

#### **ICE INDICES**

# U.S. INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND INDEX (ICEGIG)

The ICE U.S Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index incorporates investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds. It includes USD denominated, publicly issued securities by US and non US issuers. Issuers included industrial, financial and utility entities. The index is a subset of the US Credit and US Aggregate indices and has an inception date of September 30, 2016. Index history is available back to December 31, 2005.

### **INDEX ELIGIBILITY AND INCLUSION RULES**

#### **Rules for Inclusion:**

Size USD \$300 million minimum par amount outstanding.

Quality All eligible securities must be rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB-) by S&P and Moody's, with the

lower rating used when the ratings differ. When only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used.

**Maturity** All eligible securities must have at least one year until final stated maturity.

Coupon Fixed Rate coupon.

**Currency** Denominated in USD.

Security Types

# **INCLUDED**

- Must be of the corporate sector (industrial, financial institutions, utility).
- Senior and subordinated issues.
- Fully taxable issues.
- Bullet, putable, and callable bonds.
- Zero coupon bonds.
- Fixed to Floating<sup>1</sup> Rate bonds are eligible during their fixed rate term only and will exit the index one year prior to the conversion date.

## **EXCLUDED**

- Defaulted Bonds
- Inflation Linked bonds
- Floating Rate Bonds
- Private Placements
- Structured notes
- 144 A bonds
- Equipment Lease bonds
- REG S
- Sinking Funds/Amortizing
- Step Up Coupons
- Perpetual Bonds
- Certificates of Deposit
- Taxable and Tax-exempt Municipal Securities
- Covered Bonds
- Bonds with Equity Type Features (warrants, convertibles, preferreds)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fixed to float bonds index eligible as of September 2016

## **Rebalancing Rules:**

Frequency The composition of the index is rebalanced at each month end. A pro-forma index will be available

on T-4 and is intended to reflect the constituent changes from the prior rebalancing date based on

index eligibility.

Index The Index is not adjusted for securities that become eligible or ineligible for inclusion during the

month.

**Maintenance** Any such changes are incorporated in the following month's index.

Reinvestment Cash Flows Cash that has accrued intra-month from interest and principal payments by the Index earns no reinvestment return during the month. Accumulated cash (from coupon and principal payments) are removed from the index at month-end, which implies that it is reinvested pro rata across the entire

index.

**New Issues** Qualifying securities issued on or before the month-end rebalancing date may qualify for inclusion.

Newly issued agency bonds are included in the rebalancing process with a price of \$100 until

replaced with an evaluated price as soon as available after auction day.

## **Pricing and Reference Data:**

Timing 3:00 pm ET snapshot each day. If the last business day of the month falls on a weekend or a

public holiday in the U.S. market, prices from the previous business day are used. Return calculations are computed through the end of the calendar month. Target latest delivery time for End of Day files is by 6:00 pm ET. Where the bond market closes early per the SIFMA schedule, Index levels may be calculated at a time in accordance with the recommended close. However,

evaluated pricing from Interactive Data must be available to calculate the Indices.

**Bid Prices** Bonds in the index are priced on the bid side.

Settlement Assumption

T+3 calendar day settlement basis for the U.S. Corporate Index. 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 interested to be calculated. ICE Indices use the standard market convention available through the Evaluated Pricing Team (EVP).

Other ICE/NYSE issued securities are not evaluated.

Please refer to the ICE U.S. Corporate Bond Index Series Methodology and the ICE U.S Bond Index Calculation Methodology document for additional information.

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