

ICE Data Indices, LLC Benchmark Statement

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1. Introduction

ICE Data Indices, LLC ("IDI") is a U.S. subsidiary of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. ("ICE"), and is the administrator for the indices in the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family. The full list of indices in the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family (each, an "Index" and collectively the "Indices") is available on the ICE Index Platform https://indices.ice.com/ under Index Finder -> Equity, filtering on the "Benchmark Statement Family" column for "ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family". Users can download the data directly from the Index Finder.

A link to IDI Benchmark Statements is available on the Index Platform and can also be found here: https://www.ice.com/fixed-income-data-services/index-solutions/regulation/benchmark-statements where users can view the list of Index Families and their corresponding Benchmark Statements. The Individual Methodology documents for the Indices are available on the ICE Index Platform by entering the Index ticker into the Index Snapshot. Supplementary documents for the equity indices are also available under the Methodologies Tab -> Equity.

This benchmark statement has been created in accordance with Article 27 of the European Benchmark Regulation ("the EU BMR")¹ which was translated into UK law under the Benchmarks (Amendment and Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ("the UK BMR")², and with reference to the supplementary delegated regulation (EU) 2018/1643³ ("RTS 2018/1643") and delegated regulation (EU) 2020/1816⁴ ("DA 2020/1816"), and (EU) 2020/1818⁵ ("DA 2020/1818") on the content of benchmark statements.

References in this document to EU Regulations or Directives (including EU BMR and applicable Commission Delegated Regulation) include, in relation to the UK, those Regulations or Directives as they form part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 or have been implemented in UK domestic law, as appropriate.

IDI has been recognized in the UK as a third country Benchmark Administrator for purposes of Article 32 of the UK BMR with the FCA as the relevant competent authority.

The benchmarks which are available for use by supervised entities in the United Kingdom are published on the FCA register https://register.fca.org.uk/s/resources#Other registers, under Third Country Benchmarks Register.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R1011&from=EN

² https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/657/contents/made

³ COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2018/1643 of 13 July 2018 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2018:274:FULL&from=EN

⁴ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32020R1816

⁵ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32020R1818

2. Benchmark Statement

	Relevant BMR Regulatory Technical Standard ("RTS") or Delegated Act ("DA") provision	Requirement	IDI's Response
1	ISIN	RTS 2018/1643 Art(1)(1)(b) The benchmark statement shall state: (b) where available, the international securities identification number (ISIN) of the benchmark or benchmarks; alternatively, for a family of benchmarks, the statement may provide details of where the ISINs are publicly accessible free of charge;	ISINs are not currently assigned to the benchmarks.
2	Contributions of Input Data	RTS 2018/1643 Art(1)(1)(c) The benchmark statement shall state: (c) whether the benchmark, or any benchmark in the family of benchmarks, is determined using contributions of input data;	The ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family does not use contributions of input data.
3	Types of Benchmarks	RTS 2018/143 Art(1)(1)(d) The benchmark statement shall state: (d) whether the benchmark or any benchmark in the family of benchmarks qualifies as one of the types of benchmarks	The benchmarks in the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family qualify as regulated data benchmarks by virtue of point 24(a)(vii) of Article 3(1) of the BMR. The benchmarks do not qualify as interest rate or commodity benchmarks, or as Climate Transition Benchmarks or Paris-Aligned Benchmarks. ⁶

⁶ The benchmark statement does not therefore need to disclose the information required by RTS 2018/1643 Articles 3 to 5.

In defining the market of economic reality	eality and the geographic marks in the ICE® U.S Treasury and to represent is described in the
least the following information: (a) a general description of the market or economic reality; (b) the geographical boundaries, if any, of the market or economic reality; (c) 8 any other information that the administrator reasonably considers to be relevant or useful to help users or potential	es Index Family Methodology of charge, on the home page of tps://indices.ice.com/) in the which market conditions might nchmarks to measure a given e Limitations section of the which can be found, free of the of the ICE Index Platform on the Index Snapshot section.

As a result, RTS 2018/1643 Article 1(7) provides that the benchmark statement does not need to disclose the information required by Article 1(2)(c), Article 1(3)(b) and (c), and Article 1(4) and (5).
 Not applicable - the ICE® U.S. Treasury FuturesIndex Family consists of non-significant benchmarks only.

