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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 68, *Financial services*, SC 4, *Securities and related financial instruments*.

Introduction

The Financial Instrument Short Name (FISN) code has been developed to provide a consistent and uniform approach to standardize short descriptions for financial instruments. It aims to harmonize existing market practices which are in use on a national and individual entity level.

With the growth of cross-border trading, the requirement to improve communication of information among market participants has become critical. A worldwide implementation of Straight Through Processing in the securities business requires the use of complementary standardized data elements. For instance, ISO 6166 (ISIN) and ISO 10962 (CFI) are key information elements for identifying and classifying financial instruments, and FISN aids human-readability.

The market players of the securities industry usually report on securities transactions by using short descriptions of the involved financial instruments. Currently, market data vendors, banks and securities exchanges describe financial instruments in their databases using their own short names. The names vary in length and also with regard to the attributes composing them and their sequence. The fact that they are defined in local languages limits their use to the local area.

Besides the requirements of Straight Through Processing there are other developments which make the use of standardized short names an urgent issue such as the internet technology which has allowed the growth of e-issuing, e-trading and e-settlements. The prices reported on websites are usually accompanied by short names of the involved securities. Screens limit the space available for the different data elements displayed and especially for short names. Therefore, a standardization of the short name's length, structure and contents will be a benefit for communication and processing purposes. In addition, the retail investor is more likely to identify his securities by using the instrument short name, rather than any identification number.

The solution envisaged consists of using a standard maximum length as well as a standardized structure of the field. The issuer short name which builds the first element (beginning from the left) is followed by a set of characteristics of the financial instrument.

The development of these codes will encourage market participants to take advantage of other ISO standards, particularly ISINs (ISO 6166) and Securities Messages to simplify the communication process among market participants and increase the efficiency, reliability, data consistency and transparency of financial services transactions and reference data. Describing financial instruments in a structured and standardized way could also be beneficial for regulatory reporting.

The improved identification of financial instruments will lead to a better understanding by investors, giving them more confidence to make investment decisions and leading to more active markets. This, in turn, will result in improved market liquidity.

Securities and related financial instruments — Financial Instrument Short Name (FISN)

1 Scope

This International Standard defines and describes rules for an internationally valid system for building short names of any kind of financial instrument within a defined structure.

This International Standard is intended for use in any application in the trading and administration of securities globally.

The FISN has been developed after taking into account the need of human-readability as well as interoperability with existing standards and systems.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 8859-1, *Information technology — 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets — Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
issuer short name
abbreviation of the official issuer name, limited to a maximum of 15 alphanumeric characters

3.2
abbreviation of securities terms
short version of terms used in the securities business processes, specifically in bank reports, pricing, instructions, event notifications, etc.

3.3
instrument description
collection of characteristics and attributes defining a financial instrument

4 Conventions and principles

The FISN has a maximum length of 35 alphanumeric characters as specified in ISO 8859-1. In order to create FISNs that fit into the defined maximum length, certain terms need to be abbreviated. Rules and guidelines are provided to specify the data elements, sequence, delimiters and punctuation related to the FISN. It consists of abbreviations of securities terms and issuer names which are necessary components of the FISN structure. The Registration Authority (RA) for this International Standard is responsible for the allocation and maintenance of the abbreviations list.

The FISN is composed of the following:

— issuer short name with a maximum length of 15 alphanumeric characters. In the case of collective investment vehicles and derivatives, the issuer short name can be extended beyond 15 alphanumeric characters up to the maximum length of the FISN (see 5.3 and 5.5);

— "/" as the delimiter between the issuer short name and the instrument description, abbreviations forming the FISN must be separated by blanks where required;

— instrument description with a maximum length up to 19 alphanumeric characters, assuming that the available length of the issuer short name has been fully used including the delimiter ("/"). In the event that all characters have not been used in the issuer short name, the remaining space may be used to describe the characteristics of the financial instrument.

In the event that only preliminary information is available, the abbreviation shall be distributed and updated as more complete information becomes available.

EXAMPLE News America Inc. — 7.3 % Debenture 1998–30.4.2028 Guaranteed Senior, ISIN US652482AJ95.

