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LGIM Expands ETF Range with the Launch of Global Brands Strategy Tracking Solactive Index

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FRANKFURT AM MAIN - Legal & General Investment Management (LGIM) has today announced the expansion of its ETF range with the launch of the L&G Global Brands UCITS ETF. The new fund continues to build on LGIM's diverse range of ETFs and will provide investors with access to non-traditional investment opportunities through an innovative investment approach. The new ETF seeks to track the Solactive BrandFinance® Global Brands Index, which follows the performance of a basket of companies that represent the most valuable brands globally, subject to liquidity, ESG, and quality-based filters.

The **Global Brands UCITS ETF** is the first ETF of its kind to integrate brand value into the investment process and aims to give investors access to a diversified portfolio that captures companies with the world's most valuable brands.

The ETF leverages the expertise of Brand Finance®, the leading global name in independent brand valuation and the first consultancy certified to provide ISO-compliant brand valuation and evaluation across industries. Brand Finance®'s established framework to determine brand value is based on five key metrics: Brand investment, Brand equity, Brand performance, Brand impact and Forecasted revenues. Brands in the Brand Finance® Global 100 list are ranked by aggregate brand value from millions of datapoints. The funds' index aims to track the performance of a basket of stocks based on those aggregate brand value scores, while also integrating liquidity, quality and ESG screens¹. To reduce portfolio concentration, the investment strategy adopts a 'capped market-cap' weighting approach that restricts the weight of any company to a maximum of 5% on rebalancing days.

¹ Further detail on the index methodology can be found on p.4 here: <https://solactive.com/downloads/Guideline-Solactive-SOLAGB.pdf>

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Richard Haigh, Managing Director, Brand Finance, said: *“A business’s brand is one of its most important financial assets. Used correctly, strong brands can unlock vast financial value for businesses and shareholders. Brand Finance is excited to partner with LGIM to launch this ETF and demonstrate the added value that brands bring. This will continue to reaffirm the role of brand in the boardroom.”*

The Global Brands ETF sits within LGIM’s ‘Access’ range, providing exposures that are designed to serve as a tactical or strategic tool for investors seeking ‘access’ to non-traditional investment opportunities. The fund’s investment strategy recognises and capitalises on the improved financial performance exhibited by companies with the top brands globally across all sectors, such as LVMH, Apple, Samsung and Visa².

Aanand Venkatramanan Head of ETFs, EMEA at Legal & General Investment Management (LGIM), commented: *“From the phones in our pockets to the cars we drive, we are all familiar with brands and we have an instinctive grasp of their commercial value. We hope that the launch of this ETF will enable investors seeking exposure to such brands and companies that own them, gain access to a diversified portfolio of higher quality names that have historically demonstrated greater earnings resilience. We are pleased to partner with Brand Finance[®] whose research-based modelling and analysis is fundamental to this innovative and transparent investment proposition.”*

Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive, stated: *“Strong and valuable brands often have a history of consistent growth and customer loyalty. We are honored to expand our partnership with LGIM and collaborate with Brand Finance to be the index provider for the new L&G Global Brands UCITS ETF. The strategy can offer potential for long-term capital appreciation as these companies continue to innovate and expand their market presence. Additionally, investing in an index with ESG filters can help you support companies that prioritize sustainability and ethical practices, which has increasingly gained importance for investors’ strategies.”*

The fund is listed on the London Stock Exchange and Borsa Italiana and is expected to be listed shortly on XETRA Deutsche Boerse and SIX in Switzerland. It has been categorised as Article 8 under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.solactive.com>

² For illustrative purposes only. Reference to a particular security is on a historic basis and does not mean that the security is currently held or will be held within an LGIM portfolio. The above information does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell any security.

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Fund Benchmarks

Fund name	Benchmark	ISIN	TER
L&G Global Brands UCITS ETF	Solactive BrandFinance® Global Brands Index NTR	IE0007HKA9K1 (accumulating)	0.39% p.a.

About Solactive

Solactive is a leading provider of indexing, benchmarking, and calculation solutions for the global investment and trading community. Headquartered in Frankfurt and, with offices in Hong Kong, Toronto, Berlin, Dresden, and Amsterdam, we innovate and disrupt the status quo as the partner of choice for our clients.

The unique blend of our 300 staff's expertise in data, data science, financial markets, and technology enables our clients' continued success through the delivery of a superior experience, unique customization capabilities, and the best value for money available in the industry. With more than 26,000 indices calculated daily, we offer a full suite of solutions, including market leading ESG and thematic indices.

As at January 2023, Solactive served approximately 500 clients across the world, with approximately US\$300 billion invested in products linked to our indices. Solactive is registered with ESMA as a benchmark administrator and is supervised by the BaFin.

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*LGIM internal data as at 30 June 2023. The AUM disclosed aggregates the assets managed by LGIM in the UK, LGIMA in the US and LGIM Asia in Hong Kong. The AUM includes the value of securities and derivatives positions.

About Brand Finance®

Brand Finance is the world's leading brand valuation consultancy. We have helped thousands of companies understand the financial value of their brands and use that information to drive strategic decision making.

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Each year, Brand Finance evaluates the strength and value of more than 5000 global brands.

Brand Finance's brand value rankings have been certified by the Marketing Accountability Standards Board (MASB) through the Marketing Metric Audit Protocol (MMAP), the formal process for validating the relationship between marketing measurement and financial performance.

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