5	Limitations	The benchmark statement shall: (a) clearly and unambiguously define the market or economic reality measured by the benchmark and the circumstances in which such measurement may become unreliable BMR Art272)(g) A benchmark statement shall contain at least: (g) the identification of potential limitations of the benchmark, including its operation in illiquid or fragmented markets and the possible concentration of inputs. RTS 2018/1643 Art(1)(3)(a) In defining the potential limitations of the benchmark and the circumstances in which the measurement of the market or economic reality may become unreliable, the benchmark statement shall include at	All of the benchmarks within the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family may be subject to potential limitations, such as a decline in the liquidity of the futures contracts that are included in the benchmark. Other limitations may include the ability of the Benchmark to operate in illiquid or fragmented markets. In addition, each individual benchmark within the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Family is, by design, focused on a specific single futures contract. IDI seeks to manage and mitigate these limitations through the Benchmark design, review and oversight process.
		least: (a) a description of the circumstances in which the administrator would lack sufficient input data to determine the benchmark in accordance with the methodology	
6	Discretion	BMR Art27(1)(b) The benchmark statement shall: (b) lay down technical specifications that clearly and unambiguously identify the elements of the calculation of the benchmark in relation to which discretion	The Methodology documents clearly set out how the Benchmarks are to be calculated. While IDI mostly relies on input data obtained from its sources, on certain occasions, where decisions relating to the determination of a Benchmark are required to maintain the integrity of the values and ensure that the Benchmark

		may be exercised, the criteria applicable to the exercise of such discretion and the position of the persons that can exercise discretion, and how such discretion may be subsequently evaluated;	continues to operate in line with the methodology, IDI may apply Expert Judgment. Where Expert Judgment is required in a Benchmark determination, it may only be applied by suitably experienced and qualified staff members on the IDI team in accordance with the Methodology document. Using their expertise and knowledge, and the information available to them, they will make an assessment of what adjustment would be most appropriate to correctly reflect the Benchmark objective. Ultimately any exercise of Expert Judgment is overseen by the Governance Committee of IDI, which ensures that the published Methodologies have been followed.
7	Factors beyond the control of the administrator	BMR Art27(1)(c) The benchmark statement shall: (c) provide notice of the possibility that factors, including external factors beyond the control of the administrator, may necessitate changes to, or the cessation of, the benchmark; and	From time to time, events outside of the control of IDI may occur that may require changes to, or cessation of benchmarks in the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family. IDI has implemented a Benchmark Cessation Procedure, which is published on the IDI website (https://www.ice.com/fixed-income-data-services/index-solutions/regulation) and which set out the steps IDI would take if termination of a benchmark was being considered. IDI has also published a Consultation Policy which is available on the IDI website (https://www.ice.com/fixed-income-data-services/index-solutions/regulation) and which sets out the steps IDI would take if a material change

			was needed in relation to an index in the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family.
8	Impact of changes or cessation	BMR Art27(1)(d) The benchmark statement shall: (d) advise users that changes to, or the cessation of, the benchmark may have an impact upon the financial contracts and financial instruments that reference the benchmark or the measurement of the	Changes to, or cessation of a benchmark may have an impact upon the financial contracts and financial instruments that reference the benchmark or the measurement of the performance of investment funds. Where changes to an index are subject to a consultation, users are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed change and the impact it may have.
		performance of investment funds.	Any users of benchmarks that are to be discontinued are advised to take account of the upcoming cessation and ensure their contractual and other arrangements linked to the benchmarks contain appropriate fallback or other arrangements to address the cessation.
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			needed in relation to a benchmark in the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures™ Index family.
9	Key Terms	BMR Art27(2)(a) A benchmark statement shall contain at least: (a) the definitions for all key terms relating to the benchmark	All key terms relevant to the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family are set out in the Methodology document.
10	Rationale for adoption and procedures for review and approval	BMR Art27(2)(b) A benchmark statement shall contain at least: (b) the rationale for adopting the benchmark methodology and procedures for the review and approval of the methodology;	The ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family Methodology documents sets out what each benchmark intends to cover and achieve. The IDI Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing the development, design, issuance and operation of the Benchmarks and the respective methodology documents. The IDI Governance Committee Charter is available on the IDI website (https://www.ice.com/fixed-income-data-services/index-
			solutions/regulation). IDI has also published a Consultation Policy which is available on the IDI website (https://www.ice.com/fixed-income-data-services/index-solutions/regulation) and which sets out the steps IDI would take if a material change was needed in relation to a benchmark in the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index family.

