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CREDIT SUISSE VOLATILITY TARGET INDICES

INDEX DESCRIPTION & RISK DISCLOSURE

Below are some of the risks associated with an investment linked to the Index. Investors should note that these do not purport to be a complete explanation of all the risks associated with an investment linked to the Index. Prior to entering into a transaction, each investor should perform their own independent analysis of the risks associated with the Index and whether the investment is suitable for him/her in light of his/her experience, objectives, financial position and other relevant circumstances. Investors may also wish to consult with their own legal, regulatory, tax, financial and/or accounting advisors as necessary.

Defined terms used but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Index Rules relating to the Index. Such rules are, subject to execution of a non-disclosure agreement, available upon request. References to Credit Suisse herein are to Credit Suisse International and/or its affiliates.

INDEX DESCRIPTION

The Credit Suisse Cross Velocity Fund Index (the "**Index**") is a rules-based index that measures the rate of return of a Credit Suisse International proprietary strategy (the "**Strategy**") which aims to provide a diversified exposure to equities, fixed income and high yield. The Strategy offers:

- A notional exposure to 9 mutual funds through exposure to the Base Index. For more details see section: Assets Included in the Index and Base Index.
- A volatility control mechanism that adjusts the exposure between the Base Index and a notional cash deposit. For more detail see section: Volatility Control Methodology.
- A momentum effect which rebalances the Base Index Components Weight depending on their past performance every three months. For more detail see section: Momentum Effect.

The Index is constructed on "notional" investments and described as a "synthetic portfolio" as there is no actual asset held in respect of the Index. The Index simply reflects a trading strategy, calculated using the value of assumed investments in each of the relevant components.

The Index, and by extension, the Base Index, measures the rate of return of a hypothetical portfolio consisting of long positions in the Base Index Component, as specified in "Table 1: Base Index Component". Long positions refer to the practice of buying an asset with the intention of subsequently selling it at a later stage.

The Index can include "leveraged" exposure to the asset classes. Leverage refers to the practice of using financial derivatives or debt to amplify returns, by allocating more than 100% of the Index to the asset classes. The Volatility Control Weight (as defined below) of the Base Index is capped at 200% (see Section: Volatility Control Methodology below).

The Index is constructed as an "**Excess Return**" asset. Excess Return means that the level of the Index is determined net of the cost of funding and/or borrowing a hypothetical investor would incur investing in the notional assets that make up the Base Index. The construction of the Index as an Excess Return asset also means that the level of the Index will not take into account any exposure to the notional cash deposit as a result of the volatility control mechanism.

The Index implements a mechanism of risk control based on its "volatility". Volatility is a measure of the variation of the level/ price of an asset over time, as further described in Section: Volatility Control Methodology.

The methodology of the Index is reviewed by a committee whose membership comprises representatives from different functions within the Index Sponsor and which has responsibility for overseeing the role of the Index Sponsor and Index Calculation Agent under the Index Rules (the "**Index Committee**") where market disruption, general disruption and/or extraordinary events are determined to occur with respect to the Index and may also be reviewed periodically as part of the Index Sponsor's annual index review process,

Main roles

Credit Suisse International is the sponsor of the Index (the "**Index Sponsor**"). The Index Sponsor also acts as the administrator (the "**Index Administrator**") of the 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 "retained EU law", as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as amended ("**EUWA**") (the "**UK BMR**").

The Index Sponsor makes various determinations in accordance with the Index Rules. Representatives of the Index Sponsor comprise the Index Committee.

The Index Administrator may make any change or modification to the Index and/or the Index Rules which may be necessary or desirable for the purposes of ensuring compliance by the Index Administrator with its obligations under the UK BMR or any additional benchmarks legislation or regulation applicable in the United Kingdom.

Credit Suisse International, acting through its Risk Department is the calculation agent for the Index (the "**Index Calculation Agent**"). The Risk Department is segregated from the sales, trading, structuring and other front office businesses of Credit Suisse International. The Index Calculation Agent will, in accordance with the Index Rules, calculate and publish the value of the Index (the "**Index Value**") in respect of each day on which the Index is scheduled to be published (each an "**Index Calculation Day**").

All calculations, determinations and exercises of discretion made by the Index Sponsor or the Index Calculation Agent will be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner and (where there is a corresponding applicable regulatory obligation) shall take into account whether fair treatment is achieved by any such calculation, determination and exercise of discretion in accordance with its applicable regulatory obligations.

