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# News Release

## Announcement on UBS ETRACS ETNs

New York, December 30, 2016 – [UBS Investment Bank](#) today made the following announcement concerning the UBS ETRACS ETNs.

On January 1, 2017, new US tax regulations (commonly referred to as the Section 871(m) regulations) will become effective and may impact non-US holders of UBS ETRACS ETNs. These regulations may require the imposition of withholding taxes on non-US investors in UBS ETRACS ETNs that directly or indirectly reference the performance of US equities (“Covered ETNs”). A list of Covered ETNs is set forth below. In the case of certain Covered ETNs, this withholding tax would not apply until 2020. The new regulations apply only to non-US beneficial owners, so the tax treatment of US beneficial owners of Covered Securities is generally not altered by the new regulations.

As a technical matter, the new regulations apply only to Covered ETNs that are issued on or after January 1, 2017. However, Covered ETNs that are issued on or after January 1, 2017 will have the same CUSIP and ISIN number as Covered ETNs of the same series that were issued before that date, and accordingly all of the Covered ETNs of the same series will be interchangeable and fungible with each other. As a result, non-US holders of Covered ETNs (including holders of Covered ETNs that were purchased on or before December 31, 2016) may not be able to establish to their custodians and other withholding agents that their Covered ETNs are exempt from the new regulations. Accordingly, holders of Covered ETNs should generally assume that their ETNs will be subject to the new regulations starting on January 1, 2017.

UBS has filed supplemental prospectus/pricing addenda for Covered ETNs that are subject to these new rules. However, there are significant uncertainties regarding the application of the Section 871(m) rules to the Covered ETNs, and UBS may make additional announcements if there are further developments regarding how these rules will apply to the Covered ETNs. Non-US holders of Covered ETNs with respect to US equities are urged to consult their tax advisors and their custodians about how the new regulations may affect their Covered ETN investments. Holders of Covered ETNs are urged to read the prospectus/pricing addenda for more detailed information relating to the application of these new rules. These documents can be found at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and / or at <http://etracs.ubs.com>.

The table below lists the ticker symbols of the Covered ETNs and indicates whether the withholding tax will take effect on January 1, 2017 or on January 1, 2020.



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**Effective January 1, 2017**

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AMUB  
BDCL  
BDCS  
BDCZ  
DVHL  
FIHD  
LBDC  
LMLP  
MLPB  
MLPG  
MLPI  
MLPQ  
MLPZ  
MRRL

**Effective January 1, 2020**

CEFL  
DVYL  
HDLV  
HOML  
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MORL  
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