# **Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate SRI Index**

The Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate SRI Bond Index is a fixed-rate, investment-grade corporate bond benchmark that follows the rules of the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporate Index and applies additional ESG criteria for security eligibility. The index negatively screens issuers that are involved in business activities that are restricted because they are inconsistent with certain values-based business involvement criteria. In addition, issuers with a "red" MSCI ESG Controversies Score are excluded. The index was created in May 2013, with history backfilled to January 1, 2007.

### **Rules for Inclusion**

Coupon

Maturity

**Sector** Corporate (industrial, utility and financial institutions) issuers only.

**Eligible Currencies** Principal and interest must be denominated in EUR.

Quality

Securities must be rated investment grade (Baa3/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:

• Expected ratings at issuance may be used to ensure timely index inclusion or to properly classify split-rated issuers.

• Unrated securities may use an issuer rating for index classification purposes if available. Unrated subordinated securities are included if a subordinated issuer rating is available.

**Amount Outstanding** EUR 300mn minimum par amount outstanding.

• Fixed-rate coupon.

Callable fixed-to-floating rate bonds are eligible during their fixed-rate term only.

• Step-up coupons and those that change according to a predetermined schedule are also eligible.

• Securities must have remaining time to maturity of at least one year, regardless of optionality.

• Bonds that convert from fixed to floating rate, including fixed-to-float perpetual, will exit the index one month prior to conversion to floating-rate. Fixed-rate perpetual bonds are not included.

**Market of Issue** Publicly issued in the global and regional markets.

**Taxability** Only fully taxable issues are eligible

**Seniority of Debt** Senior and subordinated issues are included.



# **Security Types**

#### Included

- Bullet, putable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds
- Original issue zero coupon
- **Underwritten MTN**
- Fixed-rate and fixed-to-floating (including fixed-to-variable) capital securities

#### Excluded

- Treasuries, government-related, and securitized
- Contingent capital securities, including traditional CoCos and contingent write-down securities
- Bonds with equity type features (e.g. warrants, convertibles, preferreds)
- Inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate issues
- Fixed-rate perpetuals
- Private placements, retail bonds
- Structured notes, pass-through certificates
- Illiquid securities with no available pricing

# **Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Rules**

# **Business Involvement Screens**

The index excludes issuers involved in the following business lines/activities as per the standard Bloomberg MSCI SRI screen:

- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Gambling
- Adult Entertainment
- Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)
- **Nuclear Power**
- Civilian Firearms
- Conventional Weapons
- Nuclear Weapons
- Controversial Weapons
  - Landmine Manufacturing
  - o Cluster Bomb Manufacturing
  - Depleted Uranium Weapons
  - o Chemical and Biological Weapons Components
- Thermal Coal
- Fossil Fuels

Involvement is defined for each restricted activity and may be based on % of revenue, total revenue, or any tie regardless of revenue (see Figures 7-8 on pages 14-16 for standard screen threshold in Bloomberg MSCI ESG Fixed Income Methodology).

# **Screens**

MSCI ESG Controversies Excludes any issuer with a "Red" MSCI ESG Controversies score (equal to zero), which measures an issuer's involvement in major ESG controversies and how well they adhere to international norms and principles(see pages 9-11 of the Bloomberg MSCI ESG Fixed Income Methodology).

# **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, ticker changes, etc.) are reflected daily in both 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/announced, but not necessarily settled, on or before the month-end rebalancing date, qualify for inclusion in the following month's index if 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**

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

# **Bid or Offer Side**

Bonds in the index are priced on the bid side. The initial price for new issues entering the index is the offer side; after the first month, the bid price is used.

- **Settlement Assumptions** T+1 calendar day settlement basis.
  - 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. Index users may also challenge price levels, which are then reviewed and updated as needed.

#### Calendar

The Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate SRI Index follows the UK bond market holiday schedule. For month-end updates, the European calendar may also be employed in the event a UK holiday falls on a month-end date, but European markets remain open.

# **Accessing Index Data**

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# **Index Ticker**

# 129543EU: Total Return EUR Unhedged

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