Assets Included in the Index

The Index measures the rate of return of a hypothetical portfolio consisting of a notional investment to the Base Index (the "**Index Component**") and an amount held in cash (the "**Cash Component**") in respect of any amounts not invested in the Base Index. The Base Index measures the performance of a notional investment in a synthetic portfolio consisting of 9 assets (each a **"Base Index Component"** and collectively the **"Base Index Components"**) as specified in Table 1: Base Index Components and an amount in the Cash Component.

Table 1: Base Index Component

i	Base Index Components	Bloomberg Ticker	Currency	Asset Type	Return Type	Value	Strategy
1	GAM Star Credit Opportunities EUR	GAMSCOE ID Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	Fixed Income
2	Jupiter JGF - Dynamic Bond	JUPLEUR LX Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	Fixed Income
3	Nomura Funds Ireland plc - Global Dynamic Bond Fund	NGDBAEH ID Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	Fixed Income
4	Schroder ISF EURO High Yield	SCIEHYA LX Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	High Yield

5	BlueBay Global High Yield Bond Fund	BBGHYRE LX Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	High Yield
6	AXA World Funds - US Dynamic High Yield Bonds	AUDAHRA LX Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	High Yield
7	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Global Consumer Trends	RGCCGED LX Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	Equity
8	BlackRock Global Funds - World Technology Fund	MLWOTEE LX Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	Equity
9	AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio	ALLHCFE LX Equity	EUR	Mutual Fund	Total Return	Net Asset Value	Equity

Table 2: Base Index Component Weight and Costs

i	Initial Weight	Holding Fee	Fee-In	Fee-Out
1	60%	0%	0%	0%
2	0%	0%	0%	0%
3	0%	0%	0%	0%
4	30%	0%	0%	0%
5	0%	0%	0%	0%
6	0%	0%	0%	0%
7	0%	0%	0%	0%
8	10%	0%	0%	0%
9	0%	0%	0%	0%

Index Methodology

Index

The Index measures the rate of return of a hypothetical portfolio consisting of:

- A notional investment to the Base Index, as described in Section: Base Index;
- A notional investment in the Cash Component in respect of any amounts not invested in the Base Index.

The allocation mechanism between the Base Index and the Cash Component is further described in Section: Volatility Control Methodology.

The Index is denominated in EUR (the "**Base Currency**") and is calculated net of 3.00% per annum Index Fee. Apart from the Index Fee described above, the Index does not incorporate any additional transaction costs or access costs that will be deducted from the Index Value.

The Index does not incorporate any transaction costs.

The Index is constructed as an Excess Return Index and consequently, any exposure of the Index to the Cash Component as result of the volatility control mechanism will not be taken into account when determining the actual Index Value.

Base Index

The Base Index is a weighted basket of the Base Index Components, which measures the total rate of return of a notional investment in a synthetic portfolio consisting of nine Base Index Components which are mutual funds.

The effective weight of each Base Index Component (each a "**Weight**" and combined, the "**Weights**") will be initially set to the Initial Weight, as specified in Table 2: Base Index Components Initial Weight and Costs, under the column entitled "**Initial Weight**". Such Weights determine the notional exposure of the Base Index to each Base Index Component. As the daily performance of each Base Index Component fluctuates, the effective weight of each Base Index Component will vary from the Initial Weight as the positive or negative performance of each Base Index Component is factored into the Index Value. Following the Index Start Date, on the 1st Index Calculation Day of March, June, September and December (each an "**Index Rebalancing Day**"), the Weight of each Base Index Component will be determined following the rules as specified in Momentum Effect section.

The Base Index is denominated in EUR (the "**Base Currency**").

The Base Index does not incorporate any access costs or transaction costs.

The Base Index is constructed as an Excess Return asset. With respect to any Base Index Component defined as Total Return, as specified in Table 1: Base Index Component, under the column entitled "**Return Type**", the relevant funding cost, being the aggregate of the Funding Rate and the Funding Spread in the relevant currency, as specified in Table 3: Funding Rate, under the columns entitled "**Funding Rate**" and "**Funding Spread**", (each a "**Funding Component**", and together the "**Funding Components**") will be deducted from the Base Index Component return to derive the return of such Base Index Component.

