# France Treasury 7-10 Year Index

The Bloomberg France Treasury 7-10 Year Index measures the performance of French government bonds, with a fixed-rate coupon, minimum EUR 300mn amount outstanding and remaining maturity between 7 and 10 years. The index was created in 1998, with history available from January 1, 1987.

#### **Rules for Inclusion**

#### **Eligible Currencies**

Principal and interest must be denominated in EUR.

## 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. In cases where explicit bond-level ratings may not be available, other sources may be used to classify securities by credit quality:

• Local currency treasury issues are classified using the middle issuer-level local currency from each agency for all outstanding bonds, even if bond-level ratings are available.

# Maturity

Remaining years to maturity must be between 7 and 9.9999 years.

#### Coupon

- Fixed-rate coupon
- Original zero coupon issues are included

#### **Amount Outstanding**

EUR 300mn minimum par amount outstanding.

# **Security Types**

# Included

- Fixed-rate bullet, putable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds
- Original issue zero coupon bonds

#### Excluded

- Inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate issues
- Private placements, retail bonds
- Treasury bills with less than one year to maturity
- Illiquid securities with no available pricing source

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# **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 monthend 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 the Projected and Returns Universes 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** 

Bonds are quoted as a percentage of par.

**Timing** 

Prices are snapped at 4:15 pm (London time). On early market closes, prices are taken as of 12:00 pm (London time) unless otherwise noted. If the last business day of the month is a public holiday, prices from the previous business day are used.

**Bid or Offer Side** 

Bonds in the index are priced using mid prices.

Settlement Assumptions T+1 calendar day settlement basis for all bonds. 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.

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.

Calendar

The France Treasury 7-10 Year Index follows the global holiday schedule, which means it will publish on all days except for the New Year holiday. Where the French bond market is a holiday, prices from the previous business day are used.

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#### **Index Ticker**

101279EU: Total Return EUR Unhedged

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