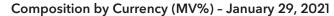
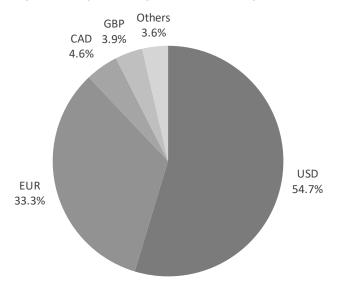
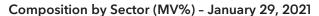
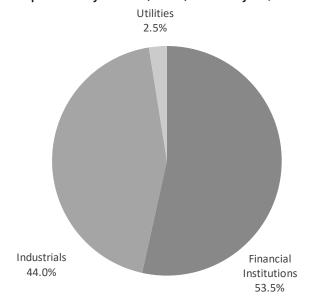
# **Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Global Corporate ESG Sustainability SRI 1-5 Year Index**

The Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Global Corporate ESG Sustainability SRI 1-5 Year Bond Index is a multi-currency benchmark that tracks the fixed-rate, investment-grade corporate debt with between 1 and up to, but not including, 5 years remaining to maturity. The index includes issuers with MSCI ESG Ratings of BBB or higher, and negatively screens issuers that are involved in business activities that are restricted because they are inconsistent with certain values-based business involvement criteria, including activities related to controversial military weapons, and those issuers with a "red" MSCI ESG Controversy Score. Additionally, the index excludes issuers that derive at least 10% of revenue from Distribution, Selling or Supplying of Tobacco, and from September 2020 the index also excludes issuers that derive at least 5% of revenue from Thermal Coal, Generation of Thermal Coal, or Oil Sands. The index was created in January 2021, with history backfilled to January 1, 2015.









# Rules for Inclusion

Sector

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

**Eligible Currencies** 

- Principal and coupon must be denominated in one of the following eligible currencies: Americas: CAD, CLP, COP, MXN, PEN, USD EMEA: CHF, CZK, DKK, EUR, GBP, HUF, ILS, NOK, PLN, RON, RUB, SEK Asian-Pacific: AUD, CNY, HKD, IDR, JPY, KRW, MYR, NZD, SGD, THB
- Eligible currencies will not necessarily have debt included in the index if no securities satisfy the inclusion rules.
- New currency inclusion is reviewed annually through the index governance process. To be considered for inclusion, new currency candidates must be rated investment grade and sufficiently tradable, convertible and hedgeable for international investors.

Quality

Securities must be rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or higher) using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P







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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
- 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**

Fixed minimum issue sizes are set for all local currency minimums:

- 150mn: CAD
- 200mn: GBP
- 300mn: USD, EUR, CHF, AUD
- 500mn: NZD, SGD
- 1bn: RON, PEN
- 2bn: DKK, NOK, PLN, ILS, HKD, MYR
- 2.5bn: SEK
- 5bn: CNY

- 10bn: MXN, CZK, THB
- 20bn: RUB
- 35bn: JPY
- 100bn: CLP
- 200bn: HUF
- 500bn: KRW
- 1trn: COP
- 2trn: IDR

# Coupon

- Fixed-rate coupon (including zero 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.

#### Maturity

- Between 1 and up to, but not including, 5 years remaining until final maturity, regardless of optionality.
- Bonds that convert from fixed to floating rate, including fixed-to-float perpetual, will exit the index 1 year prior to conversion to floating-rate. Fixed-rate perpetual bonds are not included.

# Seniority of Debt

Senior and subordinated issues are included.

## Market of Issue

Fully taxable, publicly issued in the global and regional markets.

# **Taxability**

Only fully taxable issues are eligible.

