

# **iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates Index Methodology**

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# iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates Index

The iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates Index is designed to provide a balanced representation of the USD denominated investment grade floating rate securities market. Currently, the index offers exposure to Floating Rate Note corporate bonds. The index is rebalanced on a monthly basis and is market-value weighted. The indices are an integral part of the global iBoxx USD index family, which provides the marketplace with accurate and objective benchmarks by which to assess the performance of bond markets and investments.

The Index is rebalanced once a month at the month-end (the “rebalancing date”) and consists of investment grade USD denominated bonds issued by corporate issuers from developed countries and rated by at least one of the three major rating services: Fitch Ratings, Moody’s Investors Service, or S&P Global Ratings.

The bonds in the Index must meet all the criteria described below as of the close of business three business days prior to the rebalancing date provided that the relevant bond data can be verified, at S&P DJI sole discretion, as of such date (“bond selection cut-off date”). The new index composition becomes effective on the first business day of the next month.

All iBoxx indices are priced based on multiple data inputs. The Index uses multi-source prices as described in the document *iBoxx Pricing Methodology* publicly available on [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji) under *Methodology*.

This document covers the index rules and calculation methodology.

# Bond Selection Rules

The following selection criteria are applied to select the constituents for the Index:

- Issuer country
- Bond type
- Credit Rating
- Time to Maturity
- Amount Outstanding
- Classification

## Issuer Country

Bonds from countries classified as developed markets based on the “S&P Global iBoxx Global Economic Development Classification Methodology” are eligible for the index. As of October 2014 the issuer or, in the case of a finance subsidiary, the issuer’s guarantor, must be domiciled, incorporated and the country of risk must be in Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Denmark, Faeroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S. or United Kingdom.

## Inclusion and Exclusion of Countries

A new country is added to the index if it is classified as developed market based on the “S&P Global iBoxx Global Economic Development Classification Methodology”.

A country is no longer eligible for the index if it is classified as emerging market based on the “S&P Global iBoxx Global Economic Development Classification Methodology”. The “S&P Global iBoxx Global Economic Development Classification Methodology” is updated once per year. The results are published at the end of July. The inclusion/exclusion of a country becomes effective at the end of October.

## Bond Type

Only floating rate notes with a coupon reset of at least once per year are eligible for the indices. The indices are comprised solely of bonds. T-Bills and other money market instruments are not eligible. The Index includes only USD denominated bonds.

In particular, bonds with the following characteristics are included:

- Step-up bonds with coupon schedules known at issuance (or as functions of the issuer’s rating)
- Medium term notes (“MTNs”)
- Rule 144A offerings
- Callable senior bonds, including those with cleanup calls (i.e. call option within 6 months of maturity)
- Puttable senior bonds
- Non-callable Lower Tier 2 bonds
- Floating rate notes (FRNs) linked to SOFR with coupon reset at least once per year

The following instrument bond types are specifically excluded from the indices:

- Extended bonds as defined under section 'Maturity extension' in this document
- Fixed coupon bonds ("plain vanilla bonds")
- Preferred shares
- Optionally and mandatory convertible bonds
- Subordinated bank or insurance debt with mandatory contingent conversion features or with any conversion options before the first call date
- Bonds with other equity features attached (e.g., options/warrants)
- Private placements and retail bonds. The list of private placements and retail bonds is updated every month and published on [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji) under Indices News. Partial private placements where information on the specific amounts publicly placed and privately placed can be ascertained are included in the indices with the amount publicly placed. If the amount publicly placed is below the cut-off, the bond is not included in the indices.
- Municipal bonds
- Perpetual bonds
- Sinking funds
- Amortizing bonds
- Structured bonds
- Subordinated debt except non-callable Lower Tier 2 bonds
- Fixed-to-floaters
- Leveraged floaters
- Regulation S bonds
- Floaters with a cap and/or floor (excluding where the floor rate is '0')
- Step-up Floaters
- Reverse floaters
- Pay-in kind bonds (during the pay-in-kind period)
- Zero coupon bonds
- Zero step-ups (GAINS)
- Bonds with differences between accrual and coupon payment periods and monthly-paying bonds

For retail bonds and private placements, publicly available information is not always conclusive and the classification of a bond as a retail bond or a private placement will be made at S&P DJI's discretion based on the information available at the time of determination. Any bond classified as retail or private placement is added to the list of excluded private placements and retail bonds. The list is published on [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji) for future reference and to ensure decision's consistency.

