the top 30 in terms of open interest; or
- History of inclusion in indices (for recognizable parts of the company).

- III. Current constituent companies with a Market of Reference other than Euronext Amsterdam, that may continue to be included at each annual review based on a check in accordance with the following procedure:
 - 1) Business assets, head-office activities and numbers of staff in the Netherlands will have to meet the following minimum percentages: 20%, 20% and 10% respectively (regarding at least one of the criteria as defined under II.);
 - 2) If the data lead to the conclusion that a company no longer meets the minimum criteria, this will be communicated (privately) with the company before 31 January of any year. The company will have a possibility to react on the analysis and to provide additional facts that might be relevant within two weeks.
 - 3) The Supervisor will decide on the eligibility based on the analysis of the Compiler, the additional facts provided by the company and trading data regarding related derivative instruments. Moreover the Supervisor has the discretionary power to maintain a constituent in spite of not fulfilling the criteria if, to the judgment of the Supervisor, this is in the interest of the participants of the capital market in Amsterdam.

The decisions regarding eligibility will be published at least two weeks before the effective date of the annual review.

5.2.2 Exclusion of constituents

The shares of the following companies are not eligible for the index:

- a. Investment instruments classified as sector 8900 in conformity with the ICB classification system as well as other Equity Investment Instruments or Non-Equity Investment Instruments classified as subsector 8775 that do not have any business or have any assets other than future plans to obtain equity stakes;
- b. Holding companies of companies admitted to listing on Euronext Amsterdam;
- c. Companies whose shares are subject to a special listing regime;
- d. Shares quoted in currencies other than Euro.
- e. Companies whose closing prices are on average below €1,- during the three months before the Review Date. For current included companies in the AEX family the threshold is €0,50. The closing prices will be adjusted in case of (reverse) splits that are announced before the publication of the final selection.
- f. Other companies or institutions as determined by the Compiler. When excluding companies from the AEX index family, the Compiler will take into account the tradability and the settlement of the shares issued by the company in question. When determining the tradability of a company's shares, the frequency with which the shares are traded will be decisive. When settlement is assessed, the extent to which short positions can be taken and settled in a company's shares will be decisive.

5.2.3 Selection basis

Companies are selected based on the free float adjusted market capitalization on the Review Date.

Companies admitted to listing less than 40 trading days before the Review Date can enter the index based on rule 5.2.6 only.

NUMBER OF SHARES

As a rule the number of shares that is taken for the selection is based on the number of shares listed on the Review Date. Shares coming from rights issues before the Review Date that are certain to be listed will also be taken into account.

FREE FLOAT PERCENTAGES FOR SELECTION PURPOSES AND MINIMUM FREE FLOAT

The free float percentages applied for the selection ranking and velocity calculation at each review are based on the most recent available free float percentage known on the Review Date. Free float factors applied in the index calculation are updated at the annual review; see 5.3.

At least 15% of the shares listed by the company should be freely available for trading ("Free Float" – see section 8. Definitions) on Euronext Amsterdam. The free float percentage is rounded up to the nearest multiple of 5%.

FREE FLOAT VELOCITY

The shares of a company must have a free float velocity of at least 25% (10% for current constituents). In other words, their Regulated Trading Volume (see 8. Definitions) should represent at least 25% of the total number of listed shares available for trading (free float), calculated over the course of the full 12 months relevant for the review. Velocity is calculated on a daily basis by dividing the number of shares traded by the number of shares listed. These daily figures are added up to calculate the annual free float velocity. For the AScX-index the threshold is 15% (10% for current constituents).

If Regulated Trading Volume in shares for a particular company is not available for the entire period of 12 months, the velocity will be extrapolated to the entire period. When determining a share's velocity, the Regulated Trading Volume during the first twenty trading days after the company was admitted to listing will not be taken into consideration.

In the event of a spin-off, a split up or a similar corporate event, the Regulated Trading Volume before the corporate event will be assigned to the companies resulting from the corporate event based on the ratio of

the corporate event. The Regulated Trading Volume will be assigned if a spun-off division is listed as an independent company.

5.2.4 Selection of constituents at the annual review (in March)

Eligible companies are ranked according to free float market capitalization provided that they fulfil the velocity and Free Float requirements.

