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# Overview of UBS Exchange Traded Commodities (ETCs)

## Information on UBS ETCs within a UCITS framework

### Background and Overview

The purpose of this Overview is to provide information about the UBS Exchange Traded Commodities (UBS ETCs) in the context of potential UCITS eligibility. UBS ETCs are delta-1 products listed on various exchanges across Europe including SIX Swiss Exchange, London Stock Exchange and Borsa Italiana. Each UBS ETC provides exposure to either a) a distinct commodity future; b) a single commodity index/strategy; or c) a basket of commodity futures and/or commodity indices/strategies.

For information related to the Luxembourg law, the information provided is in reference inter alia to the Law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment (the 2010 Law), the Grand Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008 (the Grand-Ducal Regulation) and the ESMA Guidelines 2014/937 on ETFs and other UCITS issues. For information related to the Irish law, the information provided is in reference to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, as amended and the Central Bank of Ireland guidance which is available at:

<https://www.centralbank.ie/regulation/industry-market-sectors/funds/ucits/guidance>.

We understand that under both Luxembourg and Irish law, certain transferable securities which are listed on regulated exchanges are considered eligible assets for a UCITS. Our assumption is that under these guidelines,

UBS ETCs could be considered as transferable securities based on the following criteria:

- a) the potential loss which the UCITS may incur with respect to holding those instruments is limited to the amount paid for them;
- b) their liquidity does not compromise the ability of the UCITS to comply with its obligation to provide at least fortnightly redemption facilities;
- c) reliable valuations will be available as the Notes will be listed and quoted on a regulated market;
- d) appropriate information will be available as the Notes are listed and quoted on a regulated market;
- e) they are negotiable;
- f) their acquisition is consistent with the investment objectives or the investment policy, or both, of the UCITS;
- g) their risks are adequately captured by the risk management process of the UCITS; and
- h) they do not embed any derivatives.

### Diversification

As an additional consideration for investors in the UBS ETCs, we understand that a UCITS may invest no more than 10% of its assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body. The total value of the transferable securities and money market instruments held by a UCITS in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5% of its assets shall not exceed 40% of the value of its assets.

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Please see summary below for UBS ETCs with respect to the criteria for transferable securities:

- a. the potential loss which the UCITS may incur with respect to holding those instruments is limited to the amount paid for them;

*UBS ETCs are delta-1 securities that provide 1-1 exposure to the underlying. Each of the UBS ETCs, have a minimum value of zero, meaning that holders thereof cannot lose more than the purchase price of such UBS ETC.*

- b. their liquidity does not compromise the ability of the UCITS to comply with its obligation to provide at least fortnightly redemption facilities;

*Each UBS ETC is listed on a regulated exchange such as the SIX Swiss Exchange, London Stock Exchange, or Borsa Italiana. UBS as issuer provides daily levels of each security and can provide a secondary market upon request from clients under normal market conditions. Note that UBS ETCs provide a delta-1 exposure to the underlying commodity/basket and hence liquidity is driven by the underlying commodities markets which are highly liquid.*

- c. reliable valuation is available for them

*Daily secondary market levels are available via the exchange. Levels are also provided by UBS via Bloomberg and/or Keyinvest.*

- d. appropriate information is available for them

*ETCs are exchange listed. Comprehensive information is available on Bloomberg and/or [www.ubs.com/keyinvest](http://www.ubs.com/keyinvest) and/or [www.ubs.com/cmci](http://www.ubs.com/cmci).*

- e. they are negotiable;

*The ETCs are issued in dematerialized book entry securities and as such are fully negotiable.*

- f. their acquisition is consistent with the investment objectives or the investment policy, or both, of the UCITS;

*This determination should be made by the UCITS.*

- g. their risks are adequately captured by the risk management process of the UCITS.

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- h. The notes should not embed any derivatives

*The ETCs provide a one-to-one exposure to a) a distinct commodity future; b) a single commodity index/strategy; or c) a basket of commodity futures and/or commodity indices/strategies.*

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