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STOXX and RiskFirst to launch LDI indices

- § Partnership combines STOXX's approach to providing innovative indices with RiskFirst's market leading position in the defined benefit pensions analytics market
- § Index family provides a new solution to the challenges of a £1 trillion market by providing independent benchmarks for liability-driven investments (LDI)

London, Zurich (19 April 2018) - STOXX Ltd., the operator of Deutsche Börse Group's index business and a global provider of innovative and tradable index concepts, announced today the launch of the new iSTOXX RiskFirst LDI index family as of 23 April 2018. This new offering has been jointly developed with RiskFirst, the UK's leading provider of risk analytics and reporting solutions to the defined benefit pensions market. STOXX will calculate a range of indices based on 12 profiles, capturing member type, duration, type of indexation (pre- and post-retirement), interest rate and inflation sensitivity and tax-free cash component of typical UK pension schemes. The indices combine STOXX's real-time fixed-income index calculation capabilities with a unique set of data provided by RiskFirst.

Matthew Seymour, CEO of RiskFirst, commented: "The set of indices we have developed in partnership with STOXX are a major leap forward, providing improved governance and increased accuracy in a cost-efficient solution. PFaroe is rapidly becoming an industry standard for the modelling of pension plans and therefore offers us unique insight into the behaviour of pension plan cash flow profiles at a very granular level. When combined with STOXX's extensive experience in designing innovative and objective investment benchmarks, the result is a set of indices that deliver great value to UK pension plans."

"With our new LDI index offering we are addressing the challenges of a £1 trillion market by providing independent benchmarks for liability-driven investments. Our LDI indices will support pension scheme trustees and consultants in their efforts to select, monitor and challenge LDI managers. This is further proof of our innovative approach to tackle market inefficiencies with transparent investment tools," said Matteo Andretto, CEO of STOXX.

The iSTOXX RiskFirst LDI indices track the performance of corporate and government bonds denominated in GBP. They function as flexible, investable building blocks for LDI portfolios. Four different sets of indices are provided: nominal bond indices, inflation-linked bond indices, blended indices and non-gilt indices. The indices are constructed using a proprietary cash flow matching model that incorporates best-in-class LDI techniques.

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Certain key features of LDI portfolio construction, such as rebalancing between real and nominal exposure, are embedded in the index family. The indices are rebalanced quarterly.

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Note to Editors:

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STOXX is part of Deutsche Boerse Group, and also calculates, disseminates and markets the DAX indices. [www.stoxx.com](http://www.stoxx.com)

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