Table 3: Funding Rate

Currency	Funding Rate	Funding Basis	Funding Spread
EUR	The rate for deposits of three months in EUR as displayed on Reuters page EURIBOR01	360	0.00%

Volatility Control Methodology

The Index targets a volatility level below/at or around 4.5% (the "**Volatility Control**") by allocating its exposure to the Base Index, based on the realised volatility (the "**Realised Volatility**") of the Base Index (calculated as the maximum of the Realised Volatility over the preceding 20 and 60 Index Calculation Days). The target volatility controlled weight assigned to the Base Index (the "**Target Volatility Control Weight**") on any Index Calculation Day is equal to the ratio of the Volatility Control to the Realised Volatility of the Base Index calculated in respect of the Index Calculation Day falling 2 Index Calculation Days prior to such day. Realised volatility is calculated formulaically with reference to the magnitude of daily movements (in either direction) for the Base Index. For example, the Base Index would have a higher realized volatility if its level moved by 2% each day than if its level only moved by 0.50% each day. The weight assigned to the Base Index (the "**Volatility Control Weight**") on any Index Calculation Day is equal to either:

- The Target Volatility Control Weight, if the Target Volatility Control Weight is different from the previous Index Calculation Day's Volatility Control Weight by more than 5%, capped at 200%; or
- The Volatility Control Weight applied in respect of the previous Index Calculation Day.

Momentum Effect

On each Index Rebalancing Day, the Weight of each Base Index Component is determined depending on its past performance and the specific Strategy to which it is assigned. The initial assignment of each Base Index Component to a given Strategy (being 'Equity', 'High Yield' or 'Fixed Income') has been determined by the Index Sponsor on the basis of the strategic profile of a given Base Index Component. On the 1st Index Calculation Day of March, June, September and December of each year (each a "**Momentum Factor Determination Day**"), the performance of each Base Index Component over the period between the preceding Momentum Factor Determination Day and the current Momentum Factor Determination Day is determined. Each Base Index Component that shares the same Strategy is then ranked in descending order – with the best performing Base Index Component among that Strategy being ranked first:

- The best performing Base Index Component within each Strategy will have a Weight of: (i) 36% if its assigned Strategy is 'Fixed Income', (ii) 18% if its assigned Strategy is 'High Yield'; and (iii) 6% if its assigned Strategy is 'Equity'.
- The second best performing Base Index Component within each Strategy will have a Weight of: (i) 18% if its assigned Strategy is 'Fixed Income', (ii) 9% if its assigned Strategy is 'High Yield'; and (iii) 3% if its assigned Strategy is 'Equity'.
- The third best performing Base Index Component within each Strategy will have a Weight of: (i) 6% if its assigned Strategy is 'Fixed Income', (ii) 3% if its assigned Strategy is 'High Yield'; and (iii) 1% if its assigned Strategy is 'Equity'.

In instances where two or more Base Index Components sharing the same Strategy are equally ranked on any Momentum Factor Determination Date, the Weight assigned to each Base Index Component within the same Strategy shall be as follows:

(i) 20% for each Base Index Component if its assigned Strategy is 'Fixed Income';
(ii) 10% for each Base Index Component if its assigned Strategy is 'High Yield'; and
(iii) 3.33% for each Base Index Component if its assigned Strategy is 'Equity'.

The aforementioned Weights will be applied to the Base Index Components on the Index Rebalancing Day immediately following the Momentum Factor Determination Date.

For example, if on a Momentum Factor Determination Day, the Base Index Component 1 (GAM Star Credit Opportunities EUR) is determined to have the best performance among the other Base Index Components whose assigned Strategy is also 'Fixed Income', Base Index Component 1 will have a Weight of 36%, to be applied on the immediately following Index Rebalancing Day.

GENERAL RISKS

Historical or hypothetical performance of the Index is not an indication of future performance

The historical or hypothetical performance of the Index should not be taken as an indication of the future performance of the Index. The level of the Index may fluctuate significantly. It is impossible to predict whether the level, value or price of the Index will fall or rise during the term of your investment. Past performance is not a guarantee or an indication of future returns.

No operating history

The Index has limited operating history with no proven track record in achieving the stated investment objective. No assurance can be given that the allocation will perform in line with market benchmark, and the Index could underperform market benchmark and/or decline.

No assurance of performance

No assurance can be provided that any strategy on which an Index is based will be successful or that the Index will outperform any alternative strategy that might be used in respect of the same or similar investment objectives.

Notional exposure

The Index is constructed on "notional" investments and there is no actual portfolio of assets to which any person is entitled or in respect of which any person has any direct or indirect ownership interest. The Index simply reflects a rules-based proprietary trading strategy, the performance of which is used as a reference point for the purposes of calculating the level of the Index. Investors in products which are linked to the Index will not have a claim in respect of any of the components of the Index.

