

March 2024

# Terms of Reference

**FTSE Europe, Middle East & Africa  
Regional Fixed Income Advisory  
Committee**



**FTSE  
RUSSELL**

An LSEG Business

[lseg.com/en/ftse-russell](https://lseg.com/en/ftse-russell)

## **1.0 Constitution**

1.1 The FTSE Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) Regional Fixed Income Advisory Committee (the Committee) has been established and consists of senior market practitioners who are representative of the appropriate sectors of the investment community.

## **2.0 Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum to interact with index users and other stake-holders with a view to enhancing the underlying methodologies, and to maintain timely revision of those methodologies for final approval by the FTSE Russell Index Governance Board.

## **3.0 Responsibilities**

3.1 The responsibilities of the committee are to:

- Provide advice on the methodology of the relevant FTSE fixed income indices in conjunction with the other FTSE regional fixed income advisory committees.
- Share feedback that is rooted in the practical experience of investing in the markets which FTSE Fixed Income indices are designed to track.
- Provide guidance on the calculation and administration of the Tradeweb and FTSE Gilt and Treasury Bill end-of-day reference prices.
- Discuss proposed amendments to the fixed income ground rules and calculation methodology.
- Periodically review the Ground Rules for the FTSE Actuaries UK Gilts Index Series and the FTSE Eurozone Indices at the frequency set out in these rules, as required by IOSCO, as well as other ground rules covered by the FTSE Russell governance framework.
- Discuss and advise on proposed enhancements to the FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Process, and the structures of local market structures and relative market accessibility, as described by the FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Process document on [www.ftserussell.com](http://www.ftserussell.com).

3.2 The Committee will not be required to discuss material that might be deemed to be price sensitive. Such material includes the potential treatment of specific forthcoming corporate events (as distinct from rules intended to cover classes of corporate events), and discussions at the bond/instrument level.

## **4.0 Members**

4.1 Appointment to the Committee is by invitation and extended on a personal level to individual market practitioners. Members will include those able to advise on the optimal construction and maintenance of the Indices and the instruments. Individuals will be invited from organisations that make use of fixed income indices and instruments, including: asset management companies, investment consultants, asset owners and members of the actuarial profession, and is based on their expected contribution towards maintaining the quality of the Indices and the instruments. The UK Debt Management Office and a representative from Tradeweb may attend in an observatory capacity, provided the relevant representatives have agreed to the Terms of Attendance for committee meeting observers.

4.2 Committee membership is predicated by an understanding of and experience in the use of relevant indices; membership of the committee may be rescinded if the individual ceases to be involved in the usage and tracking of the indices in question.

4.3 The members of the Committee are nominated by FTSE Russell. They will retain membership for a period of three years with the possibility of re-appointment for subsequent terms, as determined by FTSE Russell.

- 
- 4.4 Committee members may discuss topics raised at the meetings of the Committee with colleagues in their own organisation to source such expertise as is relevant to the issues for which members' views are sought as committee members. In having such discussions, committee members should be aware of their confidentiality and conflicts of interest obligations, as well as the purpose and responsibility of the Committee and their role in it.
- 4.5 If a committee member cannot attend a meeting, the committee member will make every effort to nominate a deputy to attend in their stead. Committee members understand that admission of a proxy nominee to a committee meeting will only be permitted if the proxy in question has agreed to FTSE Russell's Terms of Proxied Attendance, available from the Committee Secretary.
- 4.6 FTSE Russell will not disclose names of committee members and the members of the Committee shall not disclose names of other members to a third party.
- 4.7 The prospective members of the Committee will be provided with a letter of invitation to join the Committee and the Terms of Reference for the Committee and will be required to sign a copy of the letter of invitation confirming their acceptance of its terms.

## **5.0 The Secretary**

- 5.1 A Secretary is appointed to support the work of the Committee. The Committee Secretary will be responsible for preparing agendas and papers for Committee meetings, maintaining a record of members' attendance and taking the minutes. The Secretary is responsible for following up action points between meetings.

## **6.0 Meetings**

- 6.1 The Committee will be chaired by a senior member of the FTSE Russell Index Policy Team.
- 6.2 The Committee will meet to conduct business in accordance with its responsibilities set out in paragraph 3.
- 6.3 The quorum for all meetings of the Committee is three members to include the Chair or the Deputy Chair. The Committee Secretary or a deputy must also be in attendance.
- 6.4 An extraordinary meeting of the Committee may be convened at the request of the Committee or the FTSE Russell Index Governance Board when deemed necessary.
- 6.5 Declarations of any known actual or potential conflict of interest with respect to any agenda item can be made at any time before or during the meeting, which will be followed by the appropriate recusal.
- 6.6 Third-party or any other kind of recording of committee meetings by members is not permitted.
- 6.7 The minutes of the meeting are to be approved by the members of the Committee.

*The Terms of Reference for this Committee shall be reviewed annually by the FTSE Russell Index Governance Board.*

## Disclaimer

© 2024 London Stock Exchange Group plc and its applicable group undertakings (“LSEG”). LSEG includes (1) FTSE International Limited (“FTSE”), (2) Frank Russell Company (“Russell”), (3) FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Inc. and FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Limited (together, “FTSE Canada”), (4) FTSE Fixed Income Europe Limited (“FTSE FI Europe”), (5) FTSE Fixed Income LLC (“FTSE FI”), (6) FTSE (Beijing) Consulting Limited (“WOFE”), (7) Refinitiv Benchmark Services (UK) Limited (“RBSL”), (8) Refinitiv Limited (“RL”) and (9) Beyond Ratings S.A.S. (“BR”). All rights reserved.

FTSE Russell® is a trading name of FTSE, Russell, FTSE Canada, FTSE FI, FTSE FI Europe, WOFE, RBSL, RL and BR. “FTSE®”, “Russell®”, “FTSE Russell®”, “FTSE4Good®”, “ICB®”, “WMR™”, “FR™”, “Beyond Ratings®” and all other trademarks and service marks used herein (whether registered or unregistered) are trade marks and/or service marks owned or licensed by the applicable member of LSEG or their respective licensors and are owned, or used under licence, by FTSE, Russell, FTSE Canada, FTSE FI, FTSE FI Europe, WOFE, RBSL, RL or BR.

FTSE International Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority as a benchmark administrator. Refinitiv Benchmark Services (UK) Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority as a benchmark administrator.

All information is provided for information purposes only. Every effort is made to ensure that all information given in this publication is accurate, but no responsibility or liability can be accepted by any member of LSEG nor their respective directors, officers, employees, partners or licensors for any inaccuracies or for any loss from use of this publication or any of the information or data contained herein.

No member of LSEG nor their respective directors, officers, employees, partners or licensors provide investment advice and nothing in this document should be taken as constituting financial or investment advice. No member of LSEG nor their respective directors, officers, employees, partners or licensors make any representation regarding the advisability of investing in any asset or whether such investment creates any legal or compliance risks for the investor. A decision to invest in any such asset should not be made in reliance on any information herein. Indices and rates cannot be invested in directly. Inclusion of an asset in an index or rate is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold that asset nor confirmation that any particular investor may lawfully buy, sell or hold the asset or an index or a rate containing the asset. The general information contained in this publication should not be acted upon without obtaining specific legal, tax, and investment advice from a licensed professional.

No part of this information may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without prior written permission of the applicable member of LSEG. Use and distribution of LSEG index or rate data and the use of their data to create financial products require a licence from FTSE, Russell, FTSE Canada, FTSE FI, FTSE FI Europe, WOFE, RBSL, RL, BR and/or their respective licensors.

