



Index guidelines relating to the
LIXX iCubed Next-Gen Defense Innovators Index
("Index Guidelines")

Version 1.0 dated 01 August 2025

Important Information

The general principles of the LIXX iCubed Next-Gen Defense Innovators Index (the "**Index**") as of 01 August 2025 are set out below.

These Index Guidelines contain the underlying principles and regulations regarding the structure and the operations of the Index. The Index is the sole property of the Index Administrator. LIXX GmbH, Fürstenwall 172a, 40217 Düsseldorf, Germany acting as Index Administrator maintains and publishes the Index and strives to the best of its ability to ensure the correctness of its mechanism and calculation. The Index Administrator is not obliged – irrespective of possible obligations to issuers, licensees and other users – to advise third parties, including investors and/or financial intermediaries, of any errors in the Index. This document is to be used as a guideline regarding the composition, calculation and management of the Index.

It should be noted that the general principles of the Index may be updated or amended from time to time. In managing the Index, the Index Administrator will employ the methodology described herein and its application of such methodology shall be conclusive and binding. No assurance can be given that fiscal, market, regulatory, juridical, financial or other circumstances will not arise that would, in the view of the Index Administrator, necessitate or make desirable a modification of or change to such methodology. The Index Administrator shall be entitled to make any such modification or change any of the provisions of the Index as set out in these Index Guidelines as it deems fit. The Index Administrator may also make modifications to the terms of the Index in any manner that it may deem necessary or desirable, including (but not limited to) to correct any manifest or proven error to cure, correct or supplement any ambiguity or defective provision contained in these Index Guidelines. Any such modification or change shall take effect upon publication of the relevant Index Guidelines.

This document is communicated by the Index Administrator. All information provided herein is for information purposes only and no warranty is made as to its fitness for purpose, satisfactory quality or otherwise. Every effort has been made to ensure that all information given is accurate, but no responsibility or liability (including in negligence) can be accepted by the Index Administrator for errors or omissions or for any losses arising from the use of this information. The information presented herein has been prepared based on the publicly available information, internally developed data or other third-party sources believed to be reliable. All opinions and views constitute judgments as of the date of the writing and are subject to change at any time without notice. Neither the information contained in these Index Guidelines nor the calculation and publication of the Index by the Index Administrator constitutes an invitation to make an investment in a product based upon the Index. Information, recommendations, or opinions expressed herein shall not constitute an offer for purchase of such product nor shall it purport any assurance regarding a purchase of such a product.

Table of Contents

1	Definitions	4
2	Index Description	7
3	Index Methodology	10
4	Calculation of the Index.....	12
5	Change History	18
6	Contact Data	19
	Annex 1: Index Universe.....	20
	Annex 2: Index Component Selection Criteria	21
	Annex 3: Allocation Mechanism.....	23
	Annex 4: Initial Index Allocation	24
	Annex 5: Index Versions.....	25

1 DEFINITIONS

Allocation Criteria	Has the meaning given to such term in <u>Annex 3</u> .
Allocation Implementation Period	Has the meaning given to such term in Section 4.5 (<i>Rebalancing</i>).
Annex	Means an annex to these Index Guidelines, each of which form an integral part of these Index Guidelines.
Benchmarks Regulation	Means Regulation (EU) 2016/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 8 June 2016 as amended.
Business Day	Means each day Monday to Friday which is not a public holiday in a Business Day Centre.
Business Day Centres	Means Düsseldorf.
Data Provider	ImpactCubed, is a private limited company organised under the laws of England and Wales, having its registered office in London and registered with the UK Companies House under company number 14240846 and having its statutory seat in London and principal place of business at 33 Cannon Street, London EC4M 5SB.
Change in Law	Any change in any national or international laws, regulations, directives, decisions by courts of last resort or administration practice applicable to any Index Component and affecting any Index Component to the economic detriment of the Index Administrator or any holder of any Index Component.
Eligible Component	Has the meaning given to such term in Section 4.5 (<i>Rebalancing</i>).
Index	LIXX iCubed Next-Gen Defense Innovators Index (ISINs defined in Annex 5).
Index Administrator	LIXX GmbH, a limited liability company (<i>Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung</i>) under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, registered with the commercial register (<i>Handelsregister</i>) of the local court (<i>Amtsgericht</i>) of Düsseldorf

