

# FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index

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## Section 1

# Introduction

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index

1.1.1 The FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index measures the performance of CNY-denominated fixed-rate book entry government bonds as well as policy bank bonds issued in Mainland China. These bonds have remaining maturity of 1-12 months. The eligible Chinese policy bank bonds are those issued by the China Development Bank, the Agricultural Development Bank of China, and the Export-Import Bank of China. These policy banks are state-owned and their objectives typically include providing social benefit, stimulation the economy, and supporting growing local industries.

1.1.2 The index represents a performance benchmark for investors who seek exposure to short term CNY government and policy bank debt. The index is a total return index, and its criteria are reviewed on a periodic basis.

1.2 The FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index does not take account of ESG factors in its design.

### 1.3 FTSE Russell

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1.4 FTSE Russell hereby notifies users of the index that it is possible that factors, including external factors 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.

1.4.1 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 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
- 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 Fixed Income LLC (FTSE)

2.2 FTSE is the benchmark administrator of the index series.<sup>1</sup>

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

- maintain records of all the constituents;
- be responsible for the addition and deletion of bonds and changes of nominal amounts, in accordance with the Ground Rules.
- disseminate the indices.

### 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 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.

2.3.2 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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). FTSE Fixed Income LLC administers the Index Series in line with the third country transitional provisions contained within Article 51(5) of the European Benchmark Regulation and the third country transitional provisions as amended by Article 42(5) of 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 or by contacting [fi.index@lseg.com](mailto:fi.index@lseg.com). These policies are reviewed annually and any changes are approved by the FTSE Russell Index Governance Board.

### 3.1 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 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 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 using the following link:

[Statement of Principles Fixed Income Indices.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 Recalculation Policy and Guidelines

The Recalculation Policy and Guidelines for Fixed Income Indices document is available from the FTSE Russell website using the link below or by contacting [fi.index@lseg.com](mailto:fi.index@lseg.com).

[Fixed Income Recalculation Policy and Guidelines.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 Policy for Benchmark Methodology Changes

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

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

### 3.6 FTSE Russell Governance Framework

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<sup>2</sup>, the European benchmark regulation<sup>3</sup> and the UK benchmark regulation<sup>4</sup>. The FTSE Russell Governance Framework can be accessed using the following link:

[FTSE Russell Governance Framework.pdf](#)

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> The Benchmarks (Amendment and Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

## Section 4

# Composition and design criteria

## 4. Composition and design criteria

### Design criteria and calculation assumptions for the FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index

<b>Coupon</b>	Fixed-rate and zero-coupon
<b>Currency</b>	CNY
<b>Minimum maturity</b>	At least one month but less than 12 months
<b>Minimum issue size</b>	Original maturity less than or equal to 1 year, with remaining maturity of 1-12 months: Government: CNY 10 billion Policy Bank: CNY 5 billion Original maturity greater than 1 year and less than or equal to 7 years, with remaining maturity of 1-12 months: Government: CNY 35 billion Policy Bank: CNY 15 billion
<b>Composition</b>	Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Includes fixed-rate book entry government bonds with original maturity greater than 1 year and less than or equal to 7 years, and fixed-rate and zero-coupon bonds with original maturity less than or equal to 1 year</li> <li>– Excludes saving bonds and special government bonds</li> </ul> Policy Bank (China Development Bank, Agricultural Development Bank of China, and Export-Import Bank of China): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Includes fixed-rate bonds issued by the policy banks with original maturity greater than 1 year and less than or equal to 7 years, and fixed-rate and zero-coupon bonds with original maturity less than or equal to 1 year</li> </ul> Excludes central bank bills, private placements, callable and puttable bonds
<b>Weighting</b>	Market capitalisation
<b>Rebalancing</b>	Once a month on the last business day of the month (pricing as of the last business day of the month and settlement as of the last calendar day of the month)
<b>Reinvestment of cash flow</b>	Intra-month cash flows from interest and principal payments are not reinvested as part of monthly index total return calculations. <sup>5</sup>
<b>Pricing</b>	Refnitiv
<b>Calculation frequency</b>	Daily
<b>Settlement date</b>	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.
<b>Fixing date</b>	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.
<b>Base date</b>	April 30, 2014

<sup>5</sup> Prior to 1 October 2023, reinvestment income was included in the total return calculation.

## 4.1 Timing

- 4.1.1 Indices are calculated Monday through Friday except Christmas Day (observed) and New Year's Day (observed). When a market observes a holiday, the closing prices from the previous available day are used as the closing prices for index calculations on such holiday for that market.
- 4.1.2 In order to determine whether a holiday is applicable for index determination purposes, the local market where the bond is domiciled as well as the location of the trading hub ("Trading Center") for that sector are considered. Shanghai is the Trading Center for the FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index.

## 4.2 Index quality

- 4.2.1 An index quality is assigned to each index bond as of profile fixing. The quality is first mapped to the Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") rating. If a bond is not rated by S&P but it is rated by Moody's Investors Service, Inc ("Moody's"), the S&P equivalent of the Moody's rating is assigned to the index quality. If a bond is rated by neither S&P nor Moody's, the bond is not assigned an index quality. If a bond is rated as investment-grade by one rating agency and high-yield by the other, the S&P equivalent of the investment-grade rating is assigned to the index quality. These ratings remain unchanged for the entire performance month.

## 4.3 Exchange rates

- 4.3.1 The index uses The World Markets Company Plc ("WM")/Refinitiv closing spot and forward rates. WM takes several snapshots at regular intervals centered on the fixing time of 4:00 p.m. London time and selects the median rate for each currency. All rates are mid-market quotations and appear on Refinitiv (see WMRSPT01).

## 4.4 Return computation

- 4.4.1 Total returns are computed on the assumption that each security is purchased at the beginning of the period and sold at the end of the period. An issue's total rate of return is the percentage change in its total value over the measurement period. The components of total return are price change, principal payments, coupon payments and accrued interest. The total returns use each individual security's beginning-of-period market value (see Figure 1).

**Figure 1. Total rate of return calculation methodology**

### Beginning-of-Period Value

(Beginning Price + Beginning Accrued) x Beginning Par Amount Outstanding

### End-of-Period Value

[(Ending Price + Ending Accrued) x (Beginning Par Amount Outstanding - Principal Payments)] + Coupon Payments + Principal Payments

### Total Rate of Return (%)

$$\left[ \left( \frac{\text{End-of-Period Value}}{\text{Beginning-of-Period Value}} \right) - 1 \right] \times 100$$

A note on precision: Returns are computed to at least six decimal places but reported to a maximum of five. In addition, owing to rounding errors inherent in computer floating-point arithmetic, the last digit in any reported value may sometimes be off by one from its true value.

## Ticker for the FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index

Ticker	Index
CFIIGPSL	FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index

Unless otherwise stated, the Index follows the general methodology for FTSE fixed income indices. For details, please see [FTSE Fixed Income Index Guide](#).



## Appendix A

# Further information

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

[Fixed Income Glossary of Terms.pdf](#)

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