

# **iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index Methodology**

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# Introduction

The iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index is designed to reflect the performance of US Dollar (USD) denominated investment grade corporate debt. The index rules aim to offer a broad coverage of the USD investment grade liquid bond universe. The indices are an integral part of the global iBoxx index families, which provide the marketplace with accurate and objective indices by which to assess the performance of bond markets and investments. The index is market-value weighted with an issuer cap of 3%.

The iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index is rebalanced once a month at the month-end and consists of investment grade USD denominated bonds issued by corporate issuers from developed countries and rated by at least one of three rating services: Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Service, or S&P Global Ratings.

The bonds in the iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade 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 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.

## Data Source

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

# Bond Selection

The following selection criteria are applied to select index constituents:

- Bond type
- Credit rating
- Expected remaining life
- Amount outstanding
- Lockout period
- Minimum run

## Bond Type

Only fixed-rate bonds whose cash flow can be determined in advance are eligible for the indices. The indices are comprised solely of bonds. T-Bills and other money market instruments are not eligible. The index only includes USD denominated bonds.

In particular, bonds with the following characteristics are included:

- Fixed coupon bonds
- Step-up bonds with coupon schedules known at issuance (or as functions of the issuer's rating)
- Sinking funds and amortizing bonds
- Medium term notes (MTNs)
- Senior fixed-to-float bonds issued by banks with a call option up to 25 months prior to maturity
- Rule 144A offerings with a registration right. Only 144A bonds where the Registration S version of the bond is eligible for the iBoxx USD Benchmark Index are eligible.
- Callable bonds
- Putable bonds

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

- 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 is ineligible for the index
- Bonds with other equity features attached (e.g., options/warrants)
- Perpetual bonds
- Fixed-to-floater bonds (except Senior fixed-to-float bonds issued by banks with a call option up to 25 months prior to maturity)
- Floating rate notes
- 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
- Private placements
- Retail bonds
- Extended bonds as defined under section 'Maturity extension' in this document

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 available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

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 *Bond Selection*. 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).*

### **Expected Remaining Life**

All bonds must have at the rebalancing day an expected remaining life:

- Of at least three years
- All new insertions must have an expected remaining life of at least three years and 6 months.

The expected remaining life is calculated from the rebalancing date to the assumed workout date of the bond, by using the day count convention of the bond. The workout date for a bond is determined based on the bond features as follows:

- For plain vanilla bonds, the expected workout date is the final maturity date
- For dated and undated callable financial hybrid capital bonds, the workout date is assumed to be the first call date
- For soft bullets, the expected workout date is determined using the first call date

### **Amount Outstanding**

#### **Issue Amount Outstanding**

The outstanding face value of a bond must be greater than or equal to USD 750 million as of the bond selection cut-off date. Partial buybacks or increases affect the outstanding face value of a prospective bond. S&P DJI considers changes to the outstanding face value of a candidate bond as a result of partial or full buybacks or increases, provided that S&P DJI is aware of such changes as of the bond selection cut-off date. In the case of RegS securities that are registered as global securities, the remaining amount of the RegS version and the registered version are recombined if the bond is not exchanged in full and if the remaining amount of the RegS version reduces the amount outstanding below the eligibility threshold.

### **Issuer Amount Outstanding**

The outstanding face value of all bonds denominated in USD from the issuer in the broader iBoxx USD Investment Grade Corporate Index (excluding fixed-to-float and perpetual bonds)<sup>1</sup> must be greater than or equal to USD 2 billion as of the bond selection cut-off date.

<sup>1</sup>Senior fixed-to-float bank bonds included in the broader iBoxx USD Investment Grade universe are included.

### **Lockout Period and Minimum Run**

#### **Lockout Period**

A bond that drops out of the iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index at the rebalancing day is excluded from reentering the index for a three-month period. The rule for the lockout period takes precedence over the other rules for the iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index selection. A locked out bond will not be selected, even if it qualifies for the index.

#### **Minimum Run**

Any bond that enters the iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index must remain in the index for a minimum of six months provided it is not downgraded to sub-investment grade, defaulted or fully redeemed in that period.