For the AEX-Index the 23 highest ranking companies will be selected. Furthermore the two highest ranking companies from those ranking 24th until 27th are selected whereby current constituents are preferred over companies that aren't part of the index at the moment.

For the AMX-Index the 23 highest ranking companies not included in the AEX-Index will be selected. Furthermore the two highest ranking companies from those ranking 24th until 27th are selected whereby current constituents are preferred over companies that aren't part of the index at the moment.

For the AScX-Index the 23 highest ranking companies not included in the AEX-Index or AMX-Index will be selected. Furthermore the two highest ranking companies from those ranking 24th until 27th are selected whereby current constituents are preferred over companies that aren't part of the index at the moment. If fewer than 25 companies qualify for selection in the AScX, the index will consist of fewer than 25 companies. Companies that fail to qualify for the AEX or AMX due to their free float velocity and that are larger in terms of free float market capitalization than the 20th ranking company in the AMX will not be entered in the AScX.

The AEXAT consists of all companies included in AEX, AMX or AScX.

5.2.5 Selection of constituents at the quarterly reviews (in June, September and December)

Eligible companies are ranked based on the size in terms of free float adjusted market capitalization on the Review Date. The ranking consists of current included eligible companies as well as non-included eligible companies that fulfil the velocity and free float requirements.

Non constituent companies may be added to the index at the occasion of the quarterly review if they rank 15 or higher. For the AMX-Index and AScX-Index the free float market capitalization should not exceed the free float market capitalization of the highest ranking company in the index as it is constituted on the Review Date (the last trading day of January/ April/ July/ October, see section 8. Definitions).

Furthermore the highest ranking non constituent company will be added if the index consists of fewer than 25 constituents.

Should the index consist of more than 25 companies after the addition of high ranking non constituents or due to a split up or similar situation, then the lowest ranking current constituent(s) will be selected for removal in order to bring the number of constituents down to 25.

If the index consists of 25 constituents and no company qualifies for entry based on its ranking or based on rule 5.2.6, no rebalancing will take place.

The AEXAT consists of all companies included in AEX, AMX or AScX.

5.2.6 Fast entry based on Free Float market capitalization (AEX only)

Companies listed less than 40 trading days and whose ranking based on Free Float market capitalization is 15 or higher and that are not included pursuant to article 5.2.4 or 5.2.5 will be added to the index. The Supervisor may decide not to include the Company based on this Free Float market capitalization ranking in case of:

- (a) Admission to listing on other markets than Euronext; and/or
- (b) Free Float market capitalization ranking clearly below 15 on the date when the Supervisor decides regarding the review; and/or
- (c) Indications that the company will not fulfil the velocity and free float criteria, based on available trading data.

If a company is selected based on this rule, the lowest ranking current constituent may be selected for removal in order to bring the number of constituents to 25. The removed company will be added to the AMX-index, which in turn might lead to the transfer of the lowest ranking company from the AMX-index to the AScX-index and subsequent removal of the lowest ranking company in that index if this is necessary to bring the AEX, AMX and AScX indices to a maximum of 25 constituents.

5.2.7 Selected line

As only one listing – the most active one - is permitted per company, the listing representing the company's ordinary shares is generally used.

5.3 PERIODICAL UPDATE OF WEIGHTING

5.3.1 Update of number of shares

At annual reviews, the number of shares included in the index will be updated with the current number of shares listed.

5.3.2 Free Float

The Free Float factors used for the calculation of the index are reviewed annually in March. Free Float is rounded up to the next 5% bracket and determined on the basis of the information available at the Review Date. The publication of the Free Float factors will follow the procedure described in 3.3.6. Free Float factors are not updated at quarterly reviews for companies that continue to be included in an index.

5.3.3 Capping

A maximum weighting of 15% is applied to each index constituent at the annual review. The assessment and new capping coefficients are based on the new composition in combination with the closing prices of the two trading days before the review is carried out, normally the Wednesday. Capping factors are not updated at quarterly reviews for companies that continue to be included in an index.

5.3.4 Companies added at the quarterly review

For companies, if any, to be added to an index at the quarterly review, the weightings in terms of number of shares in the index, Free Float and capping factors, are determined and published based on the situation as of the last 2 trading days prior to the review effective date, normally the Wednesday. The weight of companies that are added is subject to a maximum of 15%.