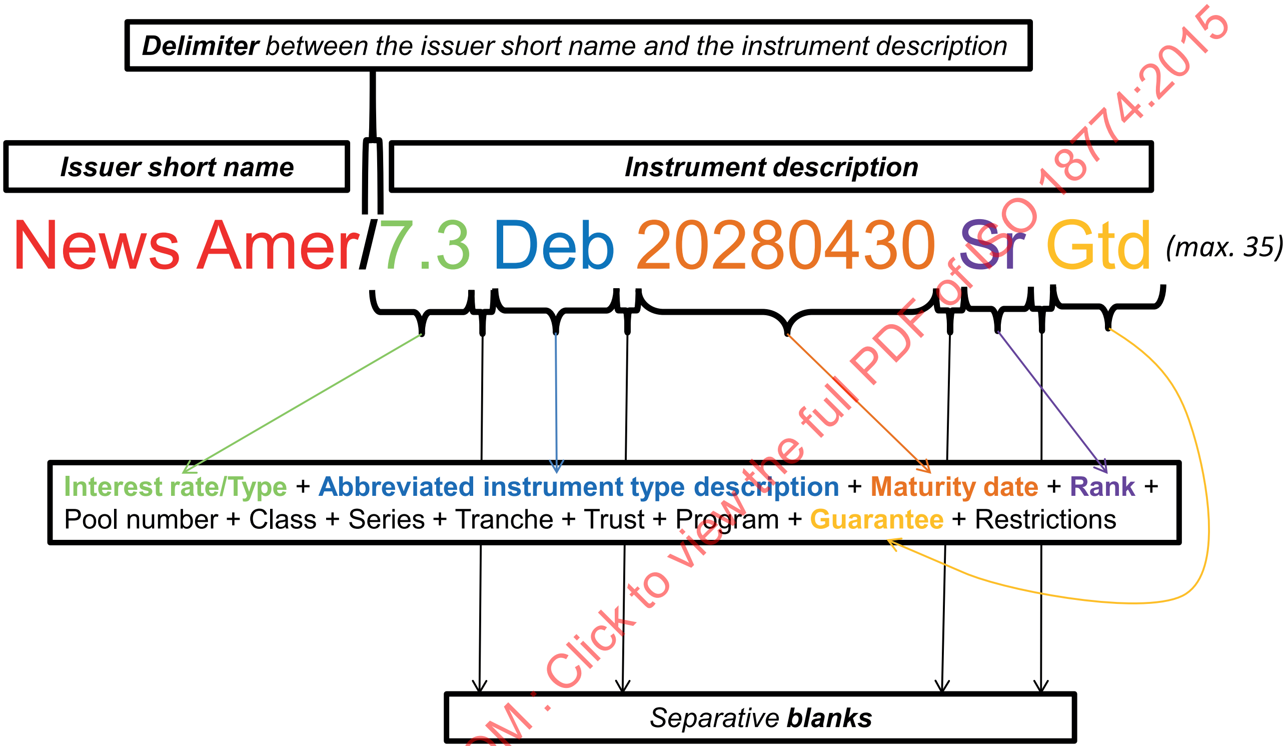

Figure 1 — FISN example

5 Structures of the instrument description

5.1 General

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following structures reflect all possible attributes as being potential components per type of financial instrument. In most cases, not all of them will apply to the same instrument. However, the indicated sequence shall be applied.

5.2 Debt

For debt groups the sequence of the components considered critical will be as follows:

Interest rate/Type + Abbreviated instrument type description + Maturity date + Rank + Pool number + Class + Series + Tranche + Trust + Program + Guarantee + Restrictions.

EXAMPLE If the security type description has two characters left, and the next component in the sequence is "Rank", then this component is incorporated within the financial security short name structure to allocate a maximum of 35 characters. If the information relating to "Rank" does not exist, then "Pool number" will be used accordingly.

Interest rate/Type will consist of the interest rate, which could be either numeric or alphanumeric. The percent sign will not be included. The decimal point will be used in the interest rate.

The abbreviated instrument type description will be in accordance with the abbreviations list.

Maturity date will consist of eight characters, which will include YYYYMMDD. In the event that the security is perpetual, the associated abbreviation will be used.

5.3 Equity

Equity groups shall have the following structure and sequence of components that are critical for equity securities:

Shares: Abbreviated instrument type description + Non-voting + Class + Series + Partly paid + Restrictions + Par value.

