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Section 1

Introduction

1. Introduction

1.1 This document sets out the Ground Rules for the construction and management of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series.

1.2 These Ground Rules should be read in conjunction with the FTSE Global Equity Index Series Ground Rules which are available at www.lseg.com/en/ftse-russell/. Unless stated in these Ground Rules will follow the same process as the FTSE Global Equity Index Series.

1.3 The FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series is designed to represent the performance of the largest companies ranked by investable market capitalisation within the ICB Technology Industry listed in the United States and select Asian markets (see Rule 4.1).

1.4 The FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series does not take account of ESG factors in its design.

1.5 The base currency for the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series is Euro. The FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series may be calculated and disseminated in mulitple currencies.

1.6 Price and total return indices will be calculated on an end-of-day basis.

Total return indices include income based on ex-dividend adjustments.

Net-of-tax indices are calculated based on the maximum withholding tax rates applicable to dividends received by institutional investors who are not resident in the same country as the remitting company and who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. Net-of-tax total return indices based on specified withholding tax rates (see Section 8) may be calculated.

1.7 Selected indices of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series are calculated and disseminated on a real time basis (see Appendix B).

1.8 The FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Indices are calculated on all weekdays (Monday to Friday), excluding 1st January.

1.9 FTSE Russell

1.10 FTSE Russell hereby notifies users of the index 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 and therefore, any financial contracts or other financial instruments that reference the index or investment funds which use the index to measure their performance should be able to withstand, or otherwise address the possibility of changes to, or cessation of, the index.

1.10.1 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 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.[1]

2.1.2 FTSE is responsible for the daily calculation, production and operation of the index 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 and apply the changes resulting from the reviews as required by the Ground Rules;
- publish changes to the constituent weightings resulting from their ongoing maintenance and the periodic reviews;
- 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 continue to best reflect the aims of the index. 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 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 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 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 the FTSE Russell 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 Index Policy for Trading Halts and Market Closures

3.3.1 Guidance for the treatment of index changes in the event of trading halts or market closures can be found using the following link:

Index_Policy_for_Trading_Halts_and_Market_Closures.pdf

3.4 Index Policy in the Event Clients are Unable to Trade a Market or a Security

3.4.1 Details of FTSE Russell's treatment can be accessed using the following link:

Index_Policy_in_the_Event_Clients_are_Unable_to_Trade_a_Market_or_a_Security.pdf

3.5 Recalculation Policy and Guidelines

3.5.1 Where an inaccuracy is identified, FTSE Russell will follow the steps set out in the FTSE Russell Index Recalculation Guidelines when determining whether an index or index series should be recalculated and/or associated data products reissued. Users of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series will be notified through appropriate media.

For further information refer to the FTSE Russell Recalculation Policy and Guidelines document which is available from the FTSE Russell website using the link below or by contacting info@ftserussell.com.

Recalculation_Policy_and_Guidelines_Equity_Indices.pdf

3.6 Policy for Benchmark Methodology Changes

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

Policy_for_Benchmark_Methodology_Changes.pdf

3.7 FTSE Russell Governance Framework

3.7.1 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 Benchmarks[2], the European benchmark regulation[3] and the UK benchmark regulation[4]. The FTSE Russell Governance Framework can be accessed using the following link:

FTSE_Russell_Governance_Framework.pdf

3.8 Real Time Status Definitions

3.8.1 For indices that are calculated in real time, please refer to the following guide for details of real time status definitions:

Real_Time_Status_Definitions.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

Eligible securities

4. Eligible securities

4.1 Country inclusion criteria

Securities from the respective indices listed in the markets as shown below are eligible for inclusion in the index:

Index name	Underlying index	Eligible listing markets
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index	FTSE All-World Index	USA, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Net Tax Index	FTSE All-World Index	USA, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea

4.2 Sector inclusion criteria

Securities in the underlying indices classified under the selected ICB Classifications will be considered eligible for inclusion in the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series. See Rule 4.4 for details on the Industry Classification Structure (ICB).

ICB Classification Type	ICB Classification Code	ICB Classification Name
Industry	10	Technology

4.3 Liquidity inclusion criteria

Securities in the underlying indices that have a 60 day average daily trade value (ADTV) greater than $10m USD as of the data review cut-off date disclosed in Rule 5.1 will be considered eligible for inclusion in the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series.