6. CORPORATE ACTIONS

6.1 GENERAL

The index may be adjusted in order to maintain the continuity of the index level and the composition. The underlying aim is that the index continues to reflect as closely as possible the value of the underlying portfolio.

Adjustments take place in reaction to events that occur with constituents in order to mitigate or eliminate the effect of that event on the index.

6.2 REMOVAL OF CONSTITUENTS

A constituent will be removed from the index if it has appeared that the liquid trading will be significantly affected due to a takeover, merger, bankruptcy or similar situations. In case of a takeover that is paid primarily in shares the constituent may be replaced by the acquiring company.

If a company is removed from the index, the divisor will be adapted to maintain the index level.

6.2.1 Mergers and acquisitions

If a constituent is subject to a takeover offer, a merger, an acquisition, liquidation, bankruptcy filing or a similar situation or has in the opinion of the Compiler ceased to be a viable constituent as defined by the rules, the constituent in question will either be removed or will be replaced by the acquiring company.

Replacement will occur provided that the bid is paid in shares and that the acquiring company meets the inclusion criteria of the index. In case of a mixed bid of cash and shares the Compiler will treat the bid as a share bid if the share part amounts to at least 75% of the offer price, on the day of the publication of the terms of the offer. The replacement of the shares of the relevant index constituent by the shares of the company that continues to be traded will be executed on the basis of the bid ratio. The divisor will be adapted only for the cash part of the offer price.

The removal or replacement will take place with effect from the first business day following the acceptance of the bid provided that the acceptance has been made public before the close of regular daytime trading on Euronext Markets.

The Compiler retains the right to impose additional conditions for removal if after the acceptance of the bid the Free Float remains higher than 25% or if the Free Float market capitalization of the constituent in question exceeds the smallest other current constituent of the index in terms of Free Float market capitalization.

6.2.2 Delistings, suspensions and company distress

If a constituent is suspended or if its shares are subject to a special listing regime, the Compiler will consider whether the constituent should be removed on the understanding that a transitional period with a maximum of three months may be observed. When a constituent is removed following suspension, it will be removed at its suspension price unless otherwise decided by the Compiler.

If a constituent will be delisted from Euronext, it will be removed from the index as soon as possible and on a day announced by the Compiler.

The company will be deleted from the index based on either the last known price established during regular daytime trading or else a price determined by the Compiler, whereby the company may also be deleted at EUR 0.

6.2.3 Pricing sources

In the event that the trading in shares is suspended, the last known price established during regular daytime trading will be used.

6.3 SPLIT UP / SPIN-OFF

In the event that a company included in the index is split up, the companies resulting from the split, including the original company where appropriate will continue to be included in the index providing they

still qualify as an eligible company in their own right. The index may then temporarily consist of fewer than, or more than its standard number of constituents until the next periodical review takes place.

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.

In case the shareholder of the company which was originally included in the index does not automatically receive shares in a company which is created as a result of the split up, this company is considered to be a newly listed company.

The removal of any non-qualifying company resulting from a split up will take place after the close of the first day of trading in the shares of that company. If all companies resulting from the split are to be removed, the removal will take place at the close of the last trading day before the split.

6.4 EARLY INCLUSION OF NON-CONSTITUENTS

As a rule newly listed companies are considered for inclusion in the index at the time of the periodical index rebalancing.

6.5 DIVIDENDS

6.5.1 Distinction ordinary and special dividend

The price index will be adjusted for dividends that are special.

The following criteria will be applied to decide whether a dividend should be considered a special dividend:

- a) The declaration of 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, no adjustment will be made for the following situations:

1. Payment of ordinary dividends, irrespective of how they are financed;
2. Issue of redeemable shares or any other entitlement in lieu of an ordinary dividend; or
3. Unexpected increase or decrease, resumption or cessation, or change in frequency to an ordinary dividend.

6.5.2 Adjustment for special dividend

The adjustment of the index takes place by a reduction of the closing price of the share in question. Subsequently the divisor will be adapted in order to maintain the index level. The adjustments will be based on gross amounts.

