DBIQ Emerging Market USD Liquid Balanced Index

Summary

The DBIQ Emerging Markets USD liquid index tracks the performance of a basket of the most liquid EM USD Sovereign bonds. For each of the countries, a maximum of 3 bonds are selected for the index. The index selects, from the eligible bonds, those with the relative widest Z spread[1] from each country. This is the bond that has the highest likely excess return compared to a swap curve among a group of eligible bonds from the same country with similar risks and very high correlation. This Z Spread method is an effective and simple way to pick up relative values amongst bonds with different maturities from the same country.

While emerging market countries generally present higher volatility, the index is designed in a dynamically rebalanced manner such that it is able to diversify risks. On an annual basis the index reweights to diversify the allocation across all countries. All countries with two or more bonds included in the index have an equal weight, countries with one bond are allocated half this weight. An optimum rebalancing frequency is chosen to retain diversity and minimize the rebalancing cost.

The index is subject to rebalancing as described:

- The Annual Rebalancing occurs at the end of February which reselects all countries, bonds and resets the market values across the countries.
- The Quarterly Rebalancing occur at the end of May, August and November and reselects bonds for each country selected in the Annual Rebalancing.
- The Monthly Rebalancing provides for reinvesting coupons and cash positions or, where a Default and/or Outstanding Buy Back event occurs, the removal of bonds.

For each rebalancing event an Index Selection Day occurs five business days prior to the rebalancing. On this date the new membership list is identified. Following a selection date DBIQ will publish the membership list.

On a daily basis the occurrence of Default and Outstanding Buy Back events is monitored.

Index Suite

The index is calculated and published to Bloomberg in the following versions:

Index Name	Return Type	Currency	Bloomberg Ticker
DBIQ Emerging Market USD Liquid Balanced Index	TR	USD	DBLQBLTR

Source: DBIQ

Key Index Information

Index Inception Date	Index Live Date	Index Business Day
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[1] http://www.investopedia.com/terms/z/zspread.asp

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Index Selection Day

1. Annual index selection day close of – 5th New York City business day preceding the last New York City business day of February

2. Quarterly index selection day close of – 5th New York City business day preceding the last New York City business day of May, August and November

3. Monthly index selection day close of – 5th New York City business day preceding the last New York City business day of January, March, April, June, July, September, October and December

Index Rebalancing Day

1. Annual index rebalancing day – Last calendar day of February

2. Quarterly index rebalancing day – Last calendar day of May, August and November

3. Monthly index rebalancing day – Last calendar day of January, March, April, June, July, September, October and December

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Index Rules and Calculations

Annual Selection for Rebalancing

The annual rebalancing has three phases. First, an extraneous to the index phase, the potential countries are observed, (See Addendum), second the eligible countries and bonds are selected and third the weights are set.

Phase 1 – Country Identification

The list of Emerging Market Countries, is completed on an annual basis by the DBIQ Management Team, (refer to DBIQ Handbook on index.db.com). This is published by DBIQ at the same time as the Annual Selection. As of March 2019, the index has 44 eligible emerging market countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Hungary, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Ukraine and Venezuela.

Phase 2 – Bond Selection

Phase 2 initially identifies the eligible bond pool, from this the final bonds are selected based on the relative Z-Spreads of each bond. From and including the February 2022 selection, the OIS Swap curve replaces the Libor Swap Curve in the Z-spread calculation.

1. The eligible bond pool is identified by applying the filters detailed in "Underlying Membership" for each country in the Emerging Markets Country List. Liquidity is determined from the primary pricing source, Interactive Data (IDC). Lack of price from this source precludes entry to the index.
2. The country of issue for each bond is identified. The unique list of countries is identified, this is the list of countries that will be included for that year. A country with no bonds selected at the Annual rebalancing will be excluded for the remainder of the year
3. The index aims to select 3 bonds per country.
    a. If 3 or fewer bonds are in the eligible bond pool all eligible bonds are selected
    b. If more than 3 bonds are in the eligible bond pool the bonds with the highest rebalancing Z-Spread are selected. This is calculated by
        i. Each bond from the country has its Z-Spread calculated
        ii. For each bond that is currently a member of the index an adjusted Z-Spread is calculated by increasing that original Z-Spread by a rebalancing adjustment

threshold of 10%. The threshold has been set at 10% for the rebalancing period starting from 1-Mar-2009. The threshold can only be revised at the Annual Rebalancing and has remained at 10% since 1-Mar-2009

iii. For each bond that is not currently in the index the Z-Spread is the original calculated value

iv. The bonds are then ranked based on the Z-Spread, (adjusted or original), highest first

v. The top three bonds are selected, in the event of a tie the lowest maturity is selected