4.4 Industry classification structure

Constituents in the FTSE All-World Index are classified into Industries, Supersectors, Sectors and Subsectors, as defined by the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB).

Details of the Industry Classification Benchmark are available from FTSE Russell and published on the FTSE Russell website (www.lseg.com/en/ftse-russell/) and can be accessed using the following link:

ICB

Section 5

Periodic review of constituents

5. Periodic review of constituents

5.1 Review dates

5.1.1 The FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series is reviewed semi-annually in March and September. The constituents will be reviewed using data from the close of business on the Wednesday before the first Friday of the review month and implemented after the close of business on the third Friday (i.e. effective the following Monday) of the review month.

5.2 Review process

5.2.1 At review, all eligible securities of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series must be existing or pending constituents to the underlying index as per section 4.

5.2.2 An eligible security will be added to the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series at the periodic review if it ranks amoung the largest securities within its respective country classification when ranked by free float market capitalisation (after the application of any investability weightings) as of the data review cut-off date disclosed in section 5.1. The number of eligible securities to be included in the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series from each eligible market are listed in the below table.

Index name	USA	Taiwan	Japan	South Korea	Total
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index	22	6	6	6	40
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Net Tax Index	22	6	6	6	40

5.2.6 An eligibile market included in the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series may contain fewer than the target number of constituents at the semi-annual review if there are insufficient eligible securities meeting the inclusion criteria. In such cases, there will be no minimum number of stocks and all eligible securities meeting the inclusion criteria will be added to the index.

5.3 Constituent weighting

5.3.1 At the semi-annual review, the constituents in an eligibile market of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series are capped such that the total weight allocated to the constituents of the same country classification is not greater than the weight disclosed in the below table.

Index name	USA	Taiwan	Japan	South Korea	Total
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index	55%	15%	15%	15%	100%
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Net Tax Index	55%	15%	15%	15%	100%

5.3.2 At the semi-annual review, the constituents of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series within each country classification are weighted by free float market capitalisation (after the application of any investability weightings), with a 10% company level cap at total index level. The extra weight generated from the capping is distributed pro-rata amoungst the remaining constituents within that country classification.

5.3.3 The calculation of the constituent capping factors (c) will be based on prices at close on the Wedneday before the first Friday of the review month using shares in issue and investability weights as designated to take effect after close on the third Friday of the review month (i.e. effective the following Monday).

5.3.4 The calculation will take into account any corporate actions/events that take effect after close on the Wednesday before the first Friday of the review month up to and including the review effective date if they have been announced and confirmed by the Wednesday before the first Friday of the review month.

5.3.5 Corporate actions/events announced after the Wednesday before the first Friday of the review month that become effective up to and including the review effective date will not result in any further adjustment of the capping factor.

Section 6

Changes to constituent companies

6. Changes to constituents companies

6.1 Intra-review additions

6.1.1 Except for spin-offs, additions to the underlying index (see Rule 4.1) will be considered for inclusion at the next review of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series. See Rule 7.5.3 for the treatment of spin-offs.

6.2 Intra-review deletions

6.2.1 A constituent will be removed from the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series if it is also removed from its corresponding underlying index. The deletion will be concurrent with the deletion from the underlying index and its weight will be distributed pro-rata amongst the remaining constituents in their respective index in the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series.

6.3 Changes to constituent classification

6.3.1 When a constituent undergoes changes to its ICB Classification after the data-cut off date of a review, resulting in ineligibility, the company will be removed from the index.

Section 7

Corporate actions and events

7. Corporate actions and events

7.1 Full details of changes to constituent companies due to corporate actions and events can be accessed in the Corporate Actions and Events Guide using the following link:

Corporate_Actions_and_Events_Guide.pdf

A Corporate 'Action' is an action on shareholders with a prescribed ex date. The share price will be subject to an adjustment on the ex date. These include the following:

- Capital Repayments
- Rights Issues/Entitlement Offers
- Stock Conversion
- Splits (sub-division)/Reverse splits (consolidation)
- Scrip issues (Capitalisation or Bonus Issue)

A Corporate 'Event' is a reaction to company news (event) that may impact the index depending on the index rules. For example, a company announces a strategic shareholder is offering to sell their shares (secondary share offer) – this could result in a free float weighting change in the index. Where an index adjustment is required FTSE Russell will provide notice advising of the timing of the change.