	under HRB 81816, with the principal place of business at Fürstenwall 172A, 40217 Düsseldorf, Federal Republic of Germany.
Index Component	Any constituent of the Index selected from the Index Universe.
Index Component Selection Criteria	Has the meaning given to such term in <u>Annex 2</u> .
Index Currency	EUR
Index Level	Has the meaning given to such term in Section 4.1 (<i>Index Formula</i>).
Index Objective	Has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.1 (<i>Summary of Index Specifications</i>).
Index Start Date	01 August 2025
Index Universe	Instruments, which may be selected as Index Components, as listed in <u>Annex 1</u> .
Index Valuation Date	Means each Business Day. If a scheduled Index Valuation Date is not a Business Day, the next day that is a Business Day shall be the relevant Index Valuation Date.
Initial Index Level	1000.00
LIXX Correction Policy	Means the correction policy published by the Index Administrator on the Website.
Official Valuation	The official valuation is based on publicly available data, that has been made available by internationally established information services or exchanges. Such data includes daily closing (end of day) values of each Index Component, as they are available on the relevant Index Valuation Date. If no data is available on the relevant valuation date, the most recent value available (closing), will be considered.
Net Total Return Index	An index type where dividends or coupon payments are reinvested in the relevant Index Components after deduction of Withholding Tax.
Price Return Index	Index calculated based on price movements of the Index Components.

Rebalancing Determination Date	Has the meaning given to such term in Section 4.6 (<i>Rebalancing</i>).
Regulatory Event	Any public or private statement or action by, or response of, any competent authority or any official or representative of any competent authority acting in an official capacity affecting any Index Component to the economic detriment of the Index Administrator or any holder of any Index Component.
Section	Means a section of these Index Guidelines.
Significant Change	Has the meaning given to such term in Section 4.9 (<i>Consulting Procedures and Significant Change</i>).
Tax Event	Means any change in the tax treatment of a holder of Index Components which is based on either a change in legislation or a change in tax administration practice.
Total Return Index	An index type where dividends or coupon payments are reinvested in the relevant Index Components without any deduction of Withholding Tax.
Website	Means www.lixxinnovation.com .
Withholding Tax	The withholding tax rates published on the Website for the relevant country ISO Code.

2 INDEX DESCRIPTION

2.1 Summary of Index Specifications

Objective and Economic Reality
The Index is designed to track publicly-listed European+ companies at the forefront of emerging defense technologies—artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, autonomous systems, drones/UAVs, and quantum applications. In order to reflect the economic reality given by factors such as availability of instruments, reinvestments of maturing instruments and portfolio size, composition of the Index and the weighting of the Index Components is subject to change (the "Index Objective").
Administration of the Index and Regulatory Status
The Index is calculated, maintained, rebalanced and published by the Index Administrator.
Index Universe
The Index Universe is set out in <u>Annex 1</u> .
Selection of Index Components
Index Components will be selected by applying certain filter criteria to the Index Universe. The Index Components must meet the Index Component Selection Criteria set out in <u>Annex 2</u> at the time of inclusion. The initial index allocation is set out in <u>Annex 4</u> .
Changes to Index Components
The Index Component's weightings are subject to change. The Index Administrator will adjust the Index allocation by implementing the allocation mechanism described in <u>Annex 3</u> .
Index Methodology

The methodology of the Index is set out in Section 3 (<i>Index Methodology</i>).
Technical Specifications
The Index is calculated daily in EUR. The Index is available as Price Return, Total Return and Net Total Return versions. The Index details are described in <u>Annex 5</u> .

2.2 Name and ISIN

The name of the Index is LIXX iCubed Next-Gen Defense Innovators Index. The Index is distributed under ISINs as defined in **Annex 5**.