Depository receipts: Abbreviated instrument type description [e.g. S (for Sponsored) ADR (American Depository Receipt), GDR (Global Depository Receipt), etc.] + Restrictions.

Depository shares: Abbreviated instrument type description + Class + Series.

Preferred/Preference shares: Interest rate/Dividend amount + Characteristics (Cumulative, Convertible, Exchangeable, Redeemable) + Abbreviated instrument type description (Preference, Preferred, Preferred share of beneficial interest) + Class + Series.

Collective investment vehicles: Abbreviated instrument type description + Class + Series + Currency.

The Class/Series/Currency characteristics must be included in case they exist and are relevant. In the event that they do not exist, the remaining space may be used for the issuer short name up to the maximum length of the FISN.

The issuer short name will consist of the collective investment vehicle name.

Limited partnership: Abbreviated instrument type description + Nil/Partly/Fully paid + Class + Series + Currency.

5.4 Entitlements

For entitlements, the sequence of the components considered critical will be as follows:

Rights: Abbreviated instrument type description + Expiration date (YYYYMMDD) + Nil/Fully paid + Underlying (limit issuer name, commodity, index, currency, etc. to six characters).

In the event that the underlying issuer is the same as the issuer of the rights, the issuer name should not appear in the instrument description.

Warrants: Warrant type (for instance: Call or Put, using the appropriate abbreviation) + Abbreviated instrument type description + Underlying (limit issuer name, commodity, index, currency, etc. to six characters) + Strike price + Expiration date (YYYYMMDD) + Class + Restriction.

In the event that the underlying issuer is the same as the issuer of the warrants, the issuer name should not appear in the instrument description.

5.5 Derivatives

In the event that all characters have not been used to describe the characteristics of the derivative instrument, the remaining space may be used for the issuer short name up to the maximum length of the FISN.

The critical elements and sequence will be as follows:

Options: Abbreviated instrument type description (O for Option) + Expiration date + Type of option (Call or Put) + Option style (for instance: European or American, using the appropriate abbreviation) + Underlying (limit issuer name, commodity, index, currency, etc. to six characters) + Strike price.

Futures: Abbreviated instrument type description (F for Future) + Expiration date + Underlying (limit issuer name, commodity, index, currency, etc. to six characters).

Options on Futures: Abbreviated instrument type description (O for Option) + Expiration date + Call/Put + Option style (for instance: European or American, using the appropriate abbreviation) + Underlying (preceded by F- for Future) (limit issuer name, commodity, index, currency, etc. to six characters) + Strike price.

Futures on Options: Abbreviated instrument type description (F for Future) + Expiration date + call/put + Underlying (preceded by O- for Option) (limit issuer name, commodity, index, currency, etc. to six characters) + Strike price.

Maturity date will consist of eight characters, which will include YYYYMMDD. However, it is acceptable to omit the day (DD) in those cases when considered not relevant.

5.6 Structured Products

For structured products, the sequence of the components considered critical will be as follows:

Interest rate/Type + Abbreviated instrument type description + Maturity date + Underlying (limit issuer name, commodity, index, currency, etc. to six characters) + Barrier type (e.g.: knock in, knock out) + Other characteristics (e.g.: Rank + Pool number + Class + Series + Tranche + Trust + Program + Guarantee + Restrictions).

Interest rate/Type will consist of the interest rate, which could be either numeric or alphanumeric. The percent sign will not be included. The decimal point will be used in the interest rate.

The abbreviated security type description will be in accordance with the abbreviations list.

Maturity date will consist of eight characters, which will include YYYYMMDD. In the event that the security is perpetual, the associated abbreviation will be used.

5.7 Referential Instruments

For referential instruments, the sequence of the components considered critical will be as follows:

Interest rates: Currency + Abbreviated instrument type description + Tenor (e.g.: 3M for three month, 1Y for one year).

Currencies: National currency.

Exchange rates: Cross rate (EUR/USD) or spot (CHF) + Tenor.

Indices (Financial, Economic, etc.): Abbreviated instrument type description + ISO country code (for economic indices).

Commodities: Abbreviated instrument type description + Quality + Quantity (Size/Volume/Weight).

