

FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index

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Section 1

Introduction

1. Introduction

1.1 This document sets out the Ground Rules for the construction and management of the FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index.

1.2 The FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index is designed to represent the performance of the global USD corporate bond universe, with selection on bonds in BBB and 10+ Years sector with higher coupon and yield to maturity.

1.3 The FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index does not take account of ESG factors in its index design.

1.4 **FTSE Russell**

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1.5 FTSE Russell hereby notifies users of the index series that it is possible that circumstances, including external events beyond the control of FTSE Russell, may necessitate changes to, or the cessation of, the index series and therefore, any financial contracts or other financial instruments that reference the index series or investment funds which use the index series to measure their performance should be able to withstand, or otherwise address the possibility of changes to, or cessation of, the index series.

1.6 Index users who choose to follow this index series or to buy products that claim to follow this index series should assess the merits of the index series rules-based methodology and take independent investment advice before investing their own or client funds. No liability whether as a result of negligence or otherwise is accepted by FTSE Russell for any losses, damages, claims and expenses suffered by any person as a result of:

- any reliance on these Ground Rules, and/or
- any inaccuracies in these Ground Rules, and/or
- any non-application or misapplication of the policies or procedures described in these Ground Rules, and/or
- any inaccuracies in the compilation of the index series or any constituent data.

Section 2

Management responsibilities

2. Management responsibilities

2.1 FTSE International Limited (FTSE)

2.1.1 FTSE is the benchmark administrator of the index series.¹

2.1.2 FTSE is responsible for the daily calculation, production and operation of the FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index and will:

- maintain records of the index weightings of all constituents;
- make changes to the constituents and their weightings in accordance with the Ground Rules;
- carry out the periodic index reviews of the index series and apply the changes resulting from the reviews as required by the Ground Rules;
- publish changes to the constituent weightings resulting from their ongoing maintenance and the periodic reviews;
- disseminate the indices.

2.2 Amendments to these Ground Rules

2.2.1 These Ground Rules shall be subject to regular review (at least once a year) by FTSE Russell to ensure that they best reflect the aim of the index series. Any proposals for significant amendments to these Ground Rules will be subject to consultation with FTSE Russell advisory committees and other stakeholders if appropriate. The feedback from these consultations will be considered by the FTSE Russell Product Governance Board before approval is granted.

2.2.2 As provided for in the Statement of Principles for FTSE Russell Fixed Income Indices, where FTSE Russell determines that the Ground Rules are silent or do not specifically and unambiguously apply to the subject matter of any decision, any decision shall be based as far as practical on the Statement of Principles. After making any such determination, FTSE Russell shall advise the market of its decision at the earliest opportunity. Any such treatment will not be considered as an exception or change to the Ground Rules, or to set a precedent for future action, but FTSE Russell will consider whether the Ground Rules should subsequently be updated to provide greater clarity.

¹ The term administrator is used in this document in the same sense as it is defined in [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds](#) (the European Benchmark Regulation) and [The Benchmarks \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (the UK Benchmark Regulation).

Section 3

FTSE Russell index policies

3. FTSE Russell index policies

3.1 These Ground Rules should be read in conjunction with the following policy documents which can be accessed using the links below:

3.2 **Statement of Principles for FTSE Fixed Income Indices (the Statement of Principles)**
Indices need to keep abreast of changing markets and the Ground Rules cannot anticipate every eventuality. Where the Ground Rules do not fully cover a specific event or development, FTSE Russell will determine the appropriate treatment by reference to the Statement of Principles for FTSE Fixed Income Indices which summarises the ethos underlying FTSE Russell's approach to index construction. The Statement of Principles is reviewed annually and any changes proposed by FTSE Russell are presented to the FTSE Russell Policy Advisory Board for discussion before approval by the FTSE Russell Product Governance Board.

The Statement of Principles can be accessed using the following link:

[Statement_of_Principles.pdf](#)

3.3 Queries and Complaints

FTSE Russell's complaints procedure can be accessed using the following link:

[Benchmark_Determination_Complaints_Handling_Policy.pdf](#)

3.4 Recalculation Policy and Guidelines

The Recalculation Policy and Guidelines for Fixed Income Indices is available from the FTSE Russell website using the link below or by contacting info@ftserussell.com.

[Fixed_Income_Recalculation_Policy_and_Guidelines.pdf](#)

3.5 Policy for Benchmark Methodology Changes

Details of FTSE Russell's policy for making benchmark methodology changes can be accessed using the following link:

[Policy_for_Benchmark_Methodology_Changes.pdf](#)

3.6 FTSE Russell Governance Framework

To oversee its indices, FTSE Russell employs a governance framework that encompasses product, service and technology governance. The framework incorporates the London Stock Exchange Group's three lines of defence risk management framework and is designed to meet the requirements of the IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks², the European benchmark regulation³ and the UK benchmark regulation⁴. The FTSE Russell Governance Framework can be accessed using the following link:

[FTSE_Russell_Governance_Framework.pdf](#)

² IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks Final Report, FR07/13 July 2013.

³ Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds.

⁴ The Benchmarks (Amendment and Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

Section 4

Composition and design criteria

4. Composition and design criteria

4.1 The FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index ("Index") measures the performance of the global USD corporate bond universe, with selection on bonds in BBB and 10+ Years sector with higher coupon and yield to maturity.

4.2 Design criteria and calculation assumptions for the FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index

Coupon	Fixed-rate and zero coupon bonds. Excludes fixed-to-floating and step-coupon bonds.
Currency	USD
Minimum maturity	Greater than or equal to 10 years
Minimum issue size	USD 750 million
Credit Quality	BBB-, BBB, or BBB+ by S&P or the S&P equivalent of the Moody's rating (see below section 4.3 for definition)
Weighting	Market capitalization
Capping	20% on single industry and 10% on single issuer ⁵
Composition	The USD portion of the FTSE World Broad Investment-Grade Corporate Bond Index Exclude emerging countries ⁶ Exclude junior subordinated, subordinated, and senior subordinated bonds ⁷
Selection	Top 30% of bond issues ranked by coupon with 50% buffer, then select Top 70% of bond issues ranked by yield to maturity with 90% buffer
Rebalancing	Once a month at the end of the month
Reinvestment of cash flows	Intra-month cash flows from interest and principal payments are not reinvested as part of monthly index total return calculations.
Pricing	LSEG Pricing Service
Calculation frequency	Daily
Settlement date	Monthly: Settlement is on the last calendar day of the month. Daily: Same day settlement except if the last business day of the month is not the last calendar day of the month; then, settlement is on the last calendar day of the month.
Fixing date	Each month, the upcoming month's index constituents are "fixed" on the profile fixing date. Each year's scheduled fixing dates are published on the website.
Base date	December 31, 2017

⁵ Single industry definition follows individual bond's Global Industry Code (GLIC); single issuer definition follows individual bond's Parent Ticker. For more information, please see the [FTSE Fixed Income Index Guide](#)

⁶ A country is classified to be "emerging" if it is defined by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) World Economic Outlook to be among "emerging and developing economies" or if it is defined by the World Bank (WB) to be among "low-income economies" or "lower middle-income economies" or "upper-middle-income economies". For more information, please see the [FTSE Fixed Income Index Guide](#)

⁷ Definition of subordinated bonds follow individual bond's Seniority Type.

4.3 **Index quality**

4.3.1 An index quality is assigned to each index bond as of profile fixing, from the higher rating of S&P versus Moody's. If Moody's rating is higher, then S&P equivalent of the Moody's rating is assigned to the index quality. If a bond is rated by neither S&P nor Moody's, the bond is not assigned an index quality. These ratings remain unchanged for the entire performance month.

4.4 **Return computation**

4.4.1 Total returns are computed on the assumption that each security is purchased at the beginning of the period and sold at the end of the period. An issue's total rate of return is the percentage change in its total value over the measurement period. The components of total return for each security are price change, principal payments, coupon payments and accrued interest. The total returns are market capitalization-weighted using the security's beginning-of-period market value (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Total rate of return calculation methodology

Beginning-of-period value	– (Beginning price + Beginning accrued) x Beginning par amount outstanding
End-of-period value	– [(Ending price + Ending accrued) x (Beginning par amount outstanding – Principal payments)] + Coupon payments + Principal payments
Total rate of return (%)	– [(End-of-period value/Beginning-of-period value) – 1] x 100

A note on precision: Returns are computed to at least six decimal places but reported to a maximum of four. In addition, owing to rounding inaccuracies inherent in computer floating-point arithmetic, the last digit in any reported value may sometimes be off by one from its true value.

4.5 **Chronological summary of events**

4.5.1 The construction of FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index is driven by the same events that mark the FTSE World Broad Investment-Grade Bond Index, for more information, please see the [FTSE Fixed Income Index Guide](#).

4.6 **Ticker for the FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index**

Ticker	Index
CFIIUCC1	FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index, in USD terms

Appendix A

Further information

A Glossary of Terms used in FTSE Russell's Ground Rule documents can be found using the following link:

[Glossary.pdf](#)

Further information on the FTSE WorldBIG USD Corporate Capped Select 10+ Years Index is available from FTSE Russell.

For contact details please visit the FTSE Russell website or contact FTSE Russell client services at info@ftserussell.com.

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