



Press Release

"Cannabis Total Opportunity Index (A2L0QV / DE000A2L0QV1)

New on the German Market: First Index for Cannabis Shares

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- Initiator is Swissquote Group Holding AG, the largest online broker in Switzerland.
- First Leonteq Tracker Certificate already issued (WKN: LTQ05M)
- Investors can participate starting at approx. 90 Euro

Düsseldorf, 05 December 2018: Swissquote Group Holding AG has launched the "Cannabis Total Opportunity Index" (A2L0QV / DE000A2L0QV1), the first index for cannabis shares in Germany. The financial product specialist Leonteq has already listed the first tracker certificate on the Cannabis Total Opportunity Index (WKN: LTQ05M, ISIN CH0423437471) on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. Investors can already participate in this diversified cannabis product from around 90 euros.

The largest cannabis companies in an index

The Düsseldorf LIXX Index Innovation, a company of Chartered Investment Germany, launched the index. The "Cannabis Total Opportunity Index" is now live for the German and European markets. It is compiled by the listed Swissquote Group Holding AG (ISIN CH0010675863), the largest online broker in Switzerland, which has high competence in the field of cannabis investments through its own research. The index consists of up to 20 companies whose main activity is in the cannabis industry. Most companies come from the USA and Canada. Once a quarter, the composition of the Swissquote index is reviewed and rebalanced. "We want to offer investors a portfolio that invests in reputable and established companies that are also among the most important players in the cannabis market," explains Marc Bürki, CEO of Swissquote. A total of 19 securities were issued, which meet the minimum criteria of market capitalisation (50 million US dollars) and liquidity (100,000 US dollars per day) and the majority of which are generated through cannabis trading. The largest positions are currently Aurora Cannabis, Zynerba Pharmaceuticals, GW Pharmaceuticals and Neptune Wellness Solutions Inc.

Broadly diversified investing in a boom sector

The production and distribution of cannabis is a rapidly growing market worldwide, not least because the alcohol industry has started to produce cannabis-infused and mostly non-alcoholic beverages. For example, the US brewer Constellation Brands (the best-known beer brand is "Corona") is investing around 4 billion dollars in a stake in the Canadian marijuana producer

Canopy Growth. Other brewers, such as the Dutch Heineken group, are also investing in cannabis and marketing it. In addition, since October 17, 2018, recreational cannabis can

be legally consumed in Canada. Canadian authorities estimate that around eight million consumers will make use of it. According to analysts, both factors mean that the cannabis industry is on the verge of being reassessed after cannabis has been produced primarily for medical use.

"The market for investments in cannabis stocks is highly fragmented and often confusing for investors," explains LIXX Managing Director Markus Fehn. The new index and the first tracker certificate are intended to give investors the opportunity to invest in the most important players and profit from the booming cannabis market. The expertise of Swissquote, which has been intensively involved with the sector for years, naturally helps here." LIXX Index Innovation, which structures indices across all asset classes, was the first EU benchmark administrator to be registered by BaFin following the latest amendment to the Benchmark Regulation. The company acts as administrator of the Cannabis Total Opportunity Index and will calculate it on an ongoing basis.

About Swissquote Group Holding AG

The Swissquote Group is the leading provider of online trading services in Switzerland. It has been listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (symbol SQN) since 29 May 2000. The head office is located in Gland (VD). Other locations include Zurich, Berne, Dubai, Malta, London and Hong Kong. The Swissquote Group currently employs 633 people.

About Leonteq AG

Leonteq AG is a Swiss company in the financial and technology sector with a focus on structured products. Leonteq offers derivative investment products and services based on proprietary, modern and efficient technology and primarily covers the product classes of capital protection, yield optimisation and participation. Leonteq acts both as a direct issuer of its own products and as a partner of other financial institutions. The company is represented by offices and branches in 10 countries, covering over 30 markets. Leonteq is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

About LIXX Index Innovation

LIXX Index Innovation offers services as an EU benchmark administrator. This includes the structuring, calculation, ongoing management and administration of indices. On the market side, LIXX is positioning itself with a clear focus on non-significant benchmarks across all asset classes.

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