# 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 with clearance and settlement available through Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC) or Rule 144A offerings with registration rights. Eurobonds are excluded.

## Issuer

The bond must be corporate credit, i.e., debt instruments backed by corporate issuers that are not secured by specific assets. Debt issued by governments, sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns, and governmentbacked or guaranteed entities is excluded.

For the purposes of selecting candidates for the index, an *issuer* is defined by the Bloomberg ticker (*i.e.*, all bonds sharing a ticker are attributed to the same issuer).

## Issuer Country

An 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 the countries listed as developed markets in "S&P iBoxx Country Classifications", available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

## Country Inclusion and Exclusion

Only bonds from countries classified as developed markets, based on the S&P Global iBoxx Global Economic Development Classification Methodology, are eligible for the index. A new country is added to the index if it is classified as a developed market by the S&P Global iBoxx Global Economic Development Classification Methodology. Countries classified as emerging are ineligible for index inclusion.

*For more information, please refer to the S&P Global iBoxx Global Economic Development Classification Methodology, available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).*

## 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<br>Nonlife Insurance                                                    |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                    | Financial Services              | Financial Services                                           | General Financial<br>Equity Investment Instruments<br>Nonequity Investment Instruments |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                    |                                 |                                                              | Guaranteed & Wrapped                                                                   | *                                               |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                    |                                 |                                                              | Real Estate                                                                            | Real Estate                                     | Real Estate Investment & Services<br>Real Estate Investment Trusts                                                                                         |
|                    | Non-Financials                  | Energy                                                       |                                                                                        |                                                 | Oil & Gas                                                                                                                                                  |
|                    |                                 |                                                              | Renewable Energy                                                                       | Renewable Energy                                |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                    |                                 |                                                              | Basic Materials                                                                        | Chemicals                                       | Chemicals                                                                                                                                                  |
|                    |                                 | Basic Resources                                              |                                                                                        | Industrial Metals<br>Mining<br>Forestry & Paper |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Industrials        |                                 |                                                              |                                                                                        | Construction & Materials                        | Construction & Materials                                                                                                                                   |
|                    |                                 |                                                              | Industrial Goods & Services                                                            |                                                 | Aerospace & Defense<br>Electronic & Electrical Equipment<br>General Industrials<br>Industrial Engineering<br>Industrial Transportation<br>Support Services |
|                    |                                 | Consumer Goods                                               |                                                                                        | Automobiles & Parts                             | Automobiles & Parts                                                                                                                                        |
|                    |                                 |                                                              |                                                                                        | Food & Beverage                                 | Beverages<br>Food Producers                                                                                                                                |
|                    |                                 |                                                              |                                                                                        |                                                 | Personal & Household Goods                                                                                                                                 |
|                    | Health Care                     |                                                              |                                                                                        |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                    |                                 |                                                              |                                                                                        | Consumer Services                               | Retail                                                                                                                                                     |
| Media              | Media                           |                                                              |                                                                                        |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Travel & Leisure   | Travel & Leisure                |                                                              |                                                                                        |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Education          | Academic & Educational Services |                                                              |                                                                                        |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Telecommunications | Telecommunications              | Integrated Telecommunications<br>Wireless Telecommunications |                                                                                        |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                    |                                 | Utilities                                                    | Utilities                                                                              |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                    |                                 |                                                              | Electricity<br>Gas / Water & Multiutilities                                            |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |

|  | Economic Sector | Market Sector | Market Sub-Sector               |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Technology      | Technology    | 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.

### Seniority Levels Overview

| 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                | *                     |
| Financial Services | SEN               | *                           | *                     |
|                    | SUB               | T3                          | *                     |
|                    |                   | T2                          | T2 callable           |
|                    |                   |                             | T2 non-callable       |
|                    |                   | T2 dated                    | T2 dated callable     |
|                    |                   |                             | T2 dated non-callable |
|                    |                   | T2 perpetual                | *                     |
|                    |                   | T1                          | *                     |
|                    |                   |                             | T1 step               |
|                    |                   |                             | T1 non-step           |
| Other sectors      | SEN               | *                           | *                     |
|                    | SUB               | Other                       | Hybrid**              |
|                    |                   |                             | Non-hybrid            |
|                    |                   |                             |                       |

\*\* Bonds must satisfy 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

# 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*, available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

## Rebalancings

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 criteria set out in *Bond Selection* are applied to the universe of the broader iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index.

