

FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust

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Section 1

Introduction

1. Introduction

1.1 FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust

- 1.1.1 This document sets out the Ground Rules for the construction and management of the FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust. Copies of these Ground Rules are available from FTSE International Limited (FTSE).
- 1.1.2 The FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust ("Index") measures the performance of the German Government Bond bonds that are in the FTSE World Government Bond Index – Japanese Investment Trust (WGBI-JIT).
- 1.1.3 The index is designed to serve as a benchmark for performance evaluation by Japanese investment trusts. The calculation methodology is based on the evaluation standards of the Investment Trusts Association of Japan.
- 1.1.4 The FTSE German Government Bond Index – Japanese Investment Trust does not take account account of ESG factors in its design.

1.2 FTSE Russell

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1.3 Index objective and intended use

- 1.3.1 FTSE Russell hereby notifies users of the index series that it is possible that circumstances, including external events beyond the control of FTSE Russell, may necessitate changes to, or the cessation of, the index series and therefore, any financial contracts or other financial instruments that reference the index series or investment funds which use the index series to measure their performance should be able to withstand, or otherwise address the possibility of changes to, or cessation of, the index.
- 1.3.2 Index users who choose to follow this index or to buy products that claim to follow this index should assess the merits of the index's rules-based methodology and take independent investment advice before investing their own or client funds. No liability whether as a result of negligence or otherwise is accepted by FTSE Russell or any members of the FTSE Russell Policy Advisory Board (or any person concerned with the preparation or publication of these Ground Rules) for any losses, damages, claims and expenses suffered by any person as a result of:
- any reliance on these Ground Rules, and/or
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 - any non-application or misapplication of the policies or procedures described in these Ground Rules, and/or
 - any inaccuracies in the compilation of the Index or any constituent data.

Section 2

Management responsibilities

2. Management responsibilities

2.1 FTSE International Limited (FTSE)

2.1.1 FTSE is the benchmark administrator of the index series¹.

2.1.2 FTSE is responsible for the daily calculation, production and operation of the index series and will:

- maintain records of the index weightings of all constituents;
- make changes to the constituents and their weightings in accordance with the Ground Rules;
- carry out the periodic index reviews of the index series and apply the changes resulting from the reviews as required by the Ground Rules;
- disseminate the indices.

2.2 Amendments to these Ground Rules

2.2.1 These Ground Rules shall be subject to regular review (at least once a year) by FTSE Russell to ensure that they best reflect the aim of the index series. Any proposals for significant amendments to these Ground Rules will be subject to consultation with FTSE Russell advisory committees and other stakeholders if appropriate. The feedback from these consultations will be considered by the FTSE Russell Index Governance Board before approval is granted.

2.2.2 As provided for in the Statement of Principles for FTSE Russell Fixed Income Indices, where FTSE Russell determines that the Ground Rules are silent or do not specifically and unambiguously apply to the subject matter of any decision, any decision shall be based as far as practical on the Statement of Principles. After making any such determination, FTSE Russell shall advise the market of its decision at the earliest opportunity. Any such treatment will not be considered as an exception or change to the Ground Rules, or to set a precedent for future action, but FTSE Russell will consider whether the Ground Rules should subsequently be updated to provide greater clarity.

¹ The term administrator is used in this document in the same sense as it is defined in [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds](#) (the European Benchmark Regulation) and [The Benchmarks \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (the UK Benchmark Regulation).

Section 3

FTSE Russell index policies

3. FTSE Russell index policies

These Ground Rules should be read in conjunction with the following policy documents which can be accessed through the links below:

3.1 Queries and Complaints

FTSE Russell's complaints procedure can be accessed through the following link:

[FTSE Russell Benchmark Determination Complaints Handling Policy.pdf](#)

3.2 Statement of Principles for FTSE Fixed Income Indices (the Statement of Principles)

Indices need to keep abreast of changing markets and the Ground Rules cannot anticipate every eventuality. Where the Rules do not fully cover a specific event or development, FTSE Russell will determine the appropriate treatment by reference to the Statement of Principles for FTSE Fixed Income Indices which summarises the ethos underlying FTSE Russell's approach to index construction. The Statement of Principles is reviewed annually and any changes proposed by FTSE Russell are presented to the FTSE Russell Policy Advisory Board for discussion before approval by the FTSE Russell Index Governance Board.

The Statement of Principles for Fixed Income Indices can be accessed through the following link:

[Statement of Principles Fixed Income Indices.pdf](#)

3.3 Recalculation Policy and Guidelines

The Recalculation Policy and Guidelines for Fixed Income Indices document is available from the FTSE Russell website through the link below or by contacting info@ftserussell.com.

[Fixed Income Recalculation Policy and Guidelines.pdf](#)

3.4 Policy for Benchmark Methodology Changes

Details of FTSE Russell's policy for making benchmark methodology changes can be accessed through the following link:

[Policy for Benchmark Methodology Changes.pdf](#)

3.5 FTSE Russell Governance Framework

3.5.1 To oversee its indices, FTSE Russell employs a governance framework that encompasses product, service and technology governance. The framework incorporates the London Stock Exchange Group's three lines of defence risk management framework and is designed to meet the requirements of the IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks² and the European benchmark regulation³. The FTSE Russell Governance Framework can be accessed through the following link:

[FTSE Russell Governance Framework.pdf](#)

² IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks Final Report, FR07/13 July 2013.

³ Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds.

Section 4

Composition and design criteria

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- 4.1 The FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust ("Index") measures the performance of the German Government Bond bonds that are in the FTSE World Government Bond Index – Japanese Investment Trust (WGBI-JIT).
- 4.2 The index is designed to serve as a benchmark for performance evaluation by Japanese investment trusts. The calculation methodology is based on the evaluation standards of the Investment Trusts Association of Japan.
- 4.3 For full details on the design criteria and calculation assumptions for WGBI-JIT, please refer to the FTSE Fixed Income Index Guide which can be accessed through the following link:

[FTSE Fixed Income Index Guide](#)

4.4 Design criteria and calculation assumptions for the FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust

Coupon	Fixed-rate
Minimum maturity	At least 1 year
Minimum issue size	EUR 2.5 billion
Weighting	Market capitalisation
Rebalancing	Once a month at the end of the month
Reinvestment of cash flows	Intra-month cash flows from interest and principal payments are not reinvested as part of monthly index total return calculations ⁴ .
Pricing	Previous local market close, LSEG Pricing Service 4:15pm (London)
Exchange rate	MUFG Bank telegraphic transfer spot middle rate (TTM) as quoted at 10:00am Tokyo time ⁵
Calculation frequency	Daily
Settlement date	Monthly: Settlement is on the last calendar day of the month Daily: Same day settlement except if the last business day of the month is not the last calendar day of the month; then, settlement is on the last calendar day of the month
Fixing date	Each month, the upcoming month's index constituents are "fixed" on the profile fixing date. Each year's scheduled fixing dates are published on the website
Base date	December 31 2005

⁴ Prior to 1 November 2022, reinvestment income was included in the total return calculation.

⁵ LSEG Pricing Service quotes are used for currencies during periods in which MUFG Bank quotes are not available.

4.5 Market value computation

4.5.1 The following notations are used in the formulas. The notation of FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI) and WGBI-JIT refers to the returns and analytics of each individual bond in the German Government Bond sector of the two indices.

Notation	
t	Today
m	Current month
e	Last business day of previous month
P_WGBI	WGBI clean price
A_WGBI	WGBI accrued interest
P_WJIT	WGBI-JIT clean price
A_WJIT	WGBI-JIT accrued interest
WGBI_PAR	WGBI par amount
WGBI_MODDUR	WGBI modified duration
WGBI_RORP	WGBI daily principal return
WGBI_MTDROP	WGBI month-to-date principal return
WGBI_MTDROI	WGBI month-to-date income return
WGBI_HGAMT	WGBI hedged amount
WJIT_RORP	WGBI-JIT daily principal return
WJIT_MTDROP	WGBI-JIT month-to-date principal return
WJIT_MTDROI	WGBI-JIT month-to-date income return
WJIT_MTDROT	WGBI-JIT month-to-date total return
WJIT_HGAMT	WGBI-JIT hedged amount

4.5.2 For the WGBI, the current month's index profile market value is calculated using the prices and accrued interests of the last business day of the previous month for all its constituents. For the WGBI-JIT, the prices of the previous business day would be applied.

$$WJIT_MKV(m) = (P_WJIT(m) + A_WJIT(m)) \times WGBI_PAR(m) = (P_WGBI(e-1) + A_WGBI(e)) \times WGBI_PAR(m)$$

4.5.3 To convert the market value into JPY, the spot exchange rates used are the telegraphic transfer middle (TTM) rates provided by MUFG Bank.

$$WJIT_MKV(m)_{JPY} = WJIT_MKV(m) \times FX_SPOT(e)$$

4.6 Return computation

4.6.1 The returns are computed by modifying the previous day's principal return as well as the current day's income return.

4.6.2 Month-to-date returns in local currency terms

Step 1: Calculate the first business day principal return

The first business day principal returns of WGBI-JIT constituents are computed first as they will be utilised throughout the WGBI-JIT calculations. For the existing bonds of the WGBI/WGBI-JIT, their principal returns of the first day are calculated using on the WGBI prices and accrued interests of the last two business days before month end.

$$WJIT_RORP(1) = \frac{P_WGBI(e) - P_WGBI(e-1)}{P_WGBI(e-1) + A_WGBI(e)} \times 100$$

For the bonds that are newly added to the WGBI/WGBI-JIT, their principal returns of the first day are calculated based on the WGBI-JIT principal returns of the bonds that have the closest WAL (weighted average life) to each of them respectively. These WGBI-JIT principal returns are adjusted by duration ratios to account for the differences in modified duration.

$$WJIT_RORP(1) = WGBI_RORP_{CLOSEST(1)} \times \left(\frac{WGBI_MODDUR(m)}{WGBI_MODDUR_{CLOSEST(m)}} \right)$$

