

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **CUSTOM INDEX SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **Core 8 Index**

1. **Name and Description of the Custom Index:** Core 8 Index (the “Custom Index”). The Custom Index includes companies from the Philippines, Turkey, Mexico, South Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt and Vietnam meeting the criteria mentioned below. The Custom Index will be published in real-time during European and US market hours and distributed via Reuters and Bloomberg. S&P will make all commercially reasonable efforts to make the Custom Index available via Telekurs’ service.
2. **Weighting:** The Custom Index will be a market-cap weighted free-float adjusted index. No single country will have a weighting greater than 30% on each quarterly rebalance and no single stock have a weighting greater than 5%. To derive the Custom Index composition, per country cap will be applied before the per company cap.
3. **Currency:** The Custom Index will be calculated in USD.
4. **Frequency/Delivery of Calculation:** The Custom Index will be calculated in real-time.
5. **Composition Determination:** The ten (10) largest listed stocks by free float market capitalization from each of the five Core-5 countries Philippines, Turkey, Mexico, South Korea and Indonesia and the five (5) largest stocks by free float market capitalization from each of the three additional countries Pakistan, Egypt and Vietnam will be chosen on an annual basis on the third Friday of September, meeting a minimum liquidity of 2 million US-Dollar average-dollar value traded. The liquidity criteria can be relaxed to meet the number of stocks to be included in the Custom Index. Stocks with a foreign ownership limit will not be included in the Custom Index, if this limit has already been reached on any rebalancing date.
6. **Rebalancing:** The Custom Index constituents (including free float factors) will be rebalanced on a quarterly basis after the close of trading on third Friday of March, June, September and December. Free float factor changes greater than 5% will be applied right away with advance notice to GS by S&P. All other free float factor changes will be rebalanced on a quarterly basis. S&P will act as the composition agent of the Custom Index. Stocks and countries will be excluded from the Custom Index if the issuers of the stocks or the countries are subject to United States Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions or any similar regulatory measure. Data from the last day of the previous month will be utilized to determine the constituents for the quarterly rebalancing.
7. **Corporate Action Treatment:** The Custom Index will be maintained in accordance with S&P’s present practices for maintaining a market-cap weighted, free-float adjusted index. All corporate action treatment (splits, rights issues, etc.) will follow standard S&P procedure and any changes, adjustments, enhancements or other modifications to the Custom Index shall be at S&P’s full discretion without being subject to Licensee’s approval or consent. Without limiting any of the disclaimers or limitations on liabilities contained in the Master Agreement, Licensee acknowledges and agrees that any such modifications and their subsequent affect on the Custom Index shall be without liability to S&P.
8. **Dividend Treatment:** The Custom Index will not be adjusted for dividend payments.
9. **History:** History for the Custom Index will be calculated back to September 21, 2001.
10. **Base Value / Base Date:** TBD based on launch date.