- 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

## Index Weights

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

## Index Data

The calculation of the index is based on bid prices. New securities are included in the index 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 the close on the last trading day of a rebalancing month.

## Index Calculus

The total return calculation components include price changes, accrued interest, coupon payments, and reinvestment income on cash flows received during the composition month.

$$TR_t = TR_{t-s} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [(P_{i,t} + A_{i,t} + XD_{i,t-s} \cdot (CP_{i,t} + G_{i,t})) \cdot N_{i,t-s} + CASH_{t-1} \cdot [1 + SOFR_{t-2USBD} \cdot days_{ACT/360}(t-1,t)]]}{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_{i,t-s} + A_{i,t-s} + XD_{i,t-s} \cdot CP_{i,t-s}) \cdot N_{i,t-s}}$$

where:

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $A_{i,t}$               | is the accrued interest of bond i on calculation day t                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| $A_{i,t-s}$             | is the accrued interest of bond i on rebalancing day t-s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| $CASH_{t-1}$            | is the cash on the previous business day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| $CP_{i,t}$              | is the value of the next coupon payment of bond i during an ex-dividend period. Outside the ex-dividend period, this value is 0                                                                                                                                                              |
| $G_{i,t}$               | is the value of any coupon payment received from bond i at time t.<br>If there is no payment the value is 0                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| $N_{i,t-s}$             | is the amount outstanding of bond i on the previous rebalancing day t-s                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| $days_{ACT/360}(t-1,t)$ | is the number of days between the previous calculation date (t-1) and the current calculation date t                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| $P_{i,t}, P_{i,t}$      | is the closing price of bond i on the last business day on or before the previous rebalancing day                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| $P_{i,t-s}$             | is the closing price of bond i on the last business day on or before the previous rebalancing day                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| $SOFR_{t-2USBD}$        | is the SOFR rate falling two U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the calculation day i                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| $TR_t$                  | is the total return index level on day t                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| $TR_{t-s}$              | is the closing total return index level on the previous rebalancing day                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| $XD_{i,t-s}$            | is ex-dividend indicator flag. The value is 0, if the bond enters the index at the ex-dividend period. The value is 1, if (a) coupon payments are not ex-dividend, (b) has not entered the index during an ex-dividend period, or (c) entered the index during a previous ex-dividend period |

For more information please refer to iBoxx Bond Index Calculus, available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

## Special Intra-Month Event Treatment

Data for the application of corporate actions in the index 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.

### **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.

### **Tender Offers and Calls**

Any bond subject to a firm call or tender offer, with the exception of exchange offers, in the month immediately following the rebalancing date will be excluded from the index, provided that S&P DJI is aware of such tender offer or call as of the Bond selection cut-off date.

## Maturity Extension

### Maturity Extension For Dated Fixed-to-Fixed Bonds With a Reset Date

| Maturity | Coupon/Call structure | Workout Date at issuance          | Updated Workout date if not called                                               |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 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

## Index History

The full index history including index composition starts on 31 December 2006. The index level history that was calculated by a third-party prior to that date goes back to 31 December 1998 and started with a base value of 100. The only field available prior to 31 December 2006 is the 'Total Return Index Level'.

## Settlement Conventions

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

## Calendar

For information on index calculation holidays of the iBoxx bond index families, please refer to the index calculation calendar, available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

## Index Publication

The index calculates as an end-of-day index and distributes once daily after close of U.S. markets.

Bond and index analytical values calculate end of day Monday to Friday using that day's closing prices. In addition, bond and index analytical values calculate using the previous trading day's closing prices on the last calendar day of each month if that day is not a regular trading day, as well as on common bank holidays, as published in the iBoxx index calculation calendar. Index data is also available from the main information vendors.

