

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE BNP PARIBAS WATER TOTAL RETURN (USD) INDEX**

The BNP Paribas Water Total Return (USD) Index (the "**Index**") is an equally-weighted US Dollar-denominated index.

The Index is designed to provide exposure to the shares of ten companies which derive their revenues from the provision of water supply services or from activities linked to water industry. The Index includes the top 10 ranked shares identified on the basis of the selection criteria described below and will be rebalanced on an annual basis.

The Index is calculated and published on a daily basis by BNP Paribas Arbitrage S.N.C., which has its principal office at 160-162 boulevard MacDonald, 75019 Paris, France and is authorised and regulated by the *Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution* (the "ACPR") (the "**Index Calculation Agent**"). The Index is maintained and sponsored by BNP Paribas, which has its principal office at 16 boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris, France and authorised and regulated by the European Central Bank and the ACPR (the "**Index Sponsor**").

The start date of the Index will be Thursday 21 May 2015 (the "**Index Start Date**"). The level of the Index on and from the Index Start Date will be published by the Index Calculation Agent on Bloomberg Screenpage BNPIAWUT Index and Reuters RIC .BNPIAWUT, or any successor pages thereto, on <https://indices-globalmarkets.bnpparibas.com>, and on any other data provider as the Index Sponsor deems appropriate.

The Index is a "**Total Return**" index. As a consequence, the level of the Index reflects a value assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions declared by the underlying companies.

The Index is part of the Thematic Equity Indices family of BNP Paribas indices (further information on which may be found at <https://indices-globalmarkets.bnpparibas.com>).

### **Selection Criteria**

From among a universe comprising companies whose activities are related to the water industry, the Index Sponsor identifies those companies satisfying the following criteria:

- A 3 month average daily trading volume greater than the equivalent of 5 million USD
- A market capitalisation above 500 million USD
- An exposure to the water industry higher than 20% (determined on the basis of the company's earnings before interest and taxes ("**EBIT**") or, if lower than 20%, an exposure that the Index Sponsor determines is likely to increase in the near future).

The companies satisfying the criteria are ranked according to their market capitalisation on an annual basis, with the 10 highest ranked companies being included in the Index as "**Index Components**" on an equally-weighted basis during the 10-day rebalancing period.

### Composition of the Index

On the Index Start Date, the Index will be comprised of the Index Components set out in the table below:

<b>n</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>ISIN</b>	<b>Bloomberg(BBG)</b>	<b>Currency</b>	<b>Exchange</b>
1	Pentair PLC	IE00BLS09M33	PNR UN Equity	USD	The New York Stock Exchange
2	GEBERIT AG-REG	CH0030170408	GEBN VX Equity	CHF	SIX Swiss Exchange
3	VEOLIA ENVIRONEMENT	FR0000124141	VIE FP Equity	EUR	Euronext Paris
4	Suez Environment Co	FR0010613471	SEV FP Equity	EUR	Euronext Paris
5	United Utilities Group PLC	GB00B39J2M42	UU/ LN Equity	GBP	London Stock Exchange
6	American Water Works Co Inc	US0304201033	AWK UN Equity	USD	The New York Stock Exchange
7	Severn Trent PLC	GB00B1FH8J72	SVT LN Equity	GBP	London Stock Exchange
8	Xylem Inc NY	US98419M1009	XYL UN Equity	USD	The New York Stock Exchange
9	Aqua America Inc	US03836W1036	WTR UN Equity	USD	The New York Stock Exchange
10	Watts Water Technologies Inc	US9427491025	WTS UN Equity	USD	The New York Stock Exchange

Following the Index Start Date, the composition of the Index may be adjusted from time to time by the Index Sponsor in accordance with the rules governing the Index, which will be available at <https://indices-globalmarkets.bnpparibas.com/nr/AWUT.pdf> starting from the Index Start Date. Additional information in relation to the Index, including information on (a) the past performance of the Index (b) the method of calculation of the Index, and (c) any adjustments to the composition of the Index (specifically the location and deadline for the announcement of a change) is available at <https://indices-globalmarkets.bnpparibas.com>.



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