In instances where a new bond type is not specifically excluded or included according to the published index rules, S&P DJI will analyse the features of such securities in line with the principles set out in this guide. S&P DJI may consult the specific Index Committees. Any decision as to the eligibility or ineligibility of a new bond type will be published, and the index rules will be updated accordingly.

## **Credit Rating**

All bonds in the indices must have an iBoxx Rating of investment grade. Ratings from the following three credit rating agencies are considered for the calculation of the iBoxx Rating:

- Fitch Ratings
- Moody's Investor Service
- S&P Global Ratings

Investment grade is defined as BBB- or higher from Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings and Baa3 or higher from Moody's Investor Service. Bonds with an RD/SD rating are excluded from the indices. If more than one of the above agencies rates a bond, then the iBoxx rating is the average of the provided ratings. The index consolidates ratings to the nearest rating grade and does not use rating notches.

*For more information on average ratings, please refer to the iBoxx Rating Methodology, available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).*

## **Time to Maturity**

All bonds must have at least one month time to maturity at the rebalancing day.

## **Amount Outstanding and Denomination**

All bonds must have a specific minimum amount outstanding in order to be eligible for the indices. The amount outstanding of a bond must be greater than or equal to USD 300 million as of the bond selection cut-off date.

In the case of 144A/RegS securities that are registered as global securities, the remaining amount of the 144A/RegS version and the registered version are recombined if the bond is not exchanged in full.

RegS bond tap issue amounts, regardless of fungibility status will be added to existing RegS versions to maintain consistency with the treatment of tap issues as reflected under existing 144A versions.

# Bond Classification

All bonds are classified based on the principal activities of the issuer and the main sources of the cash flows used to pay coupons and redemptions. In addition, a bond's specific collateral type or legal provisions are evaluated. Hence, it is possible that bonds issued from different subsidiaries of the same issuer carry different classifications.

The issuer classification is reviewed regularly based on updated information received by S&P DJI, and status changes are included in the indices at the next rebalancing if necessary.

Where the sector classification of a specific entity is not clear due to the diversified business of the entity, a decision is made at S&P DJI's discretion. S&P DJI assigns the classification according to its evaluation of the business risk presented in the security prospectus and annual reports, if available. S&P DJI also compares the classification to peers in the potential sectors. Membership lists including classification are published on the FTP server and in the *Indices* section of the webpage for registered users.

## Denomination

Bonds must be denominated in USD, publicly registered in the U.S. with the Securities and Exchange Commission, clear or settle through DTC. Eurobonds are excluded.

## Corporates

Bonds issued by public or private corporations. Bonds secured by a 'floating charge' over some or all assets of the issuer are considered corporate bonds. Corporate bonds are further classified into Financials and Non-Financials bonds and then into their multiple-level economic sectors, according to the issuer's business scope. The category Guaranteed & Wrapped is added under Financials for corporate bonds whose timely coupon and/or principal payments are guaranteed by a non-affiliated insurer or through a letter of credit from a non-affiliated bank. Each bond in the index is assigned to one of the following sectors.

## iBoxx Corporates Sector Overview

	Economic Sector	Market Sector	Market Sub-Sector
Financials	Core Financials	Banks	Banks
		Insurance	Life Insurance
	Nonlife Insurance		
	Financial Services	Financial Services	General Financial
			Equity Investment Instruments
			Nonequity Investment Instruments
		Guaranteed & Wrapped	*
	Real Estate	Real Estate	Real Estate Investment & Services
			Real Estate Investment Trusts

	Economic Sector	Market Sector	Market Sub-Sector
Non-Financials	Energy	Oil & Gas	Oil & Gas Producers
			Oil Equipment / Services & Distribution
		Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy
	Basic Materials	Chemicals	Chemicals
			Industrial Metals
		Basic Resources	Mining
			Forestry & Paper
	Industrials	Construction & Materials	Construction & Materials
			Aerospace & Defense
		Industrial Goods & Services	Electronic & Electrical Equipment
			General Industrials
			Industrial Engineering
			Industrial Transportation
			Support Services
	Consumer Goods	Automobiles & Parts	Automobiles & Parts
		Food & Beverage	Beverages
			Food Producers
		Personal & Household Goods	Household Goods
			Personal Goods
			Tobacco
	Leisure Goods		
	Health Care	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology
			Health Care Equipment & Services
	Consumer Services	Retail	Food & Drug Retailers
			General Retailers
		Media	Media
		Travel & Leisure	Travel & Leisure
	Telecommunications	Telecommunications	Academic & Educational Services
			Integrated Telecommunications
	Utilities	Utilities	Wireless Telecommunications
Electricity			
Technology	Technology	Gas / Water & Multiutilities	
		Software & IT Services	
		Technology Hardware & Equipment	