Closing index values and key statistics are published at the end of each calculation day, available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

## Data Publication and Access

The table below summarizes index publication, for registered users, of the indices at [www.spglobal.com/spdji](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji).

*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](#).*

## Frequency, File type and Access

| Frequency                                                                                                                        | File Type                    | Access                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Daily                                                                                                                            | Underlying file – Bond level | FTP Server                                             |
|                                                                                                                                  | Indices files – Index level  | FTP Server / website / Bloomberg for index levels only |
| Daily from the 6th calendar day of the month (or next index publication day if the 6th calendar day falls on a non-business day) | Forwards                     | FTP Server                                             |
| Weekly (Friday) <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                     | Preview components           | FTP Server / website                                   |
| T-4, T-3 & T-2                                                                                                                   | Preview components           | FTP Server / website                                   |
| Monthly                                                                                                                          | End of month components      | FTP Server / website                                   |
|                                                                                                                                  | XREF files                   | FTP Server                                             |

Below is a summary of the identifiers for each publication channel:

### Index Identifiers

| Index Name                                             | Return Type | ISIN         | Ticker   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index                | CPI         | GB00B4KT9Q30 | IBOXILPR |
| iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index                | TRI         | GB00B4K4X773 | IBOXIG   |
| iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index (SGD Hedged)   | CPI         | GB00BW7Q8223 | IBXXIGS1 |
| iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index (SGD Hedged)   | TRI         | GB00BW7Q8330 | IBXXIGS2 |
| iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index (SGD Unhedged) | CPI         | GB00BW7Q8447 | IBXXIGS3 |
| iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index (SGD Unhedged) | TRI         | GB00BW7Q8553 | IBXXIGS4 |

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1. Previews will be published starting from the first Friday that is three business days after the previous month-end rebalance.



# Index Governance

## Index Committee

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# Methodology Changes

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27 Jul 2026 | <p>Where applicable, S&amp;P DJI updated the index naming conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removed “Markit”</li> <li>• Added “Index”</li> <li>• Replaced currency symbols with written references</li> <li>• Included “Years” or “Months” for maturity-based sub-indices</li> </ul> |
| 31 Mar 2026 | <p><b>Annual Index Review 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of subordinated debt classification tiers for Financial Services</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                     |
| 30 Jun 2023 | <p><b>Annual Index Review 2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of ‘Maturity extension’ section</li> <li>• Index eligibility of bonds with extended workout dates</li> <li>• Creation of ‘Renewable Energy Sector’ within the ‘Corporates’ classification</li> </ul>            |
| 01 Mar 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of senior Fixed-to-float bonds issued by banks into</li> <li>• Issuer Amount Outstanding</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                       |
| 30 Jun 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly forward start date updated from 10th calendar day to 6th calendar day</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 31 Mar 2022 | <p><b>Annual Index Review 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of new market sector classification “Education” with market sub-sector classification “Academic &amp; Educational Services”</li> </ul>                                                                          |
| 31 Dec 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash re-investment reference rate changed to SOFR</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 01 Sep 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly forward start date updated from 12th calendar day to 10th calendar day</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 01 Mar 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance and Regulatory Compliance section added</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 28 Feb 2021 | <p><b>Annual Index Review 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Insurance classification</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 31 Jul 2020 | <p><b>Annual Index Review 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of updated corporate classification schema</li> <li>• Implementation of updated Bank Tier Classification</li> <li>• Updates as part of the changes in definition and treatment of hybrid bonds</li> </ul>       |
| 03 Jan 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion criteria of senior Fixed-to-float bonds issued by banks (bail-in)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15 Mar 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebalancing process added. (Rebalancing process)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 27 Aug 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification of Issue amount outstanding for exchanged bonds. (Issue Amount outstanding)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 01 Oct 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Index restatement, complaints sections added,</li> <li>• Additional clarifications on bond eligibility, classification and corporate actions</li> </ul>                                                                                                             |