11	Criteria used to determine the benchmark	BMR Art27(2)(c) A benchmark statement shall contain at least: (c) the criteria and procedures used to determine the benchmark, including a description of the input data, the priority given to different types of input data, the minimum data needed to determine a benchmark, the use of any models or methods of extrapolation and any procedure for rebalancing the constituents of a benchmark's index;	The intraday real-time and end-of-day calculation of the benchmark only utilizes prices based on executed trades or official settlement prices in the underlying CME Futures Contract, obtained from the ICE Consolidated Feed. Additional sources of data less commonly used include market data vendors, exchange announcements and other official sources. No priority is given to certain data types in the calculation of the benchmarks. The procedures for determining the benchmarks in the ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family, component selection and weighting are set out in the Methodology document.
12	Exercise of Judgement or Discretion	BMR Art27(2)(d) A benchmark statement shall contain at least: (d) the controls and rules that govern any exercise of judgement or discretion by the administrator or any contributors, to ensure consistency in the use of such judgement or discretion;	Where exercise of judgment or discretion is required in a Benchmark determination, it may only be applied by suitably experienced and qualified staff members on the IDI team in accordance with the Methodology document. Using their expertise and knowledge, and the information available to them, they will make an assessment of what adjustment would be most appropriate to correctly reflect the Benchmark objective. Ultimately any exercise of Expert Judgment is overseen by the Governance Committee of IDI, which ensures that the published Methodologies have been followed.

13	Periods of Stress	BMR Art27(2)(e)	Actions taken by IDI for the benchmarks in the ICE® U.S.
		A benchmark statement shall contain at least: (e) the procedures which govern the determination of the benchmark in periods of stress or periods where transaction data sources may be insufficient, inaccurate or unreliable and the potential limitations of the benchmark in such periods;	Treasury Futures Index Family in exceptional market conditions are outlined in the Methodology document. IDI retains the right to delay the publication of the benchmark level or suspend the publication of the level of the benchmark if it believes that circumstances prevent the proper calculation of the benchmark. In the event that there is an exchange or market-wide event resulting in the normal settlement prices not being available, IDI will take guidance from the respective exchange(s) and address on an event-by-event basis and communicate the action taken to its stakeholders.
14	Errors	BMR Art27(2)(f) A benchmark statement shall contain at least: (f) the procedures for dealing with errors in input data or in the determination of the benchmark, including when a redetermination of the benchmark is required; and	Reasonable efforts are made to ensure the correctness and validity of data used in index calculations. Where errors have occurred in the determination or calculation of an index, the decision to make a restatement will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Such decision will take account of the significance; impact; age; and scale of the error. All revisions or issues with the publication of the benchmarks will be communicated to stakeholders during the day through the regular client communication channels. In addition, IDI may also contact clients directly; post a
			notice on the IDI website; send an email announcement, or use other such forms of communication.
		Specific disclosure requirements for regu	
15	Description of Input data	RTS 2018/1643 Art 2	The intraday real-time and end-of-day calculation of the index utilizes prices based on executed trades or official settlement prices in the underlying CME Futures Contract,

		In addition to the information to be included pursuant to Article 1, for a regulated-data benchmark or, where applicable, family of regulated-data benchmarks, the benchmark statement shall state at least the following in its description of the input data: (a) the sources of the input data used (b) for each source, the relevant type, as listed in Article 3(1)(24) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011	obtained from the ICE Consolidated Feed - Article 3(1)(24)(a)(vii) of the BMR applies.
Sp	ecific disclosure requiren	nents on ESG Factors and how they are refle	ected in the each benchmark or family of benchmarks
16	ESG Factors	BMR Art 27(2a) DA 2020/1816 Specific disclosure requirements on ESG Factors and how they are reflected in the benchmark methodology	The ICE® U.S. Treasury Futures Index Family does not take ESG factors into account in the index design and does not pursue ESG objectives.
	Specific dis	closure requirement on the alignment with t	he objectives of the Paris Agreement
17	Alignment with Paris Agreement	DA 2020/1816 Does the benchmark (or family of benchmarks) align with the target of reducing carbon emissions or the attainment of the objectives of the Paris Agreement.	No
18	Temperature Scenario	DA 2020/1816 The temperature scenario, in accordance with international standards, used for the alignment with the target of reducing GHG	N/A

emissions or attaining of the objectives of the Paris Agreement;	
The name of the provider of the temperature scenario used for the alignment with the target of reducing GHG emissions or the attainment of the objectives of the Paris Agreement;	

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