Publication of the Index

The Index level, in respect of an Index Calculation Day, is scheduled to be published on the immediately following Index Calculation Day. In certain circumstances such publication may be delayed.

The Index relies on external data and data sources

The Index relies on data from external data providers and data sources which have been selected and pre-defined by Credit Suisse International ("Credit Suisse" or "CS") as Index Sponsor in an internal database maintained by the Credit Suisse. The Index Sponsor may change the data providers and the data sources from time to time in accordance with its internal governance procedures provided that any new data provider or data source meets its requirements. While Credit Suisse intends to use well established and reputable providers, there is a risk that this data may be inaccurate, delayed or not up to date. There is also a risk that while the data is accurate, the data feed to Credit Suisse is impaired. Such impairment to either the data or the data feed could affect the performance or continued operability of the Index. The risk of such impairment may be borne by investors in products linked to the Index and Credit Suisse may decide not to subsequently revise the Index (except where such impairment is caused by CS's negligence, fraud or wilful default). There is also a risk to the continuity of the Index in the event that the Index Sponsor ceases to exist. In the event that certain external data is not available, Credit Suisse as calculation agent for the Index may determine the necessary data in order to maintain the continuity of the Index.

The Index relies on Credit Suisse infrastructure and electronic systems

The Index relies on Credit Suisse infrastructure and electronic systems (including internal data feeds). Any breakdown or impairment to such infrastructure or electronic systems could affect the performance or continued operability of the Index. The risk of such breakdown or impairment shall be borne by investors in products linked to the Index unless except when caused by CS's negligence, fraud or wilful default. Neither Credit Suisse nor its affiliates shall be under any liability to account for any loss or damage incurred by any person in connection with any change to, removal of or operational risks generated by the Index or its strategy except when caused by CS's negligence, fraud or wilful default.

Amendments to the Index Rules; Base Index Component Substitution; Withdrawal of the Index

The Index Sponsor may in consultation with the Index Calculation Agent and the Index Committee (who are also part of the Credit Suisse Group AG), supplement, amend (in whole or in part), revise, rebalance or withdraw the Index at any time if either (a) there is any event or circumstance that in the determination of the Index Sponsor makes it impossible or impracticable to calculate the Index pursuant to the Index Rules (b) a change to the Index Rules is required to address an error, ambiguity or omission, (c) the Index Sponsor determines that an Extraordinary Event has occurred, or (d) the Index Sponsor determines that a Fund Disruption Event has occurred.

Following any withdrawal of the Index the Index Sponsor may, but is not obliged to do so, replace the Index with a successor index and/or replace the Strategy with a similar successor strategy or an entirely new strategy at any time, as it deems appropriate in its discretion.

A supplement, amendment, revision or rebalancing may lead to a change in the way the Index is calculated or constructed and this may, in turn, affect the performance of the Index. Such changes may include, without limitation, substitution of a Base Index Component, or changes to the Index Strategy.

Extraordinary Events include (at a general level) any of the following events or circumstances, which in the case of (a) to (e) have had or will have a material effect on the Index:

a) A change to the liquidity, the trading volume, the terms or listing of any Base Index Component;
b) A change in, or interpretation of, any applicable law or regulation;
c) Any event or circumstance such that the value of a Base Index Component is deemed unreliable;
d) A Base Index Component is permanently discontinued or otherwise unavailable;

e) A change in the method by which the value of a Base Index Component is calculated;
f) Any event that has a material adverse effect on the ability of the Index Sponsor (or any of its affiliates) to establish, maintain, value, rebalance or unwind a hedge position (which may include physical investments or entering into derivatives, including futures contracts or OTC derivatives) in relation to an investment product linked to the Index; or
g) Any other event which, either (i) has a material adverse impact on the ability of the Index Calculation Agent, Index Sponsor to perform its duties, or (ii) serves to frustrate or affect the purpose or aims of the Index Strategy, or (iii) the overall notional amount of products linked to the Index falls to a size which renders the continuation of the Index economically unviable for the Index Sponsor.

