

Information to FWB-listed companies that are considered foreign under the DAX Equity Index Methodology Guide section 5.4.1.

(ZUG, December 11 2024) STOXX Ltd. herewith makes available the template that foreign Companies shall use for the purpose of drawing the statement that confirms compliance with the recommendations of the German Corporate Governance Code as required in the DAX Equity Index Methodology Guide. Such statement must be published annually. The parts in square brackets are to be completed by the Company.

Template of statement replacing the Declaration of Conformity with the German Corporate Governance Code for use by foreign Companies

[COMPANY] is a [COMPANY'S LEGAL FORM] under [COMPANY'S JURISDICTION] law. The German Corporate Governance Code ("GCGC") does therefore not apply to [COMPANY] and [COMPANY] does not have to issue a Declaration of Conformity with the GCGC under section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz).

Solely for purposes of section 5.4.1. of the DAX Equity Index Methodology Guide of STOXX Ltd., [COMPANY NAME] declares that it does not deviate from recommendations C.10 (with sole reference to its applicability to the Chair of the Audit Committee), D.8 and D.9 of the GCGC 2022, in each case applied accordingly to a [COMPANY'S LEGAL FORM] with a [1][2]-tier governance system under [COMPANY'S JURISDICTION] law. [COMPANY]'s [BOARD OF DIRECTORS / SUPERVISORY BOARD] or its audit committee arranges for the [COMPANY]'s external auditors to inform it and note in the audit report if, during the performance of the audit, the external auditors identify any facts that indicate an inaccuracy in adhering to the recommendations in C.10, D.8 or D.9 of the GCGC in each case applied accordingly to a [COMPANY'S LEGAL FORM] with a [1][2]-tier governance system under [COMPANY'S JURISDICTION] law, and, in case of D.9, applied accordingly with respect to this statement. [COMPANY NAME] additionally declares that it has appointed an Audit Committee [that is to monitor the accounting process, the effectiveness of the internal control system, the risk management system, and the internal accounting control system as well as the auditing of financial statements, and in this regard particularly the selection and the independence of the auditor of the annual accounts and the services additionally provided by the auditor of the annual accounts] pursuant to section 107 (4) of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz).

Note: Any interpretation with regard to the mentioned recommendations is the responsibility of the company. Only those companies are eligible for ranking that do not declare any deviation from these recommendations. STOXX does not provide advice on the principles, recommendations and suggestions of the German Corporate Governance Code.

[DATE/PLACE]

The [BOARD OF DIRECTORS / EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD]

[COMPANY]

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