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Standard Bank Commodity ETNs - Update

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LISTING OF TWO NEW ETNs

There are currently no direct alternatives available for investors who want exposure to these commodities. Standard Bank will be listing a replacement Copper ETN and Oil ETN on Tuesday, 13 July 2021, but investors would have to sell out of the current ETNs (SBACOP and SBAOIL) and buy the new ETNs (SBCOP and SBOIL) - no direct replacements or transfer of investments will be available.

Herewith some of the salient details of the two new ETNs:

- The term of the two new notes with be **20 years** instead of the current 10 years.
- The annual fee on the new notes have been reduced from 0.5% p.a. to 0.35% p.a.
- The **pricing** and thus **performance calculation** are based on the same formula as before,
 - i.e., futures price * USD/ZAR * allocation factor, but the allocation factors have also been adjusted:
 - Copper new allocation factor is 1/10 vs 1/2.5 previously.
 - o Oil new allocation factor is **1/100** vs 1/50 previously.
- The **new Oil ETN** is linked to the **price of Brent Crude Oil price** (which is more relevant in South Africa), whereas the old ETN was linked to the West-Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude Oil price.
- The Brent Oil future is only cash settled, whereas the WTI future has physical settlement this means that the risk of the price going negative (like it did in March 2020) is removed.
- The history of the ETN prices of the old copper and oil ETNs will not be relevant due to the change in allocation factors, so the new ETNs should be treated as entirely new investment instruments.

In practice, this means that investors who want to buy into the new copper and oil ETNs, can do so via their current trading accounts from the start of listing on Tuesday, 13 July 2021. The price of the ETNs will be determined by the prevailing market prices of copper and Brent crude oil respectively, and the Rand/\$ exchange rate.

TICKER	DESCRIPTION	ISSUE SIZE	ISSUE PRICE (PU)	MARKET CAP
SBCOP	Copper ETN (New)	40,000,000 notes issued	R6.18	R247.2 million
SBOIL	Oil ETN (New)	50,000,000 notes issued	R10.06	R503 million