## **Security Types**

# Included

- Bullet, putable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds
- Original issue zero coupons
- Underwritten MTNs
- Fixed-rate and fixed-to-float (including fixed-tovariable) capital securities

## Excluded

- Contingent capital securities, including traditional CoCos and contingent write-down securities, with explicit capital ratio or solvency/balance sheetbased triggers
- Bonds with equity type features (e.g. warrants, convertibles, preferreds)
- Floating-rate bonds, inflation-linked bonds
- Private placements and retail bonds
- Structured notes, pass-through certificates
- Illiquid securities with no available internal or thirdparty pricing source

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

## MSCI ESG Rating

- Securities must have an MSCI ESG Rating of BBB or higher.
- Unrated issuers from sectors with ratings are excluded.
- Ratings are applied at the ticker level. Every bond within the same ticker will have the same MSCI ESG Rating.
- MSCI ESG Ratings are generally updated annually, but may be reviewed more frequently as needed.

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

- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Gambling
- Adult Entertainment
- Genetically Modified organisms (GMO)
- **Nuclear Power**
- Civilian Firearms
- Military Weapons
  - 0 Landmine Manufacturing
  - Cluster Bomb Manufacturing
  - Depleted Uranium Weapons
  - Chemical and Biological Weapons Components

Additionally, the index excludes issuers that derive more than 10% of revenue from Distribution, Selling, or Supplying Tobacco.

From September 2020, the index also excludes issuers with greater than 5% revenue from the business activities related to:

- Thermal Coal
- Generation of Thermal Coal
- Oil Sands

Involvement is defined for each restricted activity and may be based on % of revenue, total revenue, or any tie regardless of revenue (see page 15 for standard screen threshold in ESG Methodology).

## MSCI ESG Controversy Score

Excludes any issuer with a "Red" MSCI ESG Impact Monitor score (less than 1), which measures an issuer's involvement in major ESG controversies and how well they adhere to international norms and principles.

# **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 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.

## **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 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/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, except CHF-denominated bonds, which are priced by SIX.

#### **Pricing Quotes**

Bonds are quoted as percentage of par.

#### **Timing**

Prices are snapped at the following times:

- North American currency bonds: 4 p.m. (New York time) starting from January 14, 2021 and onwards, and 3 p.m. (New York time) prior to January 14, 2021; 4 p.m. (Toronto time) for CAD-denominated securities.
- Pan-European currency bonds: 4:15 p.m. (London time); 4 p.m. (London time) for CHF-denominated securities.
- Asian currency bonds: 5 p.m. (Sydney time) for AUD-denominated and NZD-denominated securities; 3 p.m. (Tokyo time) for JPY-denominated securities; 5 p.m. (Shanghai time) for CNY-denominated securities; 5 p.m. (Tokyo time) for all other securities.

If the last business day of the month is a public holiday in a major regional market, prices from the previous business day are used to price bonds in the particular market.

#### **Bid or Offer Side**

Bonds in the index are priced on the bid side. The initial price for new corporate 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 Barclays MSCI Global Corporate ESG Sustainability SRI 1–5 Year Index is a global, multi-currency index that is generated every business day of the year except for January 1, the only holiday common to all regional calendars. During holidays observed by local markets, the index will still be generated using prices from the previous business day. FX rates are updated daily using WM Reuters 4pm (London) rates. FX forwards are also sourced from WM Company.

# Monthly Returns in USD, 2015-2021 (%)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
-1.94	-0.06	-1.41	1.83	-0.91	0.24	-0.38	0.09	-0.12	0.19	-1.49	0.41	-3.55
-0.05	0.60	2.80	0.97	-1.22	0.58	0.67	-0.17	0.43	-1.32	-1.82	-0.10	1.33
1.31	-0.09	0.15	0.93	1.41	0.48	1.81	0.46	-0.23	-0.44	0.67	0.38	7.04
1.35	-1.16	0.29	-0.74	-1.05	-0.22	0.28	0.12	-0.15	-1.02	-0.12	0.78	-1.67
1.28	0.07	0.30	0.21	0.10	1.83	-0.69	0.30	-0.46	1.28	-0.49	1.13	4.93
0.14	-0.15	-3.87	2.50	1.41	1.36	3.01	0.88	-0.97	0.05	1.77	1.29	7.49
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