Phase 3 Weight Calculation

On an annual basis the index reweights to diversify the allocation across all countries. From and including the February 2018 rebalancing all countries with two or more bonds included in the index have an equal weight, countries with one bond are allocated half this weight. Prior to the February 2018 rebalancing the target weight for each country was equal no matter the number of bonds included in each country.

The target weight for countries that have two or more bonds is calculated as;

$$TWcountry(c,r) = \frac{2}{(2 * TN2(r) + TN1(r))}$$

The target weight for countries that have one bond is calculated as;

$$TWcountry(c,r) = \frac{1}{(2 * TN2(r) + TN1(r))}$$

Where
TWcountry(c,r) = Target weight for country c on annual rebalancing r
TN2(r)   = Total number of countries that have two or more bonds selected during annual rebalancing
TN1(r)   = Total number of countries that have one bond selected during annual rebalancing

The final weights are calculated on the index rebalancing day.

Quarterly Selection for Rebalancing

Phase 1 – Bond Selection

On each quarterly selection date the eligible bond pool is first identified, from this the final bonds are selected based on the relative Z-Spreads of each bond. From and including the February 2022 selection, the OIS Swap curve replaces the Libor Swap Curve in the Z-spread calculation.

The steps are;

1. The eligible bond pool is identified by applying the filters detailed in "Underlying Membership" for each country currently in the index. Liquidity is determined from the primary pricing source, Interactive Data (IDC). Lack of price from this source precludes entry to the index.
2. The index aims to select 3 bonds per country.
   a. If 3 or fewer bonds are in the eligible bond pool all eligible bonds are selected
   b. If more than 3 bonds are in the eligible bond pool the bonds with the highest rebalancing Z-Spread are selected. This is calculated by

    i. Each bond from the country has its Z-Spread calculated.

    ii. For each bond that is currently a member of the index an adjusted Z-Spread is calculated by increasing that original Z-Spread by a rebalancing adjustment threshold of 10%. The threshold has been set at 10% for the rebalancing period starting from 1-Mar-2009. The threshold can only be revised at the Annual Rebalancing and has remained at 10% since 1-Mar-2009

    iii. For each bond that is not currently in the index the Z-Spread is the original calculated value

    iv. The bonds are then ranked based on the Z-Spread, (adjusted or original), highest first

    v. The top three bonds are selected, in the event of a tie the lowest maturity is selected

Phase 2 Weight Calculation

On 1st June, September and December, within each country, market values are distributed based on the "Quarterly Rebalancing Calculation" rules to balance exposure among bonds and limit turnover at the same time.

Monthly Selection for Rebalancing

Phase 1 Bond Review

On a monthly selection date the membership is reviewed for bonds that are subject to Outstanding Buy Back Events and Default Events.

Any bond subject to an Outstanding Buy Back Event is removed and subject to a replacement selection as detailed in Phase 2

Where a bond is subject to a Default Event all bonds from that country are identified and removed from the index on the rebalancing date.

Phase 2 Replacement Selection

For each country that has a bond being removed due to an Outstanding Buy Back Event the replacement selection is completed. The replacement selection is completed on a country basis, as such the total number of bonds being replaced is identified, and this is between 1 and 3.

The eligible bond pool is first identified, from this the final bonds are selected based on the relative Z-Spreads of each bond. From and including the February 2022 selection, the OIS Swap curve replaces the Libor Swap Curve in the Z-spread calculation.