### Additional Classification

Corporate debt is further classified into senior and subordinated debt. Bank senior debt structure additionally differentiates between Bail-in and Preferred bonds. The Bail-in classification captures all senior notes which are subject to write-down or conversion into a subordinated instrument on the occurrence of a resolution event, as well as senior bank debt issued by bank holding companies.

Hybrid capital issued by banking and insurance institutions is further detailed into the respective tiers of subordination.

The market information on the tier of subordination for insurance capital is often less standardized and clear than the equivalent issues by banks. In these cases, the classification is based on the maturity, coupon payment and deferral provisions of the bond from the offering circulars of the bonds. The table below displays the seniority classification of debt issued by both financial and non-financial sectors.

### Overview of seniority levels

Market Sector	Seniority Level 1	Seniority Level 2	Seniority Level 3	
Bank	SEN	Preferred	*	
		Bail-in	*	
	SUB	T2 (post-Jan '13 issuances)	T2 callable	
			T2 non-callable	
		T2 (pre-Jan '13 issuances)	LT2 callable	
			LT2 non-callable	
			UT2	
T1	T1 step			
	T1 non-step			
Insurance	SEN	*	*	
	SUB	T3	*	
		T2 dated	T2 dated callable	
			T2 dated non-callable	
		T2 perpetual	*	
T1	*			
Other sectors	SEN	*	*	
	SUB	Other	Hybrid** Non-hybrid	

\*\* Bonds will be required to fulfill the following criteria to be considered hybrids:

- Subordinated
- Deferrable coupons
- First non-call period  $\geq 5$  years
- Either perpetual or 'long-dated', where 'long-dated' is defined as  $> 25$  years of the time to maturity at issuance

The bond must be corporate credit, i.e., debt instruments issued by public or private corporations that are not secured by specific assets. Debt issued by governments, sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns, and government-backed or guaranteed entities is excluded. For the purposes of selecting candidates for the index, an "issuer" is defined by the ticker (i.e., all bonds sharing a ticker are attributed to the same issuer).

# Index Calculation

## Static Data

Information used in the index calculation is sourced from offering circulars and checked against standard data providers.

## Bond Prices

For more details, please refer to the *iBoxx Pricing Methodology* document, available in the *Methodology* section of the webpage at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

## Rebalancing Process

The index rebalances monthly after market close on the last business day of the month. Any inclusion after the index cut-off day (T-3) is not considered in the rebalancing process but becomes effective at the end of the following month. New bonds issued are considered if publicly known to settle until the last calendar day of the month, inclusive, and if the rating and amount outstanding has become known at least three trading days before the end of the month.

Preview lists of eligible bonds are published on a weekly basis starting on the first Friday three business days after the previous month-end rebalance, as well as on the sixth calendar day of the month (or next index publication day if the sixth calendar day falls on a non-business day). Preview lists of eligible bonds are additionally published on before the end of the month. Final components are published two business days before the end of the month (T-2).

Two business days before the end of each month, the rating and amount information for the constituents is updated, and the list is adjusted for all rating and amount changes which are known to have taken place three business days before the end of the month which could also result in exclusion of the bond. However, if bonds which are part of broader U.S. Dollar indices become eligible into the Index two business days prior to rebalancing because of rating and/or amount changes, the bonds are included in the index.

## Rebalancing Procedure

In a first step the selection criteria set out in chapter 2 are applied to the universe of investment grade floating rate note bonds denominated in USD.

- Bond ratings and amount outstanding are used as of the bond selection cut-off date
- Maturity dates remain fixed for the life of the bond
- Only bonds with a first settlement date on or before the rebalancing date are included in the selection process
- Apply the liquidity screening
- Apply the Bond Ranking to determine the membership

## Index Data

The calculation of the indices is based on bid prices. New securities are included in the indices at their respective ask prices when they enter the index family. If no price can be established for a particular security, the index continues to be calculated based on the last available price. This might be the case in

periods of market stress, or disruption as well as in illiquid or fragmented markets. If the required inputs become impossible to obtain, S&P DJI may consult market participants prior to the next rebalancing date. Decisions are made publicly available on a timely basis and S&P DJI may refer back to previous cases.

