# Bloomberg Euro Corporate December 20XX Maturity Indices

This document is intended to be read in conjunction with the <u>Bloomberg Euro Corporate Index Methodology</u>. These documents collectively constitute the index methodology for this Index.

The Bloomberg Euro Corporate December 20XX Maturity Indices measure the investment grade, Euro-denominated, corporate bond market. Each index in this suite is a maturity-constrained subset of the Bloomberg Euro Corporate Index. Issuer exposure is constrained to 3% of each index, and excess market value is redistributed on a pro rata basis. For each index, starting on Dec 31st of the penultimate year of target maturity year, the index becomes a static portfolio and any accumulated cash flows are distributed to a series of Euro-denominated treasury bills and bonds as explained further in the document. The indices were created in March 2024.

## Description of Index Constituents

**EUR Investment Grade Corporate Bonds** 

#### **Rules for Inclusion**

#### Currency

Principal and interest must be denominated in EUR.

#### Sector

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

Treasury bills and bonds are included in the final year of the target maturity for cash management. Treasury bills and bonds issued by Germany, France, Netherlands and Belgium are eligible for the index.

#### **Credit Rating**

Investment Grade

# Minimum Amount Outstanding

EUR 300mn minimum par amount outstanding.

Treasury bills and bonds that are eligible for the index (from January 1 of the final maturity year) for cash management purposes must have at least EUR 1 bn par amount outstanding.

#### Coupon

- Fixed-rate coupon
- Fixed-to-floating rate bonds are excluded
- Bonds with a step-up coupon and those that changes according to a predetermined schedule are eligible.

#### Maturity

To be eligible for a given December Maturity Corporate Index, securities must mature on or between January 1 and December 15 of the corresponding year. For example, the December 2027 Maturity Index contains securities that mature on or between January 1, 2027, and December 15, 2027.

For callable bonds, the next call date and maturity date must occur in the final 12 months (calendar year) of the Index. For 'Make whole' bonds, the next call date does not need to be in the final 12 months of the index.

In the final year of the index, as of January 1, euro-denominated treasury bills and bonds are eligible for the index. Eligible treasury bills and bonds must mature on or before June 30, in the year following the target maturity year, and must always have less that one year remaining until maturity.

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For example, the December 2027 Maturity Index will only include treasury bills or bonds maturing on or before June 30, 2028, with less than one year remaining until maturity.

#### Market of Issue

Publicly issued in the global and regional markets

#### **Rebalancing Rules**

#### **Rebalance Date**

Monthly

## Issuer Capping Methodology

Issuers that exceed 3% of the market value of an uncapped December Maturity Corporate index are limited at 3%. The excess market value over the 3% cap is redistributed on a pro rata basis to all other issuers' bonds in the index that are under the 3% cap. The process is repeated until no issuer exceeds the 3% limit. For example, an issuer that represents 4% of the uncapped December 2026 Maturity Corporate Index will have 1% of the index's market value redistributed to each bond from all issuers under the 3% cap on a pro rata basis. The 3% issuer cap is applied each month as the indices are rebalanced.

In the final year of the index, starting on December 31st of the penultimate year of target maturity year, the index becomes a static portfolio and the corporate bond positions are static. Treasury issuers included in the final year, as of January 1st of the target maturity year until June 30th of the year following this year, are not capped.

# 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 prior to an index's target maturity window, cash is effectively reinvested into the Returns Universe for the following month so that index results over two or more months reflect monthly compounding. Each index's universe will become static on December 31st of the penultimate target maturity year. No credit rating upgrades are considered for inclusion in the final year, but downgrades are processed and are treated like maturing bonds.

In the final year, any accumulated cash is invested in index eligible treasury bills and bonds issued by Germany, France, Belgium or Netherlands, on a pro rata basis.

#### **Accessing Index Data**

#### **Index Ticker**

Index	Ticker (EUR Unhedged)	Inception Date
Bloomberg Euro Corporate December 2027 Maturity Index	138641EU	January 1, 2019
Bloomberg Euro Corporate December 2029 Maturity Index	138640EU	January 1, 2019
Bloomberg Euro Corporate December 2032 Maturity Index	138647EU	July 1, 2020

### **Publication Currency**

Bloomberg may offer this index in additional currencies for both unhedged and hedged indices.

- See Appendix 2 of the <u>Bloomberg Fixed Income Index Methodology</u> for Currency Hedging and Currency Returns.
- See Appendix 12 of the Bloomberg Fixed Income Index Methodology for Index Identification and Publication Currency.

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## **Document Version History**

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