The steps are;

1. The number of replacement bonds required is identified
2. The eligible bond pool is identified by applying the filters detailed in "Underlying Membership" for the country. Liquidity is determined from the primary pricing source, Interactive Data (IDC). Lack of price from this source precludes entry to the index.
3. Bonds that are currently in the index and appear in the eligible bond pool are removed
4. The index aims to select a number of bonds equal to those required.
    a. If the number of replacement bonds required or fewer bonds are in the eligible bond pool all eligible bonds are selected
    b. If more than the number of replacement bonds required are in the eligible bond pool the bonds with the highest rebalancing Z-Spread are selected. This is calculated by
        i. Each bond has its Z-Spread calculated

ii. The bonds are ranked based on the Z-Spread, highest first
iii. The number of bonds equal to the number of replacement bonds required are selected, in the event of a tie the lowest maturity is selected

Phase 3 Weight Calculation

The market values are distributed based on the "Monthly Rebalancing Calculation" rules to balance exposure among bonds and limit turnover at the same time.

Daily Monitoring

On a daily basis the occurrence of Outstanding Buy Back and Default events are monitored.

Outstanding Buy Back Event Review

An Outstanding Buy Back Event occurs when a bond has a partial tender/call/redemption such that the notional outstanding drops equal to or more than 70% of its outstanding. The drop must occur in a single occasion. From the date the outstanding reduction is identified the bond is held as cash at the tender/call/redemption price if available and if not the bond price as of that day. A bond removed will not be eligible for selection at any subsequent rebalancing should its outstanding remain greater than $500mln

Default Event Review

A Default Event occurs when any one of these conditions is met:

- S&P, Moody's or Fitch Rating Agencies declaring a bond in default
- S&P, Moody's or Fitch Rating Agencies declaring a Country in default
- ISDA providing notice of credit event for Country
- EMTA – Emerging Market Trading Association considering the bond defaulted, trading flat of accrued

This will result in the removal of the country at month end

An announcement will be made as soon as practically possible when the decision to consider a bond, and therefore a country, in default, is final

Treatment of the defaulted bond(s) for Calculation purposes;

- The daily price provided by IDC until month end
- Bond interest accrual set at zero from Default determination
- Should a Coupon have been treated as paid in the index, but the payment in fact was missed, it will be subtracted at month end when the country is removed

Bond Selection

Underlying Membership Pool

The "Underlying Membership" can be generated by applying the index criteria described below

- Bond Sector

Bonds should be issued by sovereign or quasi-sovereign entities

- Market Issue

  For liquidity reasons, the following market types are excluded:

    - Domestic Issue
    - 144As
    - Private placements
    - Brady bonds and
    - Restructured bonds

- Bond Type

  The following bond types are specifically excluded:

    - Callable bonds – Unless Make Whole which are allowed
    - Putable bonds
    - Sinkers
    - Floating/variable coupon bonds
    - Zero coupon/zero coupon step-up bonds
    - Bonds without known cash flows
    - Convertibles
    - Inflation- and other index-linked bond
    - Bonds cum or ex-warrant
    - Floating rate notes with coupon cap
    - Perpetual bonds
    - Accrued only bonds

- Amount Outstanding

  All bonds must have at least $ 500 million amount outstanding at rebalancing and has not been subject to a Buy Back Event

- Liquidity

  Determined from the primary pricing source, Interactive Data (IDC). Lack of price from this source precludes entry to the index.

- Rating

  Rating is not a criterion for inclusion

- Time to Maturity

  Time to maturity is calculated using the day count convention of the bond and is calculated from the rebalancing date to the maturity date.

  If the bond is currently a member of the index – a remaining time to maturity of at least 3 years on the rebalancing day
  Any bond that is not currently a member of the index – a remaining time to maturity of at least 3 years and 3 months on the rebalancing day

  Bonds are removed from the index at the next rebalancing when their time to maturity falls below 3 years

- Default

No bond from the country is subject to a Default Event

Index Level Calculation

DBIQ Emerging Markets Liquid Balanced Index is produced for all calendar days using a t+0 settlement convention.

Bond Price

Interactive Data Corporation (IDC), provides independent pricing used in the calculation of the Index

On entry to the index, Ask prices are used to calculate the levels. On exit from the index, Bid prices are used to calculate the levels. Mid prices are used to calculate index end of day (EOD) levels on all other days.

