

Connect the Corporate Dots Globally with the LEI

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History of the Global LEI System



2008

2010

2011

2012

2014

In the wake of financial crisis, regulators worldwide acknowledged their inability to identify parties to transactions across markets, products, and regions.

U.S. regulators and FINRA hold a workshop, identifying the lack of a standard way to identify parties as a "linchpin" for improving regulation, private risk management, and business processes*.

The G20 called upon the FSB (Financial Stability Board) to take the lead in developing recommendations for a global LEI and supporting governance structure.

The G20 finance ministers and central bank governors and the FSB endorsed the Charter of the LEI Regulatory Oversight Committee (LEI ROC).

The Global LEI
Foundation
(GLEIF) was
established as a
not-for-profit
organization
overseen by the
ROC to act as the
operational arm
of the Global LEI
System.

^{*}See: Creating a Linchpin for Financial Data: The Need for a Legal Entity Identifier

Global LEI System relationship and governance

Available at www.gleif.org





The Financial Stability Board (FSB) and the Group of Twenty (G20) have endorsed the LEI, Global LEI system and GLEIF.

LEI Regulatory Oversight Committee (LEI ROC)

- Represents public financial market authorities from around the world
- Coordinates and oversees the Global LEI System

 worldwide framework of legal entity identification

Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)

- Ensures the operational integrity of the Global LEI System
- Monitors and manages LEI data quality
- Makes available the technical infrastructure to access to the full global LEI repository free of charge to users

LEI Issuers

Issue LEIs to legal entities

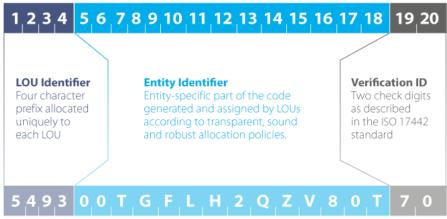
The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)





LEI is the linchpin that connects the dots across the universe of entity identification in the digital age

 20-digit, alpha-numeric code based on the ISO 17442 standard developed by the ISO



Example: ABB Sécheron S.A., Switzerland

 Connects to key reference information that enables clear and unique identification of legal entities participating in financial transactions

Information Available with the LEI:

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Data on 'Who owns Whom'

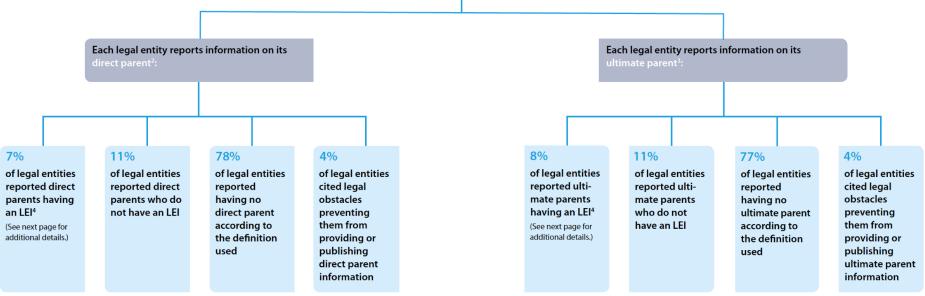
- Starting 1 May 2017, the LEI data pool is enhanced to include information on 'who owns whom'.
- Standards for this data collection:
 - Entities that have or acquire an LEI would report their 'direct and ultimate accounting consolidating parent',
 - Accounting definitions were chosen as a starting point,
 - The information collected would be published in the Global LEI System,
 - Entities would report relationship information to the LEI issuing organizations of the Global LEI,
 - Information on parents would be part of the information that must be provided in order for an LEI to be issued or renewed

Level 2 data report Q1 2018



In May 2017, the process of enhancing the LEI data pool, by including 'Level 2' data to answer the question of 'who owns whom', began. The graphic below provides information on direct and ultimate parent data collected through March 2018¹.





- 1 Referenced to level 2 relationship record CDF concatenated file dated 03 April 2018
- 2 98.9% legal entities reported direct parent
- 3 99.4% legal entities reported ultimate parent
- 4 The definitions of ultimate and direct parent are based on percentage share of accounting consolidation as per LEI Regulatory Oversight Committee prescription. Related link https://www.gleif.org/en/about-lei/common-data-file-format/level-2-data-reporting-exceptions-format

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Enhancements to the LEI Search