2.3 Index Start Date; Initial Index Level

The calculation of the Index commences on 01 August 2025 ("**Index Start Date**") at an initial index level of 1000.00 ("**Initial Index Level**").

2.4 Distribution

The Index Level is published by the Index Administrator under a sub-page on the Website as of each Index Valuation Date, no later than twenty-five (25) Business Days following the respective Index Valuation Date.

2.5 Prices and Calculation Frequency

The Index is calculated daily on each Index Valuation Date.

The Index calculation is based on the Official Valuation of the respective Index Components on the relevant Index Valuation Date.

The Index Administrator will take appropriate steps to avoid a disruption to the process of the provision of the Index. However, if relevant data cannot be obtained, the Index Administrator will not publish the Index.

Deficient calculations will be managed in accordance with the LIXX Correction Policy.

2.6 Publication

Specifications and information relevant for calculating the Index will be made available on the Website and relevant sub-pages.

2.7 Index Administrator

The Index is calculated by the Index Administrator. Adjustments to the Index Level are determined by the Index Administrator.

In performing its duties, the Index Administrator follows the business principles published on the Website and the applicable provisions of the Benchmarks Regulation and its delegated acts.

2.8 Historical Data

Historical data will be recorded in accordance with Article 8 of the Benchmarks Regulation, if and as applicable. This means that in such cases all input data and the methodology is recorded for a minimum of five (5) years.

2.9 Licensing

Licenses to use the Index as a benchmark for financial instruments within the meaning of the Benchmarks Regulation are issued by the Index Administrator.

3 INDEX METHODOLOGY

3.1 Index Composition and Adjustments to the Index

Impact Cubed provides with the research of the universe to the Index Administrator.

The Index Administrator ensures that (i) the selection of instruments from the Index Universe for inclusion in the Index and (ii) the weightings are in line with the Index Guidelines.

The Index Level will be determined based on the Official Valuation.

3.2 Index Universe

The relevant categories of instruments which may be selected for inclusion in the Index as Index Components are set out in Annex 1.

3.3 Selection of Index Components

Index Components must meet the Index Component Selection Criteria set out in Annex 2 at the time of inclusion. The initial index allocation is set out in Annex 4.

3.4 Allocation of Index Components

The weighting of Index Components is executed by the Index Administrator by applying the Allocation Mechanism set out in Annex 3 to these Index Guidelines.

3.5 Extraordinary Changes to Index Components

The Index Administrator may, at its reasonable discretion, remove an Index Component from the Index if on any Index Valuation Date *inter alia*:

- (i) Such Index Component ceases to meet the Index Component Selection Criteria;
- (ii) such Index Component ceases to exist or is being terminated;
- (iii) purchasing, holding or selling of such Index Component becomes unlawful or economically unreasonable for a holder of such Index Component in Switzerland or the European Economic Area;
- (iv) the Index Administrator deems such removal necessary to ensure that the Index continues to meet the Index Objective;
- (v) the Index Administrator has available to it relevant Allocation Advice instructing it accordingly;
- (vi) a Change in Law, Tax Event or Regulatory Event occurs.

After removal of an Index Component the remaining Index Components' allocation may be adjusted accordingly and a replacement component that meets the Index Component Selection Criteria may be added to the Index.

An instrument that satisfies the Index Component Selection Criteria may be added to the Index to ensure that the Index continues to meet the Index Objective. After inclusion of the new instrument, the other Index Components' allocation may be adjusted accordingly.

3.6 Back-Test

Any published Index Level prior to the Index Start Date is back-tested. This means, the Index Levels prior to the Index Start Date have been calculated based on the Index Methodology outlined in these Index Guidelines and indicate how the Index might have performed historically.

For the avoidance of doubt, the historical performance is no guarantee of future performance.

4 CALCULATION OF THE INDEX

4.1 Index Formula

On each Index Valuation Date, the Index Administrator calculates the level of the Index (the "**Index Level**"). This calculation is based on the Official Valuation.

The Index Administrator will use the following formula to calculate the Index Level:

$$Index_t = \sum_{i=1}^N (W_{t,i} \times P_{t,i}) - A_t$$

Whereas:

$Index_t$ Means the Index Level on Index Valuation Date t.