Bid and ask spread prices are used to deduct transaction cost at each quarter.

Coupon Re-investment

Intra-month coupon payments are held as cash until the end of the month. The cash holding is then reinvested in the entire index proportionally based on the assigned weights.

Bond Return Calculation

As a local return index with only fixed coupon non-sinking bonds, the bond return can be expressed as the sum of the price and coupon returns. All returns are calculated month-to-date.

- ▪ Price Return

Price return reflects the component of a bond's total return that is due just to the movement in the clean price of the bond.

$$R_{CLEAN}(i,t) = \frac{P_{CLEAN}(i,t) - P_{CLEAN}(i,r)}{P_{CLEAN}(i,r) + AI(i,r)}$$

Where

t	= Index calculation day
r	= Last calendar day of last month
$R_{CLEAN}(i,t)$	= Clean price return from r to t for bond i
$P_{CLEAN}(i,t)$	= If t is a rebalancing date and bond i is exiting the index, clean bid-price on evaluation day, t for bond i. Otherwise clean mid-price on evaluation day, t for bond i.
$P_{CLEAN}(i,r)$	= If bond i entered the index on r, clean ask-price on r for bond i. Otherwise clean mid-price on r for bond i.
$AI(i,r)$	= Accrued interest on r for bond i

- ▪ Coupon Return

Coupon return reflects the component of a bond's total return that is the interest payments only. It takes into account both changes in the accrued interest and any coupon payments.

$$R_{CPN}(i,t) = \frac{[AI(i,t) - AI(i,r) + Coupon(i,t)]}{P_{CLEAN}(i,r) + AI(i,r)}$$

Where

t	= Index calculation day
r	= Last calendar day of last month
$R_{CPN}(i,t)$	= Coupon return from r to t for bond i
$AI(i,t)$	= Accrued interest on valuation day for bond i
$AI(i,r)$	= Accrued interest on r for bond i
$Coupon(i,t)$	= Sum of coupons paid from but excluding r and to and including t for bond i
$P_{CLEAN}(i,r)$	= If bond i entered the index on r, clean ask-price on r for bond i. Otherwise clean mid-price on r for bond i.

- ▪ Total Local Return

The total Local return of a bond is the simple arithmetic sum of the relevant component returns listed above.

$$R_{TOTAL}(i,t) = R_{CLEAN}(i,t) + R_{CPN}(i,t)$$

Where

t	= Index calculation day
$R_{TOTAL}(i,t)$	= Total local return from r to t for bond i
$R_{CLEAN}(i,t)$	= Clean price return from r to t for bond i
$R_{CPN}(i,t)$	= Coupon return from r to t for bond i

Index Return Calculation

The month-to-date index level return is the weighted average bond return. The weight for each bond is determined using the market value of the last calendar day of the previous month.

$$R(t) = \frac{\sum\{MV(i,r) \times R_{TOTAL}(i,t)\}}{\sum MV(i,r)}$$

The index level is calculated as

$$IL(t) = IL(r) \times [1 + R(t) + C(t)]$$

Where:

t	= Index calculation day
r	= Last calendar day of last month
$R(t)$	= Month-to-date index return, i.e. return from r to t
$MV(i,r)$	= Market value of bond i on r
$R_{TOTAL}(i,t)$	= Total month-to-date return for bond i
$IL(t)$	= Index level on day t

$IL(r)$ = Index level on r

$C(t)$ = Bid/ask cost on day t, on non-rebalancing days this is 0

Index Rebalancing Calculation

On every rebalancing date the month end market value for bonds currently in the index is calculated as

$$MV_{END}(i,r) = \left[\left(P_{CLEAN}(i,r) + AI(i,r) \right) \times N(i,r) \right] / 100$$

For bonds entering the index, the month end market value is 0.

$$MV_{END}(i,r) = 0$$

Where,

r' = Last calendar day month preceding rebalancing day r

$MV_{END}(i,r)$ = Month end market value of bond i on rebalancing date r

$P_{CLEAN}(i,r)$ = Clean mid-price on r for bond i

$AI(i,r)$ = Accrued interest on r for bond i

$N(i,r')$ = Notional of bond i on the last rebalancing day r'

Annual Rebalancing Calculation

On Index inception date, the market value was set to 100 Million USD for all countries and was equally distributed among all constituents of the country.

