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RULE CHANGE FOR US LISTED PREFERRED SECURITIES INDEX

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ICE US Listed Preferred Securities Index (PHGL) Rule Change for 1/31

The ICE US Listed Preferred Securities Index (PHGL) will see several rule adjustments implemented at the upcoming 1/31/2019 rebalancing.

- The minimum market value for inclusion will be reduced to \$75 million from \$100 million
- Removal of the minimum maturity requirement
- The trading volume criteria will be changed as follows:
 - No criterion for securities issued since January 1, 2018
 - Securities issued prior to 1/1/2018 require at least 125,000 shares in each of last 12 consecutive months
- No new constituents will be added to the index after the January 31, 2019 rebalancing and amounts outstanding of index constituents will not be changed after that date. After January 31, 2019, securities will be removed from the index at each subsequent rebalancing only if they are in default, become delisted from either the NYSE or NASDAQ exchanges or their country of risk is downgraded to sub-investment grade. In addition, non-convertible securities will be removed if they fall below \$100 million face amount outstanding, and convertible securities will be removed if they fall below \$50 million face amount outstanding.

ICE Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Transition Index affected

Since PHGL is a component of the ICE Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Transition Index (PHGX), it will also be affected by the rule change to PHGL.

PHGX tracks the performance of a transitional blend of the ICE US Listed Preferred Securities Index (PHGL) and the ICE Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Index (PHGY). As of January 31, 2019 PHGX will have a 90% allocation to PHGL and 10% allocation to PHGY. Starting on February 28, 2019 the PHGL allocation will be reduced in 10% increments at each monthly rebalancing, with the balance shifted to PHGY, until October 31, 2019 at which point PHGL will hold a zero weight and both PHGL and PHGX will be discontinued.

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