The rebalancing takes place after close of market on the last trading day of a rebalancing month.

## **Index Calculus**

For specific index formulas please refer to the *iBoxx Bond Index Calculus Methodology* available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

## **Treatment of the Special Intra-Month Events**

Data for the application of corporate actions in the indices may not be fully or timely available at all times, e.g. the final call prices for make-whole calls or the actual pay-in-kind percentage for PIK-payment options. In such cases, S&P DJI will estimate the approximate value based on the available data at the time of calculation.

## **Index and Analytics Weightings**

The Index is market-value-weighted. Once the eligible bond universe has been defined, the weight for each bond is determined and an issuer cap of 3% is applied. The weights and capping factors are determined on the last business day of each month using the end-of-month market values.

The amount outstanding of a bond is only adjusted within the monthly rebalancing process at the end of each month. However, bonds that are fully redeemed intra-month are taken into account immediately. Fully redeemed bonds are bonds that are fully called or have been completely repurchased.

All calculations are based on the adjusted amount outstanding that reflects the outstanding bond notional at the last rebalancing. The bond prices relate to the nominal value of 100.

## **Full Redemptions: Exercised Calls, Puts and Buybacks**

If a bond is fully redeemed intra-month, the bond effectively ceases to exist. In all calculations, the redeemed bond is treated as cash based on the last price, the call price or repurchase price, as applicable. The redemption factor, redemption and the redemption price are used to treat these events in the index and analytics calculation. In addition, the clean price of the bond is set to the redemption price, and the interest accrued until the redemption date is treated as an irregular coupon payment.

## **Bonds Trading Flat of Accrued**

If a bond is identified as trading flat of accrued, the accrued interest of the bond is set to 0 in the total return index calculation and is excluded from the calculation of all bond and index analytical values.

Bonds will be considered trading flat of accrued in any of the following situations:

- a bond has been assigned a default rating and/or
- issuer has announced a failure to pay a coupon and/or
- issuer has announced an intention not to make a payment on an upcoming coupon (grace period).

## **Multi-Coupon Bonds**

Some bonds have pre-defined coupon changes that lead to a change in the annual coupon over the life of the bond. In all instances, the coupon change must be a fixed amount on top of a fixed coupon, i.e. floating coupon bonds are not eligible for the indices. The two main categories of bonds are step-up bonds and event-driven bonds.

- **Step-up bonds:** These are bonds with a pre-defined coupon schedule that cannot change during the life of the bond. The coupon schedule is used in all bond calculations.
- **Event-driven bonds:** These are bonds whose coupon may change upon occurrence (or non-occurrence) of pre-specified events, such as rating changes, e.g. rating-driven bonds, failure to register (register-driven bonds), or failure to complete a merger (merger-driven bonds). In the calculation of the indices and the analytics, the coupon schedule as of the calculation date is used. That is to say, any events occurring after the calculation date are ignored in the determination of the applicable coupon schedule. *Example of an event-driven bond:* A bond's rating changes on 31 December 2003 from A- to BBB+ and the coupon steps up from 6% to 6.25% from 1 March 2004 onward. The coupon dates are 1 October and 1 April each year. The correct coupon schedule for the bond and index calculations is date dependent. The index calculation on 20 December 2003 uses the 6% coupon for the whole life of the bond, while the calculation on 31 January 2004 uses a 6% coupon for the current coupon period to 29 February 2004, and a 6.25% coupon for all later interest payments. The index calculation on 20 March uses a 6% coupon until 29 February, a 6.25% coupon for the remainder of the current coupon period and a 6.25% coupon for all future coupon payments. The index calculation after 1 April uses a 6.25% coupon.

## Maturity Extension

### Maturity Extension for Perpetuals & Dated Fixed-to-Fixed Bonds With a Reset Date

Maturity	Coupon/Call structure	Workout Date at issuance	Updated Workout date if not called
Perpetual	Reset*/Callable	Assume first call date as workout date	Extend workout date until the end of the next reset date*
Dated	Reset/Callable	Assume reset date as workout date	Extend workout date until the end of the next reset date or final maturity date*

\*Assumes the bond terms allow for a redemption at the new assumed maturity date

### Maturity Extension for Perpetual Bonds Without a Reset Date

Maturity	Coupon/call structure	Workout date at issuance	Updated Workout date if not called
Perpetual	Fixed/ Callable	Assume first call date as workout date	Extend workout date until the assumed next call date - 5 years from first call date*.