The calculation is based on two steps, first the proposed market value is calculated, and from this the final market value is calculated. The final market value calculation is found in Weight Calculation.

The weight and cost calculation is applied as per below

$$MVcountry_{NEW}(c,r) = \sum MV_{END}(i,r) * TWcountry(c,r)$$

$$MV_{NEW}(i,r) = \sum MVcountry_{NEW}(c,r) / n(b)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(i,r)$ = Month end market value of current member bond i on rebalancing date r

$MVcountry_{NEW}(c,r)$ = Total MV assigned to country c on r for the new month

$MV_{NEW}(i,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to bond i in country c on r for the new month

$n(b)$ = Number of bonds in the country c

Quarterly Rebalancing Calculation

On the last calendar day of May, August and November the market value for each bond is calculated as follows. The calculation is based on two steps, first the proposed market value is calculated, and from this the final market value is calculated. The final market value calculation is found in Weight Calculation.

The proposed market value calculation for each bond is calculated based on the following rules;

1. For each country where the membership remains the same as last month:

    The market value for all bonds will remain the same, being set as equal to the quarter-end market value.

$$MV_{NEW}(i,r) = MV_{END}(i,r)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(i,r)$ = Month end market value of bond i on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(i,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to bond i on rebalancing date r

2. For a country where only one bond will be included:
    Market value of the bond will be capped to the average market value of bonds from the country currently in the index.

$$MV_{NEW}(j,r) = \sum MV_{END}(i,r)/n(i)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(i,r)$ = Month end market value of bond i on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(j,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to bond j on rebalancing date r

$n(i)$ = Number of bonds currently in the country

3. For a country where there are joiners and leavers from the last months membership:
    Market value of the bonds from the country that are leaving will be distributed equally to the bonds joining from the same country.

$$MV_{NEW}(j,r) = \sum MV_{END}(l,r)/n(j)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(l,r)$ = Month end market value of leaving bond i on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(j,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to joining bond j on rebalancing date r

$n(j)$ = Number of joiners in the country

Bonds remaining in the index have the quarter-beginning market value set equal to the quarter-end market value

$$MV_{NEW}(s,r) = MV_{END}(s,r)$$

Where,

$MV_{NEW}(s,r)$ = Month end market value of remaining bond s on rebalancing date r

$MV_{END}(s,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to remaining bond s on rebalancing date

4. For a country where there are only leavers from the last months membership (if only one bond will remain rule 2 applies):

Equally distribute market value from the leaving bond of the respective country to the remaining bonds of the same country.

$$MV_{NEW}(s,r) = MV_{END}(s,r) + \sum MV_{END}(l,r)/n(s)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(l,r)$ = Month end market value of leaving bond i on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(s,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to remaining bond s on rebalancing date

$MV_{END}(s,r)$ = Month end market value of remaining bond s on rebalancing date r

$n(s)$ = Number of remaining bonds in a country

5. For a country where there are only joiners from the last months membership:
   Equally distribute total market value from the existing bond(s) of the country to all bonds of that country that will be in the index in the new rebalancing period

$$MV_{NEW}(j,r) = \sum MV_{END}(s,r)/n(j+s)$$
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Where,

$MV_{END}(s,r)$ = Month end market value of remaining bond s on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(j,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to joining bond j on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(s,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to remaining bond s on rebalancing date

$n(j+s)$ = Total number of bonds in the country after rebalance

Monthly Rebalancing Calculation

The calculation is based on two steps, first the proposed market value is calculated, and from this the final market value is calculated. The final market value calculation is found in Weight Calculation.

