SOLUTION OVERVIEW

FTSE Blossom World Fixed Income Index

Global corporate bond index that supports multi-asset sustainable investment solutions



Overview

Worldwide, investors are developing strategies that aim to integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations into their investment approaches, and are growing in sophistication. Following this global trend, the Japanese sustainable market has blossomed in recent times and continued to flourish, driving a demand to incorporate ESG criteria into the benchmark construction and passive strategies of investors. Investors are looking to:

- Incorporate ESG considerations to mitigate potential ESG risks and improve ESG metrics of the portfolio without deviating significantly from the performance of the broad market benchmark
- Increase transparency and disclosure in the capital markets to improve company engagement and investment stewardship practices
- Facilitate ESG integration into the Japanese market by supporting improved ESG outcomes and better corporate sustainability performance and practices

The FTSE Blossom World Fixed Income Index is designed to measure the performance of global investment-grade corporate bonds issued by public listed companies demonstrating specific environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices. Based on the underlying FTSE World Broad Investment-Grade Bond Index (WorldBIG®), the FTSE Blossom World Fixed Income Index derives its issuers from the members of the FTSE Blossom World Composite Sector Relative Index and its subsidiaries. This index consists of the FTSE Blossom Europe Sector Relative Index, the FTSE Blossom Asia Pacific ex Japan Sector Relative Index and the FTSE Blossom US Sector Relative Index.

The FTSE Blossom World Composite Sector Relative Index is an equity flagship index, which selects stocks in the top 50% of each Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) sector with ESG Scores of 2.0 and above. It also supports climate transition to a low carbon economy by evaluating companies' climate governance and climate change efforts with Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) Management Quality (MQ) Score.

Core Features



Transparent FTSE ESG Scores: FTSE Russell assesses a wide universe of companies on their ESG performance. Within the global universe, there are more than 15,000 companies covered.



Consistency Across Asset Classes:

Issuer parity and industry classification alignment between fixed income and equity indices facilitates multi-asset strategies and a holistic approach to portfolio construction.



Flexibility of Customisation: FTSE Russell allows flexibility to build fully customizable sustainable solutions tailored to each investor and reflecting a specific investment philosophy, view and purpose.



Rich Data Sets: The index is underpinned by a comprehensive set of daily and monthly, issue-level and index-level files, containing a robust set of performance and analytics metrics. Pricing is provided by LSEG Data & Analytics, a recognized reliable pricing source and one of the world's largest providers of financial market data and infrastructure.



Rigorous Governance Framework:

FTSE Russell is committed to global best practice standards in index governance. The index ground rules are publicly available and continually evaluated to ensure the index remains a relevant and reliable performance measure for the market. Our governance structure based on an independent committee whose members are independent experts drawn from asset managers, asset owners, consultants and other stakeholders.



Index Construction Approach



FTSE Blossom World Composite Sector Relative Index	FTSE Blossom World Fixed Income Index
Selects global companies in the top 50% of each sector and with ESG Score of 2.0 and above	Select debt issued by public companies that are included in the FTSE Blossom World Sector Relative Index and their subsidiaries
Supports climate transition to a low carbon economy by evaluating companies' climate governance and climate change efforts with the TPI Management Quality Score	Focus on global public companies and their subsidiaries demonstrating specific environmental, social and governance practices (ESG), supporting multi-asset ESG solutions

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