\*Assumes the terms allow for a redemption at the new assumed maturity date.

## Index history

The Index history starts on 31 December 2017. The indices have a base value of 100 on that date.

## Settlement Conventions

All iBoxx indices calculate using the assumption of T+0 settlement days.

## Calendar

S&P DJI publishes an index calculation calendar available on [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji) under *iBoxx Indices Calendars*. This calendar provides an overview of the index calculation holidays of the iBoxx bond index families each year.

## Data publication and Access

The table below summarizes the publication of Index in the *Indices* section of the website for registered users and on the FTP server.

*In addition to the indices detailed in this methodology, other indices covered by this document may be available. For a list of available indices, please refer [here](#).*

## Data publication frequency, file types and access

Frequency	File Type	Access
Daily	Underlying file – Bond level	FTP Server
	Indices files – Index level	FTP Server / website / Bloomberg (index levels only)
6th calendar day of the month (moved to next business day in case of weekends)	Preview components	FTP Server / website
Weekly (On Friday)**	Preview components	FTP Server / website
T - 4	Preview components	FTP Server / website
T - 3	Preview components	FTP Server / website
Monthly	End of month components	FTP Server / website
	XREF files	FTP Server

\*\*Previews will be published on the first Friday that is three business days after the previous month-end rebalance.

Below are the access codes for the different vendors and IDs of the Index:

## Index Vendor Codes and IDs

Name	Version	ISIN	SEDOL	Bloomberg Code	RIC
iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates	Clean Price Index	GB00BQ52DW59	BQ52DW5	IBXXFRBP	.IBXXFRBP
iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates	Total Return Index	GB00BQ52DX66	BQ52DX6	IBXXFRBT	.IBXXFRBT
iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates 1-3	Clean Price Index	GB00BQ52DY73	BQ52DY7	IBXXF13P	.IBXXF13P
iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates 1-3	Total Return Index	GB00BQ52DZ80	BQ52DZ8	IBXXF13T	.IBXXF13T
iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates 3-5	Clean Price Index	GB00BQ52F079	BQ52F07	IBXXF35P	.IBXXF35P
iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates 3-5	Total Return Index	GB00BQ52F186	BQ52F18	IBXXF35T	.IBXXF35T
iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates 1-5	Clean Price Index	GB00BQ52F293	BQ52F29	IBXXF15P	.IBXXF15P
iBoxx USD FRN Broad Investment Grade Corporates 1-5	Total Return Index	GB00BQ52F301	BQ52F30	IBXXF15T	.IBXXF15T

## **Index Review**

In addition to the daily governance of indices and maintenance of index methodologies, at least once within any 12-month period, the Index Committee reviews the methodology to ensure the indices continue to achieve the stated objectives, and that the data and methodology remain effective. In certain instances, S&P Dow Jones Indices may publish a consultation inviting comments from external parties.

# Index Governance

## Index Committee

An S&P Dow Jones Indices Index Committee maintains the indices. All committee members are full-time professionals at S&P Dow Jones Indices. Meetings are held regularly. The Index Committee oversees the management of the indices, including determinations of intra-rebalancing changes, maintenance and inclusion policies, and other matters affecting the maintenance and calculation of the indices.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Index Committee has full and complete discretion to (i) amend, apply, or exempt the application of index rules and policies as circumstances may require and (ii) add, remove, or by-pass any bond in determining the composition of an index.

The Index Committee may rely on any information or documentation submitted to it or gathered by it that the Index Committee believes to be accurate. The Index Committee reserves the right to reinterpret publicly available information and to make changes to the indices based on a new interpretation of that information at its sole discretion. All Index Committee discussions are confidential.

The Index Committee is separate from and independent of other analytical groups at S&P Global. In particular, the Index Committee has no access to or influence on decisions by S&P Global Ratings analysts.

S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Committees reserve the right to make exceptions when applying the methodology if the need arises. In any scenario where the treatment differs from the general rules stated in this document or supplemental documents, clients will receive sufficient notice, whenever possible.

In addition to the daily governance of indices and maintenance of index methodologies, at least once within any 12-month period, the Index Committee reviews the methodology to ensure the indices continue to achieve the stated objectives, and that the data and methodology remain effective. In certain instances, S&P Dow Jones Indices may publish a consultation inviting comments from external parties.

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