5.8 Others

For other financial instruments the sequence of the components considered critical will be as follows:

Units (combined instruments): Abbreviated instrument type description (Ut for unit) + Components (1 Share + 1 Warrant) + Mandatory separation year (YYYY).

Insurance policies and similar documents: Currency + Abbreviated instrument type description + Maturity date + Contract number.

Loans: Interest rate/Type + Abbreviated instrument type description + Maturity date + Guarantee.

Repos/Securities lending and borrowing: Abbreviated instrument type description + ISO country code of the basket creator.

6 Responsibilities of the Registration Authority (RA)

6.1 General

The name and contact details of the organization acting as RA for this International Standard can be found at: http://www.iso.org/iso/maintenance_agencies.htm#18774.

6.2 Allocation of Financial Instrument Short Names

The Financial Instrument Short Name shall be allocated and maintained by the RA.

6.3 Application for FISN

Applications for the allocation of Financial Instrument Short Names may be submitted to the RA.

6.4 Service provision

The RA is responsible for the provision of the following services:

a) to promote and make all efforts to ensure the proper use of this International Standard;

b) to create, maintain and make the abbreviations list available to users;

c) to support the exchange of FISNs and the provision of the FISN record to users;

d) to continuously adapt the FISN guidelines, which will be made available on the RA website, to meet the needs of the market;

e) to respond to enquiries and information requests related to this International Standard in a timely manner.

7 Information and enquiries

Information and enquiries regarding the implementation of this International Standard and the allocation of Financial Instrument Short Names may be addressed to the RA.

Annex A
(informative)

Examples of Financial Instrument Short Names

Table A.1 — Examples of financial instrument short names

ISIN	Instrument type	Issues short name	Instrument short name	Financial instrument short name	Total characters incl. "/"
ES0L01406203	DEBT	ESTADO	LT 20140620	ESTADO/LT 20140620	18
ES0240609026	DEBT	CABK	4.358 OB 20191031	CABK/4,358 OB 20191031	22
ES0313860498	DEBT	SAB	3.625 BO 20160412	SAB/3,625 BO 20160412	21
ES0413790256	DEBT	POP	VAR CEDHIP 20210405 GTIA	POP/VAR CEDHIP 20210405 GTIA	28
ES0513679XT3	DEBT	BKT	PAG 20150211	BKT/PAG 20150211	16
IT0004904287	DEBT	UNICREDIT	TV OBB 20170404 SR 3/13	UNICREDIT/TV OBB 20170404 SR 3/13	33
IT0004935687	DEBT	UNICREDIT	IND OBB 20190716 SR 2	UNICREDIT/IND OBB 20190716 SR 2	31
IT0004941412	DEBT	UNICREDIT	TV OBB SUB 20201013	UNICREDIT/TV OBB SUB 20201013	30
IT0004940356	DEBT	K5 SPV	5 ABS 20311027 SEN CL A	K5 SPV/5 ABS 20311027 SEN CL A	30
IT0004511959	DEBT	UNICREDIT	4.25 CB 20160729	UNICREDIT/4.25 CB 20160729	26
CH0127181011	DEBT	Schweiz Eidg	2 OB 20220525 SR	Schweiz Eidg/2 BD 20220525 SR	29
DE0001102317	DEBT	Bund	1.5 ANL 20230515 sgar	Bund/1.5 ANL 20230515 sgar	26
DE000A1RE1Q3	DEBT	Allianz SE	VAR SFN 20421017 NACH ub	Allianz SE/VAR SFN 20421017 NACH ub	35
DE000DX4W8R7	DEBT	Deutsche Bank	5 AAD 20141001 ubes V	Deutsche Bank/5 AAD 20141001 ubes V	35
US684001AJ90	DEBT	Opus CDO I Ltd	4.527 Nt 20500301	Opus CDO I Ltd/4.527 Nt 20500301	32
US073730AG89	DEBT	Beam Inc	3.25 Nt 20230615	Beam Inc/3.25 Nt 20230615	25
US071813BG33	DEBT	Baxter Intl Inc	4.5 Nt 20430615 Sr	Baxter Intl Inc/4.5 Nt 20430615 Sr	34
US652482AJ95	DEBT	News Amer	7.3 Deb 20280430 Sr Gtd	News Amer/7.3 Deb 20280430 Sr Gtd	33
ES0113211835	EQUITY – Shares	BBVA	AC 0,49	BBVA/AC 0,49	12

