

FTSE StepStone Global Private Market Indices

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** [The Benchmarks \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(which amends the European benchmark regulation in the United Kingdom\)](#)

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Section 1

Introduction

1. Introduction

1.1.1 The FTSE StepStone Global Private Market Indices include all the private asset funds covered by the data provider, StepStone Group (SSG). The coverage by SSG includes four asset classes - private equity, private debt, real estate, and real assets (infrastructure).

1.2 FTSE Russell

1.2.1 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.

1.2.2 Index users who choose to follow this index series or to buy products that claim to follow this index series 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 for any losses, damages, claims and expenses suffered by any person as a result of:

- any reliance on these Ground Rules; and/or
- any inaccuracies in these Ground Rules; and/or
- 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 StepStone Group (SSG)

2.2.1 StepStone Group is responsible for:

- Maintaining a reporting analytics platform (SPI®)
- Providing fund level NAV and cash flow data as well as fund classifications and attributes

[Link to SSG's Fund Selection Process](#)

2.3 Amendments to these Ground Rules

2.3.1 These Ground Rules shall be subject to regular review (at least once a year) by FTSE Russell to ensure that they continue to best reflect the aims 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.

2.3.2 As provided for in the Statement of Principles for FTSE Russell Equity 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 rules should subsequently be updated to provide greater clarity.

¹ FTSE is not the benchmark administrator of the Index Series as the term administrator is defined in the [IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks](#) and [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 using the links below:

3.1 Statement of Principles for FTSE Russell Equity Indices (the Statement of Principles)

Indices need to keep abreast of changing markets and the Ground Rules cannot anticipate every eventuality. Where the Ground Rules do not fully cover a specific event or development, FTSE Russell will determine the appropriate treatment by reference to the Statement of Principles, 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 FTSE Russell's Index Governance Board.

The Statement of Principles can be accessed using the following link:

[Statement of Principles.pdf](#)

3.2 Queries and Complaints

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

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

3.3 Policy for Benchmark Methodology Changes

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

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

3.4 FTSE Russell Governance Framework

3.4.1 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, the European benchmark regulation³ and the UK benchmark regulation⁴. The FTSE Russell Governance Framework can be accessed using 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

⁴ The Benchmarks (Amendment and Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Section 4

Constructing the index

4. Index universe

4.1.1 The FTSE StepStone Global Private Market Index Universe includes all the private asset funds covered by the data provider, StepStone Group (SSG). The coverage by SSG includes four asset classes - private equity, private debt, real estate, and real assets. Constituents of the Index are selected from the Index Universe.

4.1.2 The underlying dataset is sourced from Limited Partner (LP) reports and General Partner (GP) data submissions, and maintained within StepStone's proprietary reporting analytics platform, SPI®. SSG performs a rigorous cleansing process that includes rules-based algorithms designed to aggregate and anonymize the underlying data. For more information on SSG, please refer [here](#).

4.2 Weighting scheme

4.2.1 Index constituents are given a weight proportional to the NAV of the fund. No capping is applied on the weight of the funds in the Index.

4.3 Base currency and base date

4.3.1 FTSE-StepStone Global Private Asset Indices are calculated in USD, with backtested history up to 31 March 2006, and a base value of 1000.

Section 5

Maintaining the index

5. Inclusion criteria

5.1 Review and rebalance

5.1.1 The index is reconstituted and rebalanced daily. The additions and deletions of funds from the Index are evaluated for on a daily basis based on the latest available data from SSG.

5.2 Addition of new funds

5.2.1 When a new fund is added in the daily data files from SSG with a positive reported NAV, it is added on the same day to the Index, and the index divisor is adjusted to neutralize the change in total Index NAV due to addition.

5.3 Deletion of existing funds

5.3.1 When an existing fund is deleted in the daily data files from SSG or if the screening criteria which is applied daily determines that the latest NAV is not available in the past three quarters, such funds are removed on the same day from the Index, and the index divisor is adjusted to neutralize the change in total Index NAV due to deletion.

Section 6

Corporate actions and events

6. Corporate actions and events

6.1 Corporate actions

- 6.1.1 In the case of underlying funds spinoff/mergers and acquisitions, the data from SSG is adjusted to incorporate the corporate actions as additions/deletions of the funds from the Index Universe. No additional corporate action adjustments are needed at the Index level.

Section 7

Index NAV calculations

7. Index NAV calculations

7.1 Index NAV calculation

7.1.1 Index NAV is calculated as the sum of adjusted NAV of all constituent funds on a given day.

7.2 Calculation schedule

7.2.1 The indices follow the U.S. market trading days calendar.

Appendix A

Further information

A Glossary of Terms used in FTSE Russell's Ground Rule documents can be found using the following link:

[Glossary.pdf](#)

For further information on the FTSE StepStone Global Private Market Indices Ground Rules visit www.lseg.com/en/ftse-russell/ or e-mail info@ftserussell.com. Contact details can also be found on this website.

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