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| 31 Mar 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Indices will be based on additional pricing sources as described in the document '<i>Markit iBoxx Pricing Rules</i>'</li> </ul>                |
| 31 Aug 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusion of 144A Bonds with Registration Rights (Bond Type) and exclusion of bonds where the issuer is not incorporated in the list of developed countries (Issuer country)</li> </ul> |
| 30 Apr 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index (Appendix II)</li> </ul>                                                                                                |
| 01 Nov 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ISIN_Tri updated from GB00B1G2GC06 to GB00B4K4X773</li> </ul>                                                                                                                           |
| 30 Sep 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index (Appendix I)</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |
| 31 Oct 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publication of the new market profile for Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index</li> </ul>                                                                                     |
| 29 Feb 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incumbency premium for current index members raised from 6.0 to 8.5</li> </ul>                                                                                                          |
| 29 Feb 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition of new rule concerning exchange of bonds from same issuer</li> </ul>                                                                                                           |
| 01 Jan 008  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch of average rating to determine a bond's index rating</li> </ul>                                                                                                                  |
| 01 Nov 2006 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch of Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index</li> </ul>                                                                                                                     |

## Methodology Changes Effective April 30th, 2012

On April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 S&P DJI started to apply the rules described in chapter 2 above. Below is a summary of the main rule changes of the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index before April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 and after April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012.

### Bond Type

| Before April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | After April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fixed coupon bonds, step-up bonds with coupon schedules known at issuance (or as functions of the issuer's rating), medium-term notes (MTNs), sinking funds and make-whole callables are eligible are candidates for inclusion. The following instruments are excluded from the index: preferred shares, convertibles, bonds with other equity features attached (e.g., options/warrants), perpetual bonds, floating rate notes, putables and callables are not eligible. | Fixed coupon bonds, step-up bonds with coupon schedules known at issuance (or as functions of the issuer's rating), bonds with sinking funds, medium term note (MTNs), <b>callable</b> and <b>putable</b> bonds are candidates for inclusion. The following instruments are excluded from the index: preferred shares, convertible bonds, bonds with other equity features attached (e.g., options/warrants), perpetual bonds, fixed-to-floater, floating rate notes, pay-in kind bonds (during the pay-in-kind period), zero coupon bonds, zero step-ups (GAINS). |

### First Settlement Date

| Before April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                           | After April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| New issues must have a first settlement date on or before the <b>Bond selection cut-off date</b> to be included in the index for the next period. | New issues must have a first settlement date on or before the <b>Rebalancing Date</b> to be included in the index for the next period. |

### Country Inclusion and Exclusion

| Before April 30th, 2012 | After April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NA                      | <p>A new country is added to the index if it is classified as developed market based on the <i>Markit Global Economic Development Classification</i>.</p> <p>A country is no longer eligible for the index if it is classified as emerging market based on the <i>Markit Global Economic Development Classification</i>. The <i>Markit Global Economic Development Classification</i> is updated once per year. The results are published at the end of July.</p> <p>The inclusion/exclusion of a country becomes effective at the</p> |

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
|  | end of October. |
|--|-----------------|

## Issuer Country

| Before April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                                            | After April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The issuer or, in the case of a finance subsidiary, the issuer's guarantor, must be domiciled in the US, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Canada, Japan or Western Europe. | Bonds from countries classified as <b>developed markets</b> based on the <i>Markit Global Economic Development Classification</i> are eligible for the index.<br>As of March 2012 the issuer or, in the case of a finance subsidiary, the issuer's guarantor, must be domiciled and the <b>country of risk</b> must be in Andorra, <b>Australia</b> , Austria, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Denmark, Faeroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, <b>Hong Kong</b> , Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, <b>New Zealand</b> , Norway, Portugal, San Marino, <b>Singapore</b> , Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S., United Kingdom. |