With respect to a Base Index Component which is a mutual fund, Fund Disruption Event includes (at a general level) any of the following events or circumstances:
a) A fund manager or any affiliate breached an agreement with the Index Sponsor;
b) A cross-contamination or other failure to segregate effectively assets between different classes, series or sub-funds of a fund;
c) A fund or fund service provider becomes insolvent;
d) A fund modification including (i) any change in a fund prospectus which could alter the value, right or remedies or investment strategy of such fund, (ii) any change to the legal constitution or management of a fund which materially alters the nature of the fund of the fund, manager in relation to the fund or (iii) the fund manager imposes fees or new dealing rules;
e) A significant reduction to the aggregate net asset value of a fund;
f) A significant reduction to the aggregate net asset value of a fund manager;
g) A fund loses its applicable license or authorisation;
h) A regulatory action including (i) the cancellation, suspension or revocation of the registration or approval of a fund or service provider, (ii) any change in the legal, tax, accounting, or regulatory treatments of the fund or its fund manager, or (iii) the fund or any of its service providers becoming subject to any investigation, arbitration, regulatory action, government action, proceeding or litigation for any activities relating to or resulting from the operation of the fund or service provider;
i) Any event affecting a fund that would make it impossible or impracticable to determine the value or the risk profile of such fund; or
j) Any breach or violation of any strategy or investment restriction, or a change in the risk profile of a fund.

Discretion of the Index Sponsor

The Index Rules provide Credit Suisse in its capacity as Index Sponsor the discretion to make certain calculations, determinations, and amendments from time to time (for example, on the occurrence of an Index Disruption Event as described below). While such discretion will be exercised in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner, and (where there is a corresponding applicable regulatory obligation) the Index Sponsor shall take into account whether fair treatment is achieved by any such calculation, determination and exercise of discretion in accordance with its applicable regulatory obligations, it may be exercised without the consent of the investor and may have an adverse impact on the financial return of an investment linked to the Index. To the extent permitted by applicable regulation, Credit Suisse and its affiliates shall be under no liability to account for any loss or damage to any person arising pursuant to its exercise of or omission to exercise any such discretion except where such loss or damage is caused by CS's negligence, fraud or wilful default.

Index Disruption Events

Where, in the determination of the Index Sponsor, an Index Disruption Event has occurred or is existing and subsisting in respect of any Index Calculation Day (a "**Disrupted Day**"), the Index Sponsor may in respect of such Disrupted Day (i) suspend the calculation and publication of the Index value; (ii) determine the Index value on the basis of estimated or adjusted data and publish an estimated level of the Index value and/or; (iii) take any other action, including but not limited to, designation of alternative price sources, reconstitution of the Index or temporary close-out of option positions. Any such action could have an adverse impact on the financial return of an investment linked to the Index. Such action may not be re-considered in the event that actual or more accurate data subsequently becomes available.

Index Disruption Events include (at a general level) any of the following events and circumstances:

(1) at a general level: (i) an unscheduled closure of the money markets; (ii) the failure, suspension or postponement of any calculation within the Index Strategy or a determination by the Index Calculation Agent that the last reported Index Value should not be relied upon; (iii) the disruption of trading on the relevant exchange or other trading facility of instruments referenced in the calculation of the Index by the Index Calculation Agent or any other similar event; and (iv) the failure of any price source to publish or disseminate any data that is used in the determination of the Index Value, or any material change by any such price source in the content or method of calculating any such data that is used in the determination of the Index Value;

(2) At the level of a Base Index Component which is a mutual fund: the occurrence of a Fund Disruption Event.

Such Index Disruption Events are included to reflect the fact that the Index is an investible index and can be replicated by a hypothetical investor.

Potential Adjustment Events

Where, in the determination of the Index Sponsor, a Potential Adjustment Event has occurred in respect of a Base Index Component which is either an ETF or mutual fund, and that such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the value of the relevant Base Index Component, the Index Sponsor may (i) make adjustment(s), if any, to the relevant Base Index Component, as the Index Sponsor determines appropriate to account for the diluting or concentrative effect (provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Fund), and (ii) determine the effective date(s) of the adjustment(s),

With respect to a Base Index Component which is a mutual fund, a Potential Adjustment Event includes any of the following events or circumstances:

a) A subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of the relevant Base Index Component, or a free distribution or dividend of any Base Index Component which is a mutual fund to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;
b) A distribution, issue or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Base Index Component;
c) The declaration or payment of an extraordinary dividend;
d) A repurchase by any Base Index Component of its shares the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise, other than in respect of a redemption of shares initiated by an investor which is consistent with the relevant Base Index Component documents;
e) A nationalisation, delisting, merger of a Base Index Component or, tender offer to purchase or exchange a Base Index Component; or
f) Any other event that may have a diluting or concentrating effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Base Index Component.

