

Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Global High Yield Sustainability Index

The Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Global High Yield Sustainability Index is a multi-currency, high yield bond benchmark designed to include issuers with BB and above environmental, social, and governance (ESG) ratings. The index follows the fixed income rules of the Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Index, which is the union of the US High Yield, the Pan-European High Yield, and Emerging Markets (EM) Hard Currency High Yield Indices. The index was created in November 2019, with history backfilled to July 1, 2019.

Rules for Inclusion

Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate (industrial, utility and financial institutions) issuers. Sovereign, agency (government owned, government guaranteed and government sponsored entities), and local authority bonds from EM issuers only.
ESG Rating	Only issuers with ESG Ratings greater than or equal to BB are included.
ESG Controversy	Excludes all issuers involved in one or more very severe ESG Controversies (MSCI ESG Controversy Score= 0).
Eligible Currencies	Principal and coupon must be denominated in one of the following currencies: USD, EUR, GBP, CHF, DKK, NOK, SEK.
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securities must be rated high yield (Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below) 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. A limited number of unrated securities are included in the US High Yield and EM Hard Currency High Yield sub-components of the Global High Yield Index. The Pan-European High Yield Index component excludes unrated securities. In cases where explicit bond-level ratings may not be available, expected ratings at issuance may be used to ensure timely index inclusion or to classify split-rated issuers properly.
Amount Outstanding	Fixed minimum issue sizes are set for all local currency markets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US High Yield: USD150mn Pan-European High Yield: EUR100mn, GBP50mn, CHF100mn, DKK500mn, NOK500mn, SEK1bn EM Hard Currency High Yield: USD500mn, EUR500mn, GBP500mn
Coupon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US High Yield and Pan-European High Yield Indices: fixed-rate, pay-in-kind (PIK) and toggle notes are eligible. EM Hard Currency High Yield Index: fixed-rate and floating-rate (USD-denominated securities only) securities are eligible. Callable fixed-to-floating rate bonds are eligible during their fixed-rate term only. Bonds with a step-up coupon that changes according to a predetermined schedule are eligible.
Maturity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one year until final maturity, regardless of optionality. Bonds that convert from fixed to floating rate, including fixed-to-float perpetuals, will exit the index one year prior to conversion to floating rate. Fixed-rate perpetuals are not included.
Taxability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only fully taxable issues are eligible. Dividend Received Deduction (DRD) and Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) eligible securities are excluded.
Market of Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US High Yield Index: securities must be SEC-registered, SEC Rule 144A with or without registration rights. Pan-European High Yield and EM Hard Currency High Yield Indices: securities must be publicly issued in the global and regional markets.
Seniority of Debt	Senior and subordinated issues are included.

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Security Types	Included	Excluded
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bullet, puttable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds Original issue zero coupon bonds Fixed-rate and fixed-to-float (including fixed-to-variable) capital securities Defaulted EM sovereign bonds Loan participation notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contingent capital securities, including traditional CoCos and contingent write-down securities, with explicit capital ratio or solvency/balance sheet-based triggers Bonds with equity type features (eg, warrants, convertibles, preferreds, DRD/QDI-eligible issues) Inflation-linked bonds Private placements, retail bonds USD 25/USD 50 par bonds Securities where reliable pricing is unavailable Defaulted corporate issues Partial pay-in-kind (PIK) bonds Structures notes, pass-through certificates

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, and ticker changes) are reflected daily in 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, 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	Prices are quoted as a percentage of par.
Timing	Prices are snapped at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USD-denominated bonds: 3pm (New York time). Pan-European currency bonds: 4:15pm (London time); 4pm (London time) for CHF-denominated 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.

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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 using input from various sources.
Currency Hedging	Returns hedged to various currencies are published for multi-currency indices. The indices' FX hedging methodology takes rolling one-month forward contracts that are reset at the end of each month and hedges each non-reporting currency-denominated bond in the index into the reporting currency terms. No adjustment is made to the hedge during the month to account for price movements of constituent securities in the returns universe of the index.
Calendar	The Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Global High Yield Sustainability Index follows the US and London bond market holiday schedule.

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