

Bloomberg MSCI China Aggregate Sustainability Index

The Bloomberg MSCI China Aggregate Sustainability Index tracks the performance of the CNY-denominated fixed income market. It contains fixed-rate Treasury, government-related (including policy banks), and corporate securities that are traded in the China Interbank Bond Market. It follows the rules of the Bloomberg China Aggregate Index and applies additional ESG criteria for security eligibility. The index includes issuers with MSCI ESG Ratings of BB or higher and excludes those issuers with a "red" MSCI ESG Controversy Score. The index was created in July 2022, with index history backfilled to July 1, 2019.

Rules for Inclusion

Eligible Currencies	Principal and coupon must be denominated in CNY.	
Quality	Bonds should not be in default to be included in the index.	
Coupon	Fixed-rate coupon.	
Amount Outstanding	Par value of at least CNY 5Billion for Treasuries & Government-related, and CNY 1.5Billion for Corporates.	
Maturity	At least one year until final maturity.	
Market of Issue	Debt issued in China Interbank Bond Market.	
Security Types	Included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed-rate coupon securities 	Excluded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floating-rate and zero coupon securities • Bonds with equity type features (e.g., convertibles, warrants) • Inflation-linked bonds • Derivatives, structured products • Securitized bonds • Private placements, retail bonds • Bonds issued on Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges • Special bonds issued by Ministry of Finance

Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Rules

MSCI ESG Rating

- Securities must have an MSCI ESG Rating of BB or higher.
- Unrated issuers from sectors with ratings are excluded.
- Prior to April 8, 2021, MSCI ESG Ratings, Controversy Scores and Business Involvement data were applied at the ticker level, where every bond within the same ticker would have the same MSCI ESG Rating, with MSCI mapping ESG data from the entity with the largest debt outstanding (by market value) to all companies with the same Bloomberg ticker.
- From April 9, 2021, MSCI ESG data is applied at the bond level which may result in bonds with the same Bloomberg ticker having different MSCI ESG Ratings.
- MSCI ESG Ratings are generally updated annually, but may be reviewed more frequently as needed.

MSCI ESG Controversies Screen

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.

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	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 p.m. (Shanghai time) for all securities. • If the last business day of the month is a public holiday, prices from the previous business day are used.
Bid or Offer Side	Bonds in the index are priced on the bid side.
Settlement Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 to identify outliers. Index users may also challenge price levels, which are then reviewed and updated as needed.
Currency Hedging	Returns hedged to various non-CNY currencies are published for the Bloomberg MSCI China Aggregate Sustainability Index. The indices' FX hedging methodology takes rolling 1-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 MSCI China Aggregate Sustainability Index follows the China bond market holiday schedule.

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