Economic proposition; Right to supplement, amend, revise, rebalance or withdraw the Index; Base Index Component Substitution;

The right of the Index Sponsor to exercise its discretion to supplement, amend, revise, rebalance the Index including the right to substitute a Base Index Component, is required to ensure the notional investments entered by the Index remain a viable investment proposition for a hypothetical investor seeking to replicate the Index Strategy.

Where a supplement, amendment, revision, rebalancing of the Index or substitution of a Base Index Component does not ensure the notional investments entered by the Index remain a viable investment proposition for a hypothetical investor seeking to replicate the Index Strategy, or the Index Sponsor needs to withdraw the Index to meet its own risk management requirements, the Index Sponsor has the right to exercise its discretion to withdraw the Index.

This is integral to the ability of any market participant to offer products linked to the Index. For the occurrence of certain events may affect the investibility of the Index and could result in additional risks or costs for Credit Suisse, however, the Index Sponsor may exercise its discretion to take one of the actions available to it under the rules of the Index in order to deal with the impact of these events. The exercise of such discretions has the effect of, amongst other things, transferring the risks and costs resulting from such events from Credit Suisse to investors in the products linked to the Index.

STRATEGY SPECIFIC RISKS

The Index is sensitive to the volatility of the Base Index

Due to the in-built volatility control mechanism, the exposure of the Index to the Base Index varies according to the volatility of the Base Index. As volatility rises, the Index reduces exposure to the Base Index and conversely, as volatility falls, the Index's exposure to the Base Index increases. Therefore the Index may underperform relative to the Base Index where:

- High volatility followed by positive performance of the Base Index: here an investor would not benefit as greatly as an investor who had a direct exposure to the Base Index because the volatility control mechanism is likely to have reduced the exposure to the Base Index to a percentage below 100%.
- Low volatility followed by negative performance of the Base Index: here an investor could lose more than an investor who had a direct exposure to the Base Index because the volatility control mechanism is likely to have increased the exposure to the Base Index to a percentage above 100%.

Volatility is observed with a lag

The Index observes volatility 2 Index Calculation Days in arrears. This lag results in the exposure of the Index to the Base Index being adjusted 2 day in arrears. In the event there is a large movement in the price of the Base Index, the Index will not be recalibrated until 2 Index Calculation Days following, meaning that the Index could be exposed to a spike in volatility before any rebalancing due to the volatility control mechanism which may involve greater losses to investors.

Measure of volatility

Measuring volatility over the preceding 20 and 60 Index Calculation Days is not the only way to measure volatility. For the purposes of assessing volatility, different time periods could have been used. Moreover, it is possible to measure volatility on a future basis (known as “implied volatility”). Using any of: (i) implied volatility; (ii) a combination of implied and realised volatility and/or; (iii) a different time period(s) for measuring realised volatility could each produce a different (and potentially better) Index performance.

Price of Base Index Component may be influenced by asymmetries in demand and supply

The price of each Base Index Component may be influenced by external factors related to the demand and supply for exposure. For example, any purchases or disposals of the constituent assets underlying a Base Index Component may be contingent upon there being a market for such assets. In cases where there is not a ready market, or where there is only a limited market, the prices at which such assets may be purchased or sold may vary significantly (such variation between the prices at which the asset can be bought or sold is referred to as a “bid-offer spread”). If trying to dispose of an asset in a limited market, the effect of the bid-offer spread may be that the value realised on a disposal is markedly less than the previously reported value of the asset. This will have an impact on the value of the Base Index Component and, consequently, the Index Value. This is one example of external factors which may affect the supply and demand for the component security, but other factors may also exist which may negatively impact the performance of the Index.

Potential conflicts of interest

Credit Suisse expects to engage in trading activities related to constituents of the Index during the course of its normal business for both its proprietary accounts and/or in client related transactions. Such trading activities may involve the sale or purchase of index constituents, assets referencing the index constituents and/or derivative financial instruments relating to the constituents of the Index. These trading activities may present a conflict between the interests of investors with exposure to the Index and Credit Suisse’s own interests. These trading activities, if they have an influence on the share prices or levels (as applicable) of the Index constituents may have an adverse effect on the performance of the Index.

Credit Suisse may hedge its obligations under any investments linked to the Index by buying or selling shares, bonds or derivative securities linked to the Index constituents. Although they are not expected to, any of these hedging activities may adversely affect the market price of such securities and, therefore, the performance of the Index. It is possible that Credit Suisse could receive substantial returns from these hedging activities while the performance of the Index declines.