W_{ti} Means the number of units of an Index Component in the Index on Index Valuation Date t.

P_{ti} Means the Official Valuation of each Index Component on Index Valuation Date t > 0, converted to USD where necessary.

A_t Means the adjustment factor, which is determined at the reasonable discretion of the Index Administrator on Index Valuation Date t with reference to adjustments carried out pursuant to Sections 4.33 (*Other Changes*) and 4.44 (*Adjustments Following Distributions and Corporate Actions*).

N Means the total number of Index Components.

i Means an indicator for an individual Index Component.

t Means an indicator for the relevant Index Valuation Date where t = 0 represents the Index Start Date and for each subsequent Index Valuation Date t is incremented by 1.0.

4.2 Accuracy

The value of the Index will be rounded to two (2) decimal places (with halves being rounded up). Calculations on units are rounded to eight (8) decimals (with halves being rounded up).

4.3 Other Changes

The Index Administrator may at its reasonable discretion amend these Index Guidelines to (i) ensure achievement of the Index Objective or (ii) to address any errors, omission or ambiguities. Such amendments may include changes to the Index Component Selection Criteria or the rules with respect to the composition, calculation and weighting of the Index.

4.4 Adjustments Following Distributions and Corporate Actions

4.4.1 Distributions

A Price Return Index does not apply distributions in its calculation.

In a Total Return Index, distributions are reinvested in the relevant Index Components without any deduction of Withholding Tax.

In a Net Total Return Index, distributions are reinvested in the relevant Index Components after deduction of Withholding Tax.

In case a Withholding Tax applies, it will be deducted, before the corresponding unit size of an Index Component is adjusted.

$$W_{i,t} = W_{i,t-1} \times \frac{p_{i,t-1}}{p_{i,t-1} - D_{i,t}}$$

Where:

$W_{i,t}$ Means the number of units of the Index Component i on Index Valuation Date t.

$p_{i,t-1}$ Means the closing price of Index Component i on Index Valuation Date t-1 in the Index Currency.

$D_{i,t}$ Means the dividend amount on Index Valuation Date t multiplied by $(1 - WT_i)$ where WT_i is the Withholding Tax rate (if applicable) of the respective country of the Index Component i.

4.4.2 Splits

Splits require the recalculation of the "W" parameter if the split ratio is applicable to the price change, as follows:

$$W_{i,t+1} = W_{i,t} * S$$

Whereas:

$W_{i,t+1}$ Means the number of units / notional affected in the Index at time t+1

$W_{i,t}$ Means the number of units / notional affected in the Index at time t

S Means units / notional after the split for every unit / notional before split

Share distributions require the recalculation of the "W" parameter if the distribution ratio is applicable to the price change, as follows:

$$W_{i,t+1} = W_{i,t} * (1 + S)$$

Whereas:

$W_{i,t+1}$ Means the number of units / notional affected in the Index at time t+1.

$W_{i,t}$ Means the number of units / notional affected in the Index at time t.

S Means units / notional for every unit / notional before distribution.

4.4.3 Rights

Regarding capital increases the number of units of an Index Component must be adjusted and the following calculation is applied:

$$W_{i,t} = W_{i,t-1} \times \frac{p_{i,t-1}}{p_{i,t-1} - rB_{i,t}}$$

$$\text{Where } rB_{i,t} = \frac{p_{i,t-1} - B - N}{BV + 1}$$

And:

$W_{i,t}$ Number of units of Index Component i on the day of the ex-date.

$W_{i,t-1}$ Number of units of the Index Component i on the day prior to the ex-date.

$p_{i,t-1}$ Closing price on the day prior to ex-date.

$rB_{i,t-1}$ Calculated value of rights issue.

B Price of rights issued.

N Dividend disadvantage.

BV Subscription ratio.

The last dividend paid, or the proposed dividend announced is applied as the so-called dividend disadvantage. This occurs in case the new listed shares are non-eligible for dividend distribution.

