

# US Treasury Coupons Index

The Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Coupons Index measures US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the US Treasury. To be included in the index, securities must have at least one and up to, but not including, 12 months to maturity. The US Treasury Coupons Index was launched on in May 1997.

## Rules for Inclusion

<b>Eligible Currencies</b>	Principal and interest must be denominated in USD.	
<b>Quality</b>	Securities must be rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or higher) using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used. In cases where explicit bond level ratings may not be available, other sources may be used to classify securities by credit quality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local currency treasury issues are classified using the middle issuer level rating from each agency for all outstanding bonds, even if bond level ratings are available.</li> </ul>	
<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USD 300mn minimum par amount outstanding.</li> <li>US Treasuries held in the Federal Reserve SOMA account (both purchases at issuance and net secondary market transactions) are deducted from the total amount outstanding. New issuance bought at auction by the Federal Reserve does not enter the index. Net secondary market purchases/sales are adjusted at each month-end with a one-month lag.</li> </ul>	
<b>Coupon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed-rate coupon.</li> </ul>	
<b>Maturity</b>	Remaining years to maturity must be between 1 and 11.9999 months.	
<b>Security Types</b>	<b>Included</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public obligations of the US Treasury</li> <li>Bullet, puttable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds</li> </ul>	<b>Excluded</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US Treasuries held in the Federal Reserve SOMA account</li> <li>Inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate bonds</li> <li>STRIPS, Treasury bills, bellwethers, zero coupons</li> </ul>

## Rebalancing Rules

<b>Frequency</b>	For each index, Bloomberg maintains two universes of securities: the Returns (Backward) and the Projected (Forward) Universes. The composition of the Returns Universe is rebalanced at each month-end and represents the fixed set of bonds on which index returns are calculated for the next month. The Projected Universe is a forward-looking projection that changes daily to reflect issues dropping out of and entering the index but is not used for return calculations. On the last business day of the month (the rebalancing date), the composition of the latest Projected Universe becomes the Returns Universe for the following month.
<b>Index Changes</b>	During the month, indicative changes to securities (credit rating change, sector reclassification, amount outstanding changes, corporate actions, and ticker changes) are reflected daily in the Projected and Returns Universe of the index. These changes may cause bonds to enter or fall out of the Projected Universe of the index on a daily basis, but will affect the composition of the Returns Universe at month-end only, when the index is next rebalanced.
<b>Reinvestment of Cash Flows</b>	Intra-month cash flows from interest and principal payments contribute to monthly index returns but are not reinvested at a short-term reinvestment rate between rebalance dates. At each rebalancing, cash is effectively reinvested into the Returns Universe for the following month so that index results over two or more months reflect monthly compounding.

## Rebalancing Rules

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<b>New Issues</b>	Qualifying securities issued, but not necessarily settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date, qualify for inclusion in the following month's index if the required security reference information and pricing are readily available.
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## Pricing and Related Issues

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<b>Sources &amp; Frequency</b>	All index-eligible bonds are priced on a daily basis by Bloomberg's evaluated pricing service, BVAL.
<b>Pricing Quotes</b>	Bonds are quoted as a percentage of par.
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3pm (New York time).</li> <li>• On early market closes, prices are taken as of 1pm (New York time), unless otherwise noted.</li> <li>• If the last business day of the month is a public holiday, prices from the previous business day are used.</li> </ul>
<b>Bid or Offer Side</b>	Bonds in the index are priced on the bid side.
<b>Settlement Assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T+1 calendar day settlement basis.</li> <li>• At month-end, settlement is assumed to be the first calendar day of the following month, even if the last business day is not the last day of the month, to allow for one full month of accrued interest to be calculated.</li> </ul>
<b>Verification</b>	Daily price moves for each security are analyzed by the index pricing team to identify outliers. Index users may also challenge price levels, which are then reviewed and updated as needed using input from various sources.
<b>Currency Hedging</b>	Returns hedged to various non-USD currencies are published for the US Treasury Coupons Index. The indices' FX hedging methodology takes rolling one-month forward contracts that are reset at the end of each month and hedges each non-reporting currency-denominated bond in the index into the reporting currency terms. No adjustment is made to the hedge during the month to account for price movements of constituent securities in the Returns Universe of the index.
<b>Calendar</b>	The US Treasury Coupons Index follows the US bond market holiday schedule.

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## Accessing Index Data

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<b>Bloomberg Terminal®</b>	<p>Bloomberg benchmarks are the global standard for capital markets investors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INDEX&lt;Go&gt; – The Bloomberg Indices landing page is a dashboard for index-related information on the terminal. Find daily and monthly index returns for key indices from each index family as well as index publications including methodologies, factsheets, monthly reports, updates and alerts.</li> <li>• IN&lt;Go&gt; – The Bloomberg Index Browser displays the latest performance results and statistics for the indices as well as history. IN presents the indices that make up Bloomberg's global, multi-asset class index families into a hierarchical view, facilitating navigation and comparisons. The "My Indices" tab allows a user to focus on a set of favorite indices.</li> <li>• PORT&lt;Go&gt; – Bloomberg's Portfolio &amp; Risk Analytics solution includes tools to analyze the risk, return, and current structure of indices. Analyze the performance of a portfolio versus a benchmark or use models for performance attribution, tracking error analysis, value-at-risk, scenario analysis, and optimization.</li> <li>• DES&lt;Go&gt; – The index description page provides transparency into an individual index including membership information, aggregated characteristics and returns, and historical performance.</li> </ul>
<b>Bloomberg Indices Website</b> ( <a href="https://www.bloomberg.com/professional/product/indices/">https://www.bloomberg.com/professional/product/indices/</a> )	<p>The index website makes available limited index information including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Index methodology and factsheets</li> <li>• Current performance numbers for select indices</li> </ul>

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- Index level and/or constituent level returns and characteristics for any indices
- Automatic delivery of files via email or SFTP following the completion of the index production process after market close
- Clients may receive standard files or may customize file contents

**Ticker**

LTCPTRUU: Total Return USD Unhedged

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