# **UK Gilt 1-5 Year Index**

The Bloomberg Barclays UK Gilt 1-5 Year Index measures the performance of GBP-denominated, fixed-rate, investment grade public obligations issued by the United Kingdom with remaining years to maturity between 1 and 5 years. The index tracks nominal gilt issues only (inflation-linked bonds are not eligible for inclusion). The index was created in October 2003, with history backfilled to January 1, 1999.

### **Rules for Inclusion**

Eligible Currencies	Principal and interest must be denominated in GBP.				
Sector	Treasury securities only.				
Amount Outstanding	<ul><li>GBP 200mn minimum par amount outstanding.</li><li>Gilts held by the Bank of England are index eligible.</li></ul>				
Quality	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. 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.				
Maturity	Remaining years to maturity must be between 1 and 4.9999 years.				
Coupon	<ul><li>Fixed rate.</li><li>Original zero coupon issues are included.</li></ul>				
Market of Issue	Fully taxable, publicly issued in the global and regional markets. Private placements and retail issues are not eligible.				
Security Types	Included	Excluded			
	<ul> <li>Public obligation of the United Kingdom</li> <li>Bullet, putable, sinkable/amortizing and callab bonds</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inflation-linked bonds</li> <li>Floating-rate bonds</li> <li>Treasury bills</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Original issue zero coupons</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Private placements and retail bonds</li><li>HM Treasury UK sukuk</li></ul>			

### **Rebalancing Rules**

Frequency	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. 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.
Index Changes	During the month, indicative changes to securities (credit rating change, sector reclassification, amount outstanding changes, corporate actions, and ticker changes) are reflected daily in both 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.
Reinvestment of Cash Flows	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.





### **New Issues**

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.

# **Pricing and Related Issues**

Sources & Frequency	All index-eligible bonds are priced on a daily basis by Bloomberg's evaluated pricing service, BVAL.					
Pricing Quotes	icing Quotes Bonds are quoted as percentage of par.					
Timing	<ul> <li>4:15pm (London time).</li> <li>On early market closes, prices are taken as of 12:00pm (London time), unless otherwise noted.</li> <li>If the last business day of the month is a UK holiday, prices from the previous business day are used.</li> </ul>					
Bid or Offer Side	Bonds in the index are priced on the mid side.					
Settlement Assumptions	<ul> <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>					
Verification	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.					
Currency Hedging	Bloomberg Barclays' 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.					
Calendar	The UK Gilt 1–5 Year Index follows the UK bond market holiday schedule.					

## Monthly Returns in GBP, 2009-2018 (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2009	0.36	0.73	0.11	0.16	0.01	-0.56	0.32	1.37	0.29	0.04	0.69	-0.37	3.18
2010	0.32	0.91	0.24	0.25	1.06	0.62	0.10	1.07	0.07	0.02	-0.13	-0.50	4.09
2011	-0.50	0.03	0.24	0.84	0.76	0.46	1.31	0.38	0.55	0.39	0.43	0.68	5.70
2012	0.14	-0.04	-0.05	-0.09	1.09	-0.23	0.76	0.03	-0.23	-0.25	-0.04	0.01	1.09
2013	-0.21	0.53	0.29	0.04	-0.58	-0.51	0.49	-0.54	0.11	0.24	-0.08	-0.60	-0.81
2014	0.54	0.10	-0.12	0.16	0.25	-0.43	0.16	0.80	-0.02	0.78	0.78	0.36	3.41
2015	0.68	-0.74	0.65	-0.43	0.23	-0.31	0.20	0.28	0.50	-0.12	0.20	-0.24	0.89
2016	1.23	0.72	-0.24	-0.34	0.26	1.23	0.26	0.04	-0.04	-0.77	0.18	0.37	2.93
2017	-0.36	0.62	-0.06	0.17	0.02	-0.65	0.28	0.40	-0.94	0.05	-0.05	0.30	-0.23
2018	-0.71	-0.01	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	-0.72

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Ticker (GBP Unhedged)	Index	Ticker (GBP Unhedged)	Index
LF56TRGU	UK Gilt 1-5 Year	LF54TRGU	UK Gilt 10-15 Year
LSG1TRGU	Sterling Gilts	LF55TRGU	UK Gilt 15+ Year
BSGFTRGU	UK Gilt 5–10 Year	LC58TRGU	Sterling Aggregate

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