4.4.4 Other Corporate Actions

In case of any other corporate action on an Index Component, the Index Administrator will assess whether such corporate action has a dilutive or any other effect on the price of the Index Component. In such case, the Index Administrator will make required adjustments and determine the date on which these adjustments become effective. Amongst other things the Index Administrator can consider adjustments executed by an exchange as a result of the corporate action concerning options and futures.

4.5 Rebalancing

The Index will be rebalanced each quarter following a relevant rebalancing determination date (each as specified in the table below a "**Rebalancing Determination Date**").

In case a scheduled Rebalancing Determination Date is not a Business Day, the Rebalancing Determination Date shall be the next Business Day. The Index Administrator will implement each rebalancing on the second consecutive Business Day following a Rebalancing Determination Date by reducing or increasing the number of units of each Index Component or, as the case may be, by adding an instrument and increasing the relevant number of units of such instrument, in each case using their Official Valuation applicable to such Index Valuation Date.

The Index Administrator will rebalance the Index as described in **Annex 2** and **Annex 3** to these Index Guidelines.

Fiscal Quarter	Rebalancing Determination Date
1	31 st of March
2	30 th of June
3	30 th of September
4	31 st of December

4.6 Data Provider

ImpactCubed, leveraging its in-house research team, provides LIXX with the underlying data used for screening the investment universe.

4.7 Index Continuity and Market Disruption

In case of missing, insufficient, inaccurate or unreliable input data or non-compliance with the standards as set out below, for any of the required data to calculate the Index, the Index Administrator may not calculate and publish the Index. The decision will be taken at the Index Administrator's sole discretion.

In case the minimum requirements and standards set out below are not fulfilled for a considerable time, the Index Administrator, to protect users of the Index, will publish such circumstance either by amending the Index Guidelines, or by notice on the Website. Where appropriate, the Index Administrator will consult experts to make the decision.

The minimum requirements for the quantity of input data are:

- A price for each Index Component must be available;
- a weight of each Index Component must be available or calculatable.

The minimum standards for the quality of input data are:

- Data must be reliable and consistent;
- data must be robust;
- data must be verifiable.

4.8 Internal Review and Approval of Methodology

After the preparation of the index related documentation, a review round with regards to whether the requirements of the Benchmarks Regulation are reflected and whether there is an operational feasibility for implementation takes place. Thereafter, a revision and further coordination with relevant parties takes place, including a dedicated checklist maintained by the Index Administrator to ensure compliance with the Benchmarks Regulation. Such a checklist includes, among other things, documentation requirements of the Benchmarks Regulation. After the relevant steps have been successfully completed, the management of the Index Administrator has discretion to approve launching an index.

4.9 Consulting Procedures and Significant Change

In the event of a proposed Significant Change in the Index methodology, it is the responsibility of a relevant party to contact the Index Administrator and notify the relevant request. Such notification

must in any case be made in writing or by email. The Index Administrator will subsequently review the case regarding the reasons given.

For the purposes of this Section 4.9 "**Significant Change**" means, in each case determined in the Index Administrator's reasonable discretion taking into account Index users at all times:

- (i) Any change which causes a change in the Index Level of more than 3% compared to the Index Level prevailing in the absence of such change on the last Index Valuation Date prior to such change; and
- (ii) any methodological adjustment that leads to significant changes of the Index Levels in the longer term.

In case of a Significant Change, the Index Administrator will provide updated Index Guidelines on its website. In addition, any licensees will be informed by the Index Administrator about any Significant Change.

5 CHANGE HISTORY

01 August 2025 – 1.0. – Initial version

6 CONTACT DATA

Information regarding the Index

LIXX GmbH
Fürstenwall 172a
40217 Düsseldorf
Germany

Tel.: +49 (0) 211 78175180
E-Mail: info@lixxinnovation.com
Website: www.lixxinnovation.com

© LIXX GmbH

ANNEX 1: INDEX UNIVERSE

Instruments
Stocks

ANNEX 2: INDEX COMPONENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Each instrument selected from the Index Universe must fulfil the following criteria to be eligible for inclusion in the Index ("**Index Component Selection Criteria**").