## Issuer Amount Outstanding

| Before April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | After April 30th, 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The outstanding face value of all USD denominated bonds in the broader Markit iBoxx USD IG Corporate Index (including yankees and Eurobonds and <b>excluding fixed-to-floater, callable, putable and perpetual bonds</b> ) from the issuer must be greater than or equal to <b>USD 3 billion</b> as of the Bond Selection Cut-off Date. | The outstanding face value of all bonds denominated in USD from the issuer in the broader Markit iBoxx USD Investment Grade Corporate Index ( <b>excluding fixed-to-floater and perpetual bonds</b> ) must be greater than or equal to <b>USD 2 billion</b> as of the bond selection cut-off date. |

## Methodology Changes - Changes between 100 Bond IG Index and the Unrestricted Index

On September 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, S&P DJI made significant changes to the original set of index rules to broaden the set of instruments qualifying for the index. Below is a summary of the rule changes between the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade Index before 30 September 2009 and after 30 September 2009.

## Issuer and Issue Amount Outstanding

| Before 30 September 2009                                                                                                            | After 30 September 2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The outstanding face value of a bond must be greater than or equal to <b>USD 500 million</b> as of the Bond Selection Cut-off Date. | The issuer needs to have at least USD 3 billion outstanding face value of bonds as of the Bond Cut-off Date in the broader Markit iBoxx USD IG Corporate index excluding fixed-to-floater, callable, putable and perpetual bonds<br>The outstanding face value of a bond must be greater than or equal to <b>USD 750 million</b> as of the Bond Cut-off Date. |

## Weighting and Capping

| Before 30 September 2009                                                                                                  | After 30 September 2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The Markit iBoxx USD Liquid IG Index attributes the same priceweight to each bond (assuming equal quantity of each bond). | The Markit iBoxx USD Liquid IG Index is market-value weighted. An issuer cap is calculated on the last business day of each month using the end-of-month closing prices for each bond.<br>The capping factor for each issuer is <b>3%</b> . |

## Rebalancing Timeline

| Before 30 September 2009 | After 30 September 2009 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|--------------------------|-------------------------|

|                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The Bond Selection Cut-off Date will be <b>three</b> business day before the re-balancing date, which is two business days prior to the last business day of the month.             | The Bond Selection Cut-off Date will be <b>four</b> business day before the re-balancing date, which is three business days prior to the last business day of the month.             |
| Bond ratings and amounts outstanding are used as of <b>three</b> business days before the rebalancing date, which is two business days prior to the last business day of the month. | Bond ratings and amounts outstanding are used as of <b>four</b> business days before the rebalancing date, which is three business days prior to the last business day of the month. |
| Only bonds with a first settlement date on or <b>before the rebalancing date</b> are included in the selection process                                                              | Only bonds with a first settlement date on or <b>before four business days</b> before the re-balancing date are included in the selection process.                                   |

## Age

| Before 30 September 2009                                    | After 30 September 2009             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bonds must be less than 5 years old as of rebalancing date. | The age restriction is not applied. |

## Bond Type

| Before 30 September 2009       | After 30 September 2009                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Yankee bonds are not eligible. | Yankee bonds are eligible for the index. |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                                                                               | <b>Name of the benchmark administrator.</b>                                                | S&P Dow Jones Indices Limited             |
| 2                                                                                                                                               | <b>Underlying asset class of the ESG benchmark.<sup>2</sup></b>                            | N/A                                       |
| 3                                                                                                                                               | <b>Name of the S&amp;P Dow Jones Indices benchmark or family of benchmarks.</b>            | <a href="#">iBoxx Benchmark Statement</a> |
| 4                                                                                                                                               | <b>Do any of the indices maintained by this methodology take into account ESG factors?</b> | No                                        |
| Appendix latest update:                                                                                                                         |                                                                                            | May 2023                                  |
| Appendix first publication:                                                                                                                     |                                                                                            | May 2023                                  |

1. The information contained in this Appendix is intended to meet the requirements of the European Union Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1817 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the minimum content of the explanation of how environmental, social and governance factors are reflected in the benchmark methodology and the retained EU law in the UK (The Benchmarks (amendment and Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019).

2. The 'underlying assets' are defined in European Union Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the explanation in the benchmark statement of how environmental, social and governance factors are reflected in each benchmark provided and published.

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