6.6 RIGHTS ISSUES AND OTHER RIGHTS

In the event of a rights issue the new shares will be included in the index on the ex-date of the rights issue and an adjusted closing price will be applied as calculated by the Compiler. The adjustment will be made based on the shares currently in the index. The divisor will be adapted in such a way that the level of the index remains the same.

The new shares are only added if less than 0.4 share is issued for every share that is currently held and if the new shares are fungible with the existing line of shares (e.g. no dividend disadvantage). Otherwise the index is adjusted based on the value of the rights only.

The index will be adjusted only if the rights represent a positive value.

The index will also be adjusted if a value can be attributed to a subscription right for convertible bonds, bonds with warrants or warrants with preferential rights for shareholders or similar situations.

6.7 BONUS ISSUES, STOCK SPLITS AND REVERSE STOCK SPLITS

For bonus issues, stock splits and reverse stock splits, the number of shares included in the index will be adjusted in accordance with the ratio given in the corporate action. The divisor will not be changed because of this. The Compiler may regard a bonus issue as the issue of an entitlement in lieu of an ordinary dividend and therefore treat this in accordance with 6.5.1.

6.8 CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SHARES OR FREE FLOAT

In between the annual reviews the number of shares included in the index and Free Float factors will remain unchanged.

7. INDEX CALCULATION FORMULAS

The general formula for the **price index** is:

$$I_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N Q_{i,t} F_{i,t} f_{i,t} C_{i,t} X_{i,t}}{d_t}$$

Where:

- t Time of calculation
- N Number of constituent equities in index
- $Q_{i,t}$ Number of shares of equity i included in the index on day t
- $F_{i,t}$ Free Float factor of equity i ¹
- $f_{i,t}$ Capping factor of equity i ¹
- $C_{i,t}$ Price of equity i on t
- $X_{i,t}$ Current exchange rate on t ¹
- d_t Divisor of the index on day t

The **total return index** calculation takes two steps: the first step is to transpose the announced dividend payment into index points. This is called the XD adjustment. This uses the following formula:

$$\text{XD adjustment} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{g_i * w_i}{d}$$

Where:

- N Number of constituent equities in index
- g_i The announced dividend per share of the i^{th} component stock (for net return index withholding tax is deducted from this dividend);
- w_i The weighting of the i^{th} component stock in the index, based on number of shares included in the index, Free Float factor, capping factor and exchange rate;
- d Divisor of the index.

The second step of the calculation uses the figures calculated in step one (XD adjustment). The dividend is assumed to be reinvested at the close of the ex-date.

$$\text{TR}_t = \text{TR}_{t-1} \left(\frac{\text{IV}_t + \text{XD}}{\text{IV}_{t-1}} \right)$$

Where:

- TR_{t-1} : Total return index value yesterday;
- TR_t : Total return index value on t;
- IV_{t-1} : Underlying price index yesterday;
- IV_t : Underlying price index on t;

¹ Factor is equal to 1 if not applied for the index

8. DEFINITIONS

8.1 FREE FLOAT

Free Float is defined as the outstanding capital less shareholdings exceeding 5%, except where such interests are held by

- a. collective investment schemes/mutual funds or
- b. pension funds.

In addition, certain insider holdings (e.g. shares held by directors, employees, founders and family), government holdings and holdings of the company itself (including subsidiaries) are not considered Free Float, irrespective of the size.

The Free Float percentages are rounded up to 5% bands.

8.2 AEX STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee consisting of independent persons which acts as supervisor to the AEX index family and to which all decisions regarding supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing these rules are submitted for approval. The composition and responsibilities of the AEX Steering Committee are laid down in the Rules of Procedure document that is available on the website.

8.3 COMPILER

Committee of NYSE Euronext officials appointed by NYSE Euronext.

8.4 REVIEW DATE

The cut-off date which is relevant for the assessment regarding inclusions and exclusions and for the determination of Free Float adjustment factors. The Review Date of the index is the last trading day of the month prior to the full month that passed before the review effective date. This means that when the review is effective after the first trading day of March, the review day will be the last trading day of January.

8.5 REGULATED TURNOVER AND REGULATED TRADING VOLUME

Regulated Turnover consists of value of turnover traded via the Euronext electronic order book as well as the value of turnover from off-exchange transactions within the scope of Euronext's regulatory environment, such as block trades and the like.