Introduction:

The LIXX iCubed Next-Gen Defense Innovators Index is designed to track publicly-listed European+ companies at the forefront of emerging defense technologies—artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, autonomous systems, drones/UAVs, and quantum applications. The Index construction methodology is based on a three-step approach made every quarter:

STEP 1: Initial Universe Filtering:

- **Scope:** Publicly listed companies domiciled in EU-27, UK, Switzerland, Norway, Israel, and Turkey.
- **Sector Classification:** Firms categorized under Aerospace & Defense (Impact Cubed Sector Classification).
- **Market Capitalization Threshold:** Only include companies with a market capitalization greater than €150 million as of the latest available data point.

STEP 2:

Domain Flagging: The vendor-provided flags for each of the five domains will be used to assess thematic eligibility. Only companies actively involved in at least three domains will proceed to the next stage. The assessment is based on a review of company disclosures, public R&D initiatives, project announcements, or participation in national/EU defense programs which is carried out by Impact Cubed.

- **Domains of Interest:**
 1. Artificial Intelligence
 2. Cybersecurity
 3. Autonomous Systems
 4. Drones / UAVs
 5. Quantum Applications

**STEP 3:
Innovation Screening (R&D Intensity)**

- **R&D-to-Revenue Ratio:** Compute the latest fiscal-year R&D expense divided by revenue. Companies must exceed a minimum R&D/Sales ratio of 5% to emphasize innovation focus.

Relaxation Clause: If fewer than 10 companies meet all above criteria, lower the R&D threshold to 2.5% to expand the eligible pool and maintain diversification.

No Ongoing Monitoring

The Index Component Selection Criteria are required to be fulfilled at the time of inclusion of the relevant instrument as Index Component in the Index. However, fulfilment of the Index Component Selection Criteria will not be monitored on an ongoing basis following such inclusion.

ANNEX 3: ALLOCATION MECHANISM

Allocation Mechanism

Weighting Scheme: Constituents are weighted by free-float market capitalization. Each constituent's weight is its free-float market cap divided by the sum of free-float market cap of all constituents.

Weight Cap: Any constituent with a calculated weight above 20% is capped at 20%. The excess weight (above 20%) is redistributed to the remaining constituents proportionally based on their market cap (pro-rata).

ANNEX 4: INITIAL INDEX ALLOCATION

The initial weight allocation for the Index Components is set out below.

ISIN	Index Component Name	Weight
GB00B63H8491	Rolls-Royce Holdings plc	20.00%
FR0000073272	Safran SA	20.00%
DE0007030009	Rheinmetall AG	20.00%
GB0002634946	BAE Systems plc	16.55%
FR0000121329	Thales SA	5.57%
IT0003856405	Leonardo SpA	5.03%
SE0021921269	Saab AB Class B	4.53%
IL0010811243	Elbit Systems Ltd	2.87%
NO0013536151	Kongsberg Gruppen ASA	2.86%
FR0014004L86	Dassault Aviation SA	1.27%
GB00B0WMWD03	QinetiQ Group plc	0.71%
SE0016074249	MILDEF GROUP AB	0.16%
GB00B0YD2B94	COHORT PLC	0.13%
IT0005119810	Avio SpA	0.12%
IL0002650179	ORBIT TECHNOLOGIES LTD	0.06%
ATFREQUENT09	FREQUENTIS AG	0.05%
SE0008348304	GOMSPACE GROUP AB	0.04%
TREALTA00014	Altinay Savunma Teknolojileri A.S.	0.03%
PLCRTCH00017	CREOTECH INSTRUMENTS SA	0.03%

ANNEX 5: INDEX VERSIONS

The Index is distributed under the below defined identifiers.

Index ISIN	Index BBG Ticker	Index Name	Index Type
DE000A4PU3G9		LIXX iCubed Next-Gen Defense Innovators PR Index	Price Return
DE000A4PU3D6		LIXX iCubed Next-Gen Defense Innovators TR Index	Total Return
DE000A4PU3F1		LIXX iCubed Next-Gen Defense Innovators NTR Index	Net Total Return