Credit Suisse may also engage in trading shares, assets referencing the index constituents or derivatives securities in the Index constituents on a regular basis as part of our general broker-dealer and other businesses, for proprietary accounts, for other accounts under management or to facilitate transactions for customers. Any of these activities could adversely affect the market price of such securities and therefore the performance of the Index.

Credit Suisse may have and in the future may publish research reports with respect to the index constituents or asset classes which may express opinions or provide recommendations that either support or are inconsistent with investments into the Index. This research should not be viewed as a recommendation or endorsement of the Index in any way and investors must make their own independent investigation of the merits of this investment.

Credit Suisse acts as Index Calculation Agent and determines the Index value at any time, and Credit Suisse may also serve as the calculation agent for investment products linked to the Index. Credit Suisse will, among other things, decide valuation, final settlement amount and make any other relevant calculations or determinations in respect of the investment products.

To the extent that the prices of any Index constituents are unavailable and/or there is a breakdown in the infrastructure used by the Index Calculation Agent, Index values may, in accordance with the Index Rules, be calculated and published by Credit Suisse with reference to estimated or adjusted data.

With respect to any of the activities described above, except as required by applicable law and regulation (and unless cause by CS's negligence, fraud or wilful default), Credit Suisse shall not be liable to any investor in products linked to the Index.

Momentum Effect Risk

The Momentum Effect is determined every three calendar months and ranks different Base Index Components sharing the same Strategy. The better performing the relevant Base Index Component is over a given period, the higher the Base Index Component rank among other Base Index Components sharing the same Strategy. As a consequence, the best performing Base Index Component among a Strategy will have a higher weighting on the Index Rebalancing Day immediately following the determination of the Momentum Effect and the remaining Base Index Components among the same Strategy with lower performance (and, by extension, ranking) will result in a zero per cent. weighting. The varying weightings may mean that the Index may underperform relative to an Index with fixed weightings across all Base Index Components.

Fees

The Index is calculated net of a 3.00% per annum Index Fee, deducted on a daily basis.

Investors should note that additional fees may be charged at the product level by the product manufacturer and/or distributor. Typically, this will take the form of a fixed fee (e.g. adjustment, distribution) at the product level.

Currency Risk of the Index

Investors may be exposed to currency risks because (i) a Base Index Component underlying investments may be denominated or priced in currencies other than the currency in which the Index is denominated, or (ii) the Index and/or such Base Index Component may be denominated in currencies other than the currency of the country in which the investor is resident. The Index levels may therefore increase or decrease as a result of fluctuations in those currencies.

Index performance is linked to three month deposit rates

The Funding Component of the notional portfolio of the Index is linked to the rate of interest that could be earned on a notional investment in three month deposits. An increase in this rate may increase the cost of funding and adversely impact the performance of the Index.

Risk associated with leverage

The Index may comprise of leveraged positions in the Base Index Components through the volatility control mechanism. While such strategies and techniques may increase the opportunity to achieve higher returns on the amounts invested, they will generally also increase the risk of loss.

Fixed-income risks

Where the investment objective of a Base Index Component is to track the performance of bonds (whether directly or indirectly), investors will be exposed to the performance of such bonds. The performance of bonds may be volatile and will be affected by, amongst other things, the time remaining to the maturity date, prevailing credit spreads, interest rates and the creditworthiness of the bond issuers, which in turn may be affected by the economic, financial and political events in one or more jurisdictions.

A bond's performance is dependent upon interest rates. As interest rates rise, the present value of future payments decreases and the price of a bond trading in the marketplace subsequently decreases.

Furthermore, a bond's performance is depending on the ability of the bond issuer to pay interest and principal in a timely manner. Failure to pay or negative perception of the issuer's ability to make such payment will cause the price of that bond to decline.

As such factors may adversely affect the value of a bond which is referenced by the futures contract, or in which the Base Index Component invests, such factors will similarly adversely affect the price of the Base Index Component and therefore the performance of the Index.

Risks associated with Funds (other than ETFs)

(i) Each fund is subject to its own unique risks and investors should review the offering documents of such fund including any description of risk factors - prior to making an investment decision regarding the Index

Investors in products linked to the Index should review the relevant fund offering documents, including the description of risk factors contained therein, prior to making an investment decision regarding the Index. However, neither the Index Sponsor nor any of its affiliates takes any responsibility for any such fund offering documents. Such fund offering documents will include more complete descriptions of the risks associated with investing into the relevant fund and the investments that the relevant fund intends to make. Any investment decision must be based solely on information in the relevant fund offering documents, this document, and such investigations as the investor deems necessary, and consultation with the investor's own legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and investment advisers in order to make an independent determination of the suitability and consequences of an investment in the fund.