7.2 Shares in issue

Changes to the number of shares in issue for constituent securities are covered in the Corporate Actions and Events Guide.

7.3 Investability weightings

Changes to free float for constituent securities are covered in the Corporate Actions and Events Guide.

7.4 Suspended companies

7.4.1 Suspension of dealing rules can be found within the Corporate Actions and Events Guide.

7.4.2 A suspended security deleted from the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series will not be replaced until the next semi annual review.

7.5 Mergers, restructuring and complex takeovers

7.5.1 If the effect of a merger or takeover is that one constituent is absorbed by another constituent in the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series, the resulting company will remain a constituent of the index and a vacancy will be created. This vacancy will not be filled until the next semi-annual review.

7.5.2 If a constituent company is taken over by a non-constituent company, the original constituent will be removed. The vacancy will be filled at the next semi-annual review.

7.5.3 If a constituent company of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series is split so as to form two or more companies, then the resulting company will remain in the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series until the next semi-annual review.

Section 8

Treatment of dividends

8. Treatment of dividends

8.1 Declared dividends are used to calculate the Standard Total Return Index of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series. All dividends are applied as at the ex-div date.

8.2 Net-of-tax total return indices are calculated based on the maximum withholding tax rates applicable to dividends received by institutional investors who are not resident in the same country as the remitting company and who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. Net-of-tax total return indices based on specified withholding tax rates may also be calculated (see link to FTSE Russell Withholding Tax Guide below).

Withholding tax rates used in the net-of-tax indices can be accessed using the following link:

Withholding_Tax_Service

Please also refer to the FTSE Russell Withholding Tax Guide, which can be accessed using the following link:

FTSE_Russell_Withholding_Tax_Guide

Section 9

Algorithm and calculation method

9. Algorithm and calculation method

9.1 Prices

9.1.1 The FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series uses the official closing prices for securities with local market quotations. Further details can be accessed using the following link:

Closing_Prices_Used_For_Index_Calculation.pdf

9.2 Algorithm

9.2.1 For details on the Algorithm and calculation methods used for the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series see the FTSE Global Equity Index Series Guide to Calculation Methods.

9.2.2 The performance of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series on a given day is determined by calculating the percentage difference between:

– the index's market capitalisation as at the close of that day and

– the market capitalisation at the start of that day

'Start of the day' is defined as the previous day's close adjusted for capital changes, investability weight changes, additions and deletions.

9.2.3 Adjustments are applied whenever capital changes take place, so that the performance of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series reflects the experience of investors (for further details see the Corporate Actions and Events Guide).

Appendix A

Foreign Exchange rates

Foreign Exchange rates

The foreign exchange rates used in the calculation of the FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series are WMR Intraday spot rates.

The foreign exchange rates received from WMR are the bid rates and are used to calculate the final index levels. These are termed the closing foreign exchange rates and used in the end-of-day calculations for below indices under FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series.

Index name	WMR
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index	GMT 16:00
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Net Tax Index	GMT 16:00

Appendix B

Status of indices

Real-time indices

WMR FX Benchmarks real-time cross exchange rates are used in all calculations during the calculation period, other than for the closing value for each index.

Index name	Open	Close
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index	GMT 00:30	GMT 21:10
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Net Tax Index	GMT 00:30	GMT 21:10

For further details of real time definitions please refer to the following guide:

Real_Time_Status_Definitions.pdf

Appendix C

Index information

Index name	Return	Launch Date	Base Date	Base Value	Base Currency	Reuters RIC	Bloomberg Ticker
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index	Price	12 June 2026	18 March 2016	100	EUR	.FTFTT40	FTT40PR
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Index	Gross	12 June 2026	18 March 2016	100	EUR	.TRIFTT40	FTT40GR
FTSE Transpacific Technology 40 Net Tax Index	Net	12 June 2026	18 March 2016	100	EUR	.TRIFTT40NR	FTT40NR

Appendix D

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 Transpacific Technology 40 Index Series 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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