Step 2: Calculate the month-to-date principal return

The month-to-date principal return is calculated by compounding the previous day's WGBI_MTDROP and the first business day's WJIT_RORP. This is equivalent to shifting the prices of all securities by one day.

$$WJIT_MTDRORP(t) = WJIT_RORP(1) + WGBI_MTDRORP(t-1) \times \left[1 + \left(\frac{WJIT_RORP(1)}{100} \right) \right]$$

Step 3: Calculate the month-to-date income return

The month-to-date income return is calculated based on the current month's market value at the beginning of the month. It is adjusted by the first business day principal return.

$$WJIT_MTDRORI(t) = WGBI_MTDRORI(t) \times \left[1 + \left(\frac{WJIT_RORP(1)}{100} \right) \right]$$

Step 4: Calculate the month-to-date total return

The total return is the sum of the month-to-date WGBI-JIT principal and income returns.

$$WJIT_MTDRORT(t) = WGBI_MTDRORP(t) + WJIT_MTDRORI(t)$$

4.6.3 Month-to-date total return in JPY terms

The WGBI-JIT uses the same standard calculation to convert the local currency returns to base currency returns. The exchange rates used are the telegraphic transfer middle (TTM) rates provided by MUFG Bank. If the TTM rates are not available, the LSEG Pricing Service rates are used.

$$WJIT_MTDRORT(t)_{JPY} = \left\{ \left[1 + \left(\frac{WJIT_MTDRORT(t)_{LCL}}{100} \right) \right] \times \left[1 + \left(\frac{CRCY_RTN(t)_{TTM}}{100} \right) \right] - 1 \right\} \times 100$$

4.6.4 Hedge amount computation

The calculation of the hedge amount of the WGBI-JIT follows the standard index methodology as defined in the FTSE Fixed Income Index Guide.

1. Reduce the par amount of the bond by any sinking fund payments, calls, prepayments, etc.
2. Allow for these cash receipts plus any re-investment income on these amounts to the end-of-period date.
3. Add any coupons that will be paid during the period, together with re-investment income.
4. Re-price the remaining par amount, using the beginning-of-month yield and the end-of-period date as the new settlement date, including Accrued Interest on this date.

5. The sum of these amounts (2, 3 and 4) will be the amount of foreign currency sold forward.
6. This amount, converted back to base currency at the appropriate forward rate to give the “assumed hedged value”, will be the predominant component of the end-of-period value in currency-hedged base-currency terms.

Note that in step 4, the beginning-of-month yield of the WGBI-JIT is the WGBI yield of the previous business day before month-end. For the bonds that are newly added to the WGBI, the WGBI-JIT hedge amounts are calculated based on the WGBI hedge amounts adjusted by the WGBI-JIT principal returns of the first business day.

$$WJIT_HGAMT_{(t)} = WGBI_HGAMT_{(t)} / [1 + (WJIT_RORP_{(1)} / 100)]$$

4.6.5 Month-to-date returns in JPY terms (hedged)

In order to calculate WGBI-JIT in JPY (Hedged) return, we use forward rates that are consistent with publication timing of TTM spot rates.

$$WJIT_MTDRORT_{(t)JPY_HEDGED} = WJIT_MTDRORT_{(t)JPY} + \{[WJIT_HGAMT_{(t)} \times (FX_FWD_{(e,t)} - FX_SPOT_{(t)})] / WJIT_MKV_{(m)JPY}\} \times 100$$

Note that intra-month forward rates are linearly interpolated from the spot rates and one month forward rates at the end of the previous month rather than derived from the forward rate term structure.

4.6.6 Daily total return in local currency and JPY terms

Daily total return is calculated using today's and the previous day's month-to-date returns.

$$WJIT_RORT_{(t)} = \{[(1 + WJIT_MTDRORT_{(t)} / 100) / (1 + WJIT_MTDRORT_{(t-1)} / 100)] - 1\} \times 100$$

$$WJIT_RORT_{(t)JPY} = \{[(1 + WJIT_MTDRORT_{(t)JPY} / 100) / (1 + WJIT_MTDRORT_{(t-1)JPY} / 100)] - 1\} \times 100$$

$$WJIT_RORT_{(t)JPY_HEDGED} = \{[(1 + WJIT_MTDRORT_{(t)JPY_HEDGED} / 100) / (1 + WJIT_MTDRORT_{(t-1)JPY_HEDGED} / 100)] - 1\} \times 100$$

4.7 Exchange rates

- 4.7.1 MUFG Bank telegraphic transfer spot middle rate (TTM) as quoted at 10:00am Tokyo time. LSEG Pricing Service quotes are used for currencies during periods in which MUFG Bank quotes are not available.

4.8 Chronological summary of events

The constructions of FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust is driven by the same events that mark the FTSE World Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust.

4.9 Ticker for the FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust

Ticker	Index
CFIIDJY	FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust, in JPY terms
CFIIDJYC	FTSE German Government Bond Index - Japanese Investment Trust, currency-hedged in JPY terms

Appendix A

Further information

A glossary of terms used in FTSE Russell's Ground Rule documents can be found through the following link:

[Glossary_of_terms_FTSE_Fixed_Income.pdf](#)

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