(ii) The performance of a fund is subject to many factors, including the fund strategies, underlying fund investments, the fund manager and other factors

A fund, and any underlying fund components in which it may invest, may utilise strategies such as short-selling, leverage, securities lending and borrowing, investment in sub-investment grade or non-readily realisable investments, uncovered options transactions, options and futures transactions and foreign exchange transactions and the use of concentrated portfolios, each of which could, in certain circumstances, magnify adverse market developments and losses. Funds, and any underlying fund components in which it may invest, may make investments in markets that are volatile and/or illiquid and it may be difficult or costly for positions therein to be opened or liquidated. No assurance can be given relating to the present or future performance of a fund and any underlying fund component in which it may invest. The performance of a fund and any underlying fund component in which it may invest is dependent on the performance of the fund manager in selecting underlying fund components and the management of the relevant component in respect of the underlying fund components. No assurance can be given that these persons will succeed in meeting the investment objectives of the fund, that any analytical model used thereby will prove to be correct or that any assessments of the short-term or long-term prospects, volatility and correlation of the types of investments in which a fund has or may invest will prove accurate.

The following is a summary description of certain particular risks in relation to funds:

- Illiquidity of fund investments: The net asset value of a fund will fluctuate with, among other changes, changes in market rates of interest, general economic conditions, economic conditions in particular industries, the condition of financial markets and the performance of a fund's underlying investments. Investments by a fund in certain underlying assets will provide limited liquidity. Interests in a fund may be subject to certain transfer restrictions, including, without limitation, the requirement to obtain the fund manager's consent (which may be given or withheld in its discretion). Furthermore, the relevant fund offering documents typically provide that interests therein may be voluntarily redeemed only on specific dates of certain calendar months, quarters or years and only if an investor has given the requisite number of days' prior notice to the fund manager. A fund may also reserve the right to suspend redemption rights or make in kind distributions in the event of market disruptions. A fund is likely to retain a portion of the redemption proceeds pending the completion of the annual audit of the financial statements of such fund, resulting in considerable delay before the full redemption proceeds are received. Such illiquidity may adversely affect the price and timing of any liquidation of a fund investment.
- Reliance on trading models: Some of the strategies and techniques used by the fund manager may employ a high degree of reliance on statistical trading models developed from historical analysis of the performance or correlations of certain companies, securities, industries, countries, or markets. There can be no assurance that historical performance that is used to determine such statistical trading models will be a good indication of future performance of a fund. If future performance or such correlations vary significantly from the assumptions in such statistical models, then the fund manager may not achieve its intended results or investment performance.
- Diversification: The number and diversity of investments held by a fund may be limited, even where such fund holds investments in other funds – particularly where such underlying funds hold similar investments or follow similar investment strategies.
- Fund leverage: The fund manager of a fund may utilise leverage techniques, including the use of borrowed funds, repurchase agreements, swaps and options and other derivative transactions. While such strategies and techniques may increase the opportunity to achieve higher returns on the amounts invested, they will generally also increase the risk of loss.
- Trading limitations and frequency: Suspensions or limits for securities listed on a public exchange could render certain strategies followed by a fund difficult to complete or continue. The frequency of a fund's trading may result in portfolio turnover and brokerage commissions that are greater than other investment entities of similar size.
- Valuations: The valuation of a fund is generally controlled by the fund manager. Valuations are performed in accordance with the terms and conditions governing the fund. Such valuations may be based upon the unaudited financial records of the fund and any accounts pertaining thereto. Such valuations may be preliminary calculations of the net asset values of the fund and accounts. The fund may hold a significant number of investments which are illiquid or otherwise not actively traded and in respect of which reliable prices may be difficult to obtain. In consequence, the fund may vary certain quotations for such investments held by the fund in order to reflect its judgement as to the fair value thereof. Therefore, valuations may be subject to subsequent adjustments upward or downward. Uncertainties as to the valuation of the fund assets and/or accounts may have an adverse effect on the net asset value of the fund where such judgements regarding valuations prove to be incorrect.
- Dependence on the expertise of key persons: The performance of a fund will depend greatly on the experience of the investment professionals associated with the fund manager. The loss of one or more of such individuals could have a material adverse effect on the performance of a fund.

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