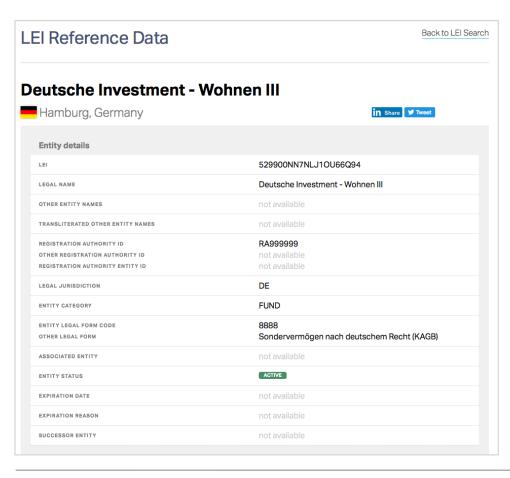


- GLEIF's current LEI search tool allows users to all level 1 data on "Who is who".
- GLEIF seeks to upgrade the current LEI search to include the newly published Level 2 data and other now available data fields (e.g. BIC-LEI mapping, ISIN-LEI mapping, ELF, Registration Authorities, LOU reference data).
- The upgrade will make the LEI search easier to use for humans but also machines.
- Expected schedule is December 2018.

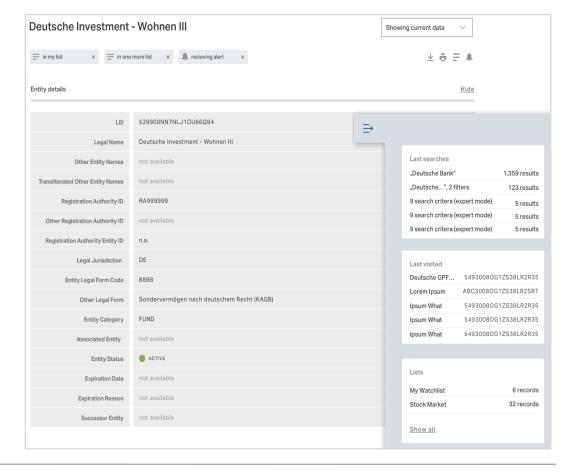
Enhancements to the LEI SearchNew design



Current Search



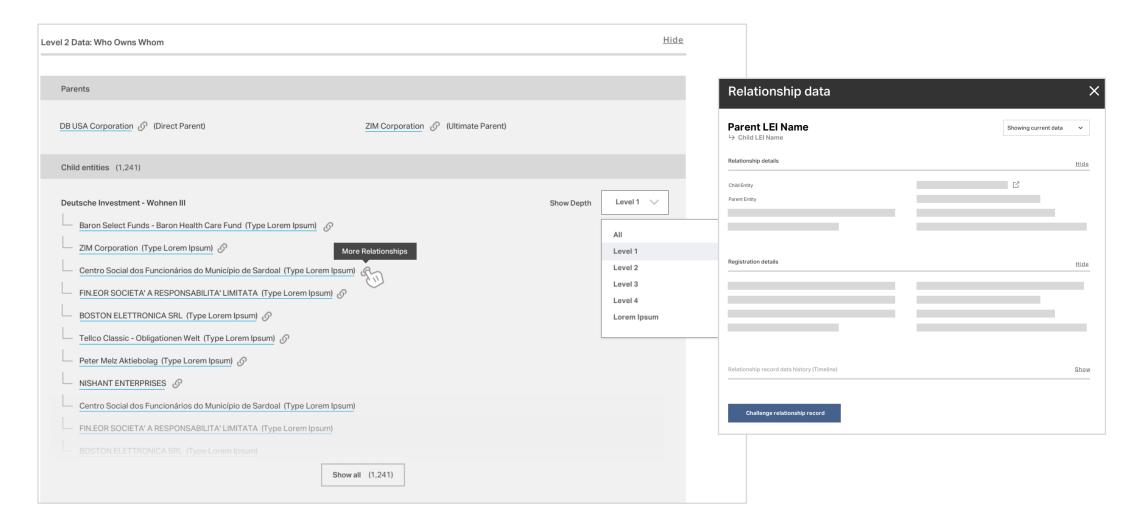
New Search



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Enhancements to the LEI SearchLevel 2 Information Available





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Updates planned for early 2019



- GLEIF Challenge Facility: GLEIF enables users of the LEI data to trigger updates of LEI reference data via a centralized challenge facility. With the new user interface for displaying direct and ultimate parent information, users will also be able to challenge this information.
- GLEIF API: Using GLEIF's current API, users may access the complete Level 1 LEI data pool in real time and to perform on-demand checks for changes to specific LEI records in a convenient, easy-to-read format. This API is made available free of charge by GLEIF. Users may submit a list of up to 200 LEI records in a comma-separated file. The API will be expanded to allow searching based on a name as well as the LEI (results will return multiple LEIs that match approximately the submitted name), will allow for bulk results (e.g. return all records where the legal address is in China), and will return direct and ultimate parent reporting information.

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