Table A.1 *(continued)*

ISIN	Instrument type	Issues short name	Instrument short name	Financial instrument short name	Total characters incl. "/"
ES0118594417	EQUITY – Shares	IDR	AC A 0,20	IDR/AC A 0,20	13
IT0004781412	EQUITY – Shares	UNICREDIT	AOR SVN	UNICREDIT/AOR SVN	17
IT0004194871	EQUITY – Shares	CAPITOLOTRE	AOR CV CAT B EUR 1	CAPITOLOTRE/AOR CV CAT B EUR 1	30
IT0004068083	EQUITY – Shares	GBL	AZ SPEC CAT B SVN	GBL/AZ SPEC CAT B SVN	21
IT0004827496	EQUITY – Shares	FONDIARIA-SAI	RNC SDV CAT B SVN	FONDIARIA-SAI/RNC SDV CAT B SVN	31
CH0024899483	EQUITY – Shares	UBS	NA CHF0.1	UBS/NA CHF0.1	13
CH0012032048	EQUITY – Shares	Roche Hldg	G OST ON	Roche Hldg/G OST ON	19
DE000BASF111	EQUITY – Shares	BASF SE	AKT o.N.	BASF SE/AKT o.N.	16
DE000DFAG997	EQUITY – Shares	Dresd.Factor	AKT EO 1	Dresd.Factor/AKT EO 1	21
US5797802064	EQUITY – Shares	McCormick	Sh Non-Vtg	McCormick/Sh Non-Vtg	20
US9113121068	EQUITY – Shares	United Parcel	Sh Cl B	United Parcel/Sh Cl B	21
US8550301027	EQUITY – Shares	Staples Inc	Sh	Staples Inc/Sh	14
US7281151065	EQUITY – Depository Shares	Plava Laguna	GDR 144A	Plava Laguna/GDR 144A	21
US7281152055	EQUITY – Depository Shares	Plava Laguna	GDR RegS	Plava Laguna/GDR RegS	21
ES0114818042	EQUITY – Preferred/Preference Shares	CAJAMURCIA PREF	VAR NACU AMTB PPR D	CAJAMURCIA PREF/VAR NACU AMTB PPR D	35
ES0182834020	EQUITY – Preferred/Preference Shares	CANTABRIA PREF	VAR NACU AMTB PPR 2	CANTABRIA PREF/VAR NACU AMTB PPR 2	34
IT0004338791	EQUITY – Preferred/Preference Shares	GRUPPO FERRERO	APL EUR 25	GRUPPO FERRERO/APL EUR 25	25
US1968782011	EQUITY – Preferred/Preference Shares	Coltec Cap	5.25 TIDES 144A	Coltec Cap/5.25 TIDES 144A	26
ES0176936005	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	SANTANDER CUMBRE 2018 PLUS	PART B	SANTANDER CUMBRE 2018 PLUS/PART B	33
ES0105002010	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	FONCAIXA AHORRO	PART PLUS	FONCAIXA AHORRO/PART PLUS	25

