Benchmark administrator transfer: Refinitiv Benchmark Services (UK) Limited

Executive summary

Benchmarks & Indices administered by Refinitiv Benchmark Services (UK) Limited (RBSL) will be transferred to FTSE International Limited (FIL).

RBSL Benchmarks will continue to be administered in line with the highest standards of governance and operational oversight. This change does not have an impact on the management of the benchmarks or the contractual arrangements between London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) entities and their clients.



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Why are we making this change?

In order to reduce the complexity associated with having two authorised Benchmark Administrators within the FTSE Russell business, we are seeking to transfer the Benchmark Administration responsibilities of RBSL benchmarks to FIL. This follows a number of areas of convergence between the two administrators that have occurred over recent years.

Which Benchmarks & Indices are being transferred to FIL?

The Benchmark Administration responsibilities of all of the benchmarks and indices currently administered by RBSL are being transferred to FIL. These are as follows:

- WMR FX Benchmarks
- WMR Metals Benchmarks
- Saudi Arabian Interbank Offered Rate ("SAIBOR") and Saudi Arabian Interbank Bid Rate ("SAIBID")
- FTSE CoreCommodity CRB® Indices
- FTSE Convertible Bond Indices
- FTSE Term SONIA
- Tokyo Swap Rate
- FTSE USD IBOR Cash Fallbacks
- FTSE Term €STR

What will not change for RBSL Benchmarks & Indices Customers?

There will be no change to:

- accessing the product;
- customer contracts or account contracts;
- the calculation and provision of the benchmarks and indices and how they can be used;
- compliance with the Benchmarks Regulation.

What is changing?

As part of this initiative, a number of external policies, methodologies, benchmark statements and factsheets are in the process of being aligned and updated to reflect the change of administrator and will be reformatted to reflect the FTSE Russell brand.

Following completion of the transfer, FTSE Russell will submit to the FCA a Cancellation of Permissions application for RBSL.

When is this change expected to take effect?

We expect to complete the transfer of RBSL Benchmarks & Indices to FIL by the end of 2024. A further external communication which will include the expected transfer date will be issued two weeks before the transfer date.

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Who can I contact for further information?

For further information, please email benchmarks@lseg.com, or call your Regional Client Service team.

Who should I contact if I would like to submit a complaint?

Client complaints should be directed to benchmarks@lseg.com.

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