Table A.1 *(continued)*

ISIN	Instrument type	Issues short name	Instrument short name	Financial instrument short name	Total characters incl. "/"
ES0180704001	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	TRENAREZO	AC	TRENAREZO/AC	12
IT0003624506	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	ALLIANZ LIQUIDITA	FCO ARM CL B EUR	ALLIANZ LIQUIDITA/FCO ARM CL B EUR	34
CH0038340078	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	ZITIF 45	AN CHF B CHF	ZI TIF 45/AN CHF B CHF	22
DE0007019317	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	Deka Invest.	Deka-Finanzwert CL TF	Deka Invest./Deka-Finanzwert Cl TF	34
DE0008474024	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	DWS Invt GmbH	DWS Akkumula	DWS Invt GmbH/DWS Akkumula	26
US7467782089	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	Putnam Glb Hlth Care Fd	SBI Cl B	Putnam Glb Hlth Care Fd/SBI Cl B	32
US7864261067	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	Safeco California Tax Free In Fd	Sh	Safeco California Tax Free In Fd/Sh	35
US4710235072	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	Janus Invt	Venture Fd Sh	Janus Invt/Venture Fd Sh	24
US8252491050	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	Short-term In	MM Ptf Sh Cl A	Short-term In/MM Ptf Sh Cl A	28
US5929052026	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	Met W Fd	Low Duration Bd Fd Sh	Met W Fd/Low Duration Bd Fd Sh	30
US1566651014	EQUITY – Collective Investment Vehicles	Century Pty Fd	LP Ut Int Cl XI	Century Pty Fd/LP Ut Int Cl XI	30
CH0214863109	ENTITLEMENTS – Warrants	BK Vontobel	C WT GBRA 240140620	BK Vontobel/ C WT GBRA 240140620	32
US45168K1161	ENTITLEMENTS – Warrants	Idera Pharms	CWt Sh 20180507	Idera Pharms/CWt Sh 20180507	28
US5534771267	ENTITLEMENTS – Warrants	MRV Comms	CWt Sh 20180712	MRV Comms/CWt Sh 20180712	25
US58436Q1206	ENTITLEMENTS – Warrants	Medgenics Inc	CWt Sh 20180213 2013A	Medgenics Inc/CWt Sh 20180213 2013A	35
US62945V1171	ENTITLEMENTS – Warrants	NV5 Hldgs Inc	CWT Sh 20180327	NV5 Hldgs Inc/CWT Sh 20180327	29

Table A.1 *(continued)*

ISIN	Instrument type	Issues short name	Instrument short name	Financial instrument short name	Total characters incl. "/"
ES0A00642017	DERIVATIVES – Options	MEFF	OPC 20151218 VTA TEF 12,00	MEFF/OPC 20151218 VTA TEF 12,00	31
ES0A00648782	DERIVATIVES – Options	MEFF	OPC 20160617 CPRA SAN 10,00	MEFF/OPC 20161617 CPRA SAN 10,00	32
IT0009990786	DERIVATIVES – Options	CCG	OPT 201412 C IDX 11000	CCG/OPT 201412 C IDX 11000	26
DE000C0ECTT4	DERIVATIVES – Options	Eurex	O 202212 C ESTX50 2200,00	Eurex/O 202212 C ESTX50 2200,00	31
ES0B00021211	DERIVATIVES – Futures	MEFF	F 20161216 IBEX	MEFF/F 20161216 IBEX	20
DE000F7QW4J4	DERIVATIVES – Futures	Eurex	F 201512 BASF	Eurex/F 201512 BASF	19
ES0A00709923	DERIVATIVES – Options on Futures	MEFF	OPC 20151218 CPRA F-IBEX 15000	MEFF/OPC 20151218 CPRA F-IBEX 15000	35
ES0213679329	STRUCTURED PRODUCTS	BKT	VAR OBESTR 20180522 REPSOL	BKT/VAR OBESTR 20180522 REPSOL	30
ES0340609181	STRUCTURED PRODUCTS	CABK	VAR BOESTR 20160527 IBEX	CABK/VAR BOESTR 20160527 IBEX	29
IT0004939440	STRUCTURED PRODUCTS	B IMI	CERT 20160822 ESTX	B IMI/CERT 20160822 ESTX	24
CH0141502481	STRUCTURED PRODUCTS	BK Vontobel	1 SP 20180919 Gold	BK Vontobel/1 SP 20180919 Gold	30
IT0003491476	REFERENTIAL INSTRUMENTS – Interest rates	ITALIA	EUR INT BOT 12M	ITALIA/EUR INT BOT 12M	22
CH0049613703	REFERENTIAL INSTRUMENTS – Interest rates	SIX	CHF INT TN	SIX/CHF INT TN	14
CH0002748082	REFERENTIAL INSTRUMENTS – Currencies	SNB	Schweizer Franken CHF/001	SNB/Schweizer Franken CHF/001	29
ES0SI0000005	REFERENTIAL INSTRUMENTS – Indices	SDAD BOLSAS	IBEX 35	SDAD BOLSAS/IBEX 35	19
IT0003465736	REFERENTIAL INSTRUMENTS – Indices	BORSA ITALIANA	IDX FTSE MIB	BORSA ITALIANA/IDX FTSE MIB	27
CH0009980894	REFERENTIAL INSTRUMENTS – Indices	SMI	IND CHF	SMI/IND CHF	11