1. For each country where the membership remains the same as last month:

   The market value for all bonds will be remain the same, being set as equal to the month-end market value.

$$MV_{NEW}(i,r) = MV_{END}(i,r)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(i,r)$ = Month end market value of bond i on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(i,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to bond i on rebalancing date r

2. For a country where only one bond will be included:
   Market value of the bond will be capped to the average market value of bonds from the country currently in the index.

$$MV_{NEW}(j,r) = \sum MV_{END}(i,r)/n(i)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(i,r)$ = Month end market value of bond i on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(j,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to bond j on rebalancing date r

$n(i)$ = Number of bonds currently in the country

3. For a country where there are leavers and replacement bond(s):

Market value of the bonds from the country that are leaving will be distributed equally to the bonds joining from the same country.

$$MV_{NEW}(j,r) = \sum MV_{END}(l,r)/n(j)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(l,r)$ = Month end market value of leaving bond i on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(j,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to joining bond j on rebalancing date r

$n(j)$ = Number of joiners in the country

Bonds remaining in the index are assigned same market value as month end market value.

$$MV_{NEW}(s,r) = MV_{END}(s,r)$$

Where,

$MV_{NEW}(s,r)$ = Month end market value of remaining bond s on rebalancing date r

$MV_{END}(s,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to remaining bond s on rebalancing date

4. Where no replacement bond(s) are available for a country:

Equally distribute market value from the leaving bonds of the respective country to the remaining bonds of the same country. If only one bond remains rule 2 applies.

$$MV_{NEW}(s,r) = MV_{END}(s,r) + \sum MV_{END}(l,r)/n(s)$$

Where,

$MV_{END}(l,r)$ = Month end market value of leaving bond i on rebalancing date r

$MV_{NEW}(s,r)$ = Proposed market value assigned to remaining bond s on rebalancing date

$MV_{END}(s,r)$ = Month end market value of remaining bond s on rebalancing date r

$n(s)$ = Number of remaining bonds in a country

Weight Calculation

The final market value MV(i,r) is equal to MV$_{NEW}$(i,r) and reflects the bond weights. The weight is calculated as;

$$W(i,r) = \frac{MV(i,r)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} MV(j,r)}$$

Where

W(i,r) = Weight of the bond i on rebalancing date r

The notional outstanding is calculated as;

$$N(i,r) = \frac{[MV(i,r) \times 100]}{[P(i,r) + AI(i,r)]}$$

Where,

$N(i,r)$ = Notional of the bond i on rebalancing date r

MV(i,r) = Total MV assigned to bond i on rebalancing date r

$P(i,r)$ = Price of the bond i on rebalancing date r

$AI(i,r)$ = Accrued Interest of the bond i on rebalancing date r

Cost Calculation

A cost is applied to the incremental change in weight of bonds during an annual rebalancing, quarter rebalancing and event driven rebalancing. The cost for reinvesting coupon mid-quarter is ignored in the index calculation. The cost can be calculated as:

$$C(t) = Ci(t) + Cd(t)$$

Where,

$C(t)$ = Cost for the index on the rebalancing day t

Ci(t) = Weight increase cost for the index on the rebalancing day t

Cd(t) = Weight decrease cost for the index on the rebalancing day t

The weight increase cost is calculated for bonds remaining in the index where the bond weight is greater than its current weight.

$$Ci(t) = -\sum_{k}^{n}(W(k,r) - CW(k,r)) * \left(\frac{ASK(k,r) - MID(k,r)}{MID(k,r)}\right)$$

Where;

MID(k,r) = Dirty mid price for bond k on r

ASK(k,r) = Dirty ask price for bond k on r

CW(k,r) = Current weight for bond k on r

k = Bonds remaining in the index where the bond weight is greater than its current weight

The weight decrease cost is calculated for bonds remaining in the index where the bond weight is less than its current weight.

$$Ci(t) = -\sum_{k}^{n}(W(k,r) - CW(k,r)) * \left(\frac{BID(k,r) - MID(k,r)}{MID(k,r)}\right)$$

Where;

MID(k,r)   = Dirty mid price for bond k on r

BID(k,r)   = Dirty bid price for bond k on r

CW(k,r)   = Current weight for bond k on r

k   = Bonds remaining in the index where the bond weight is less than its current weight

The current weight is calculated as;

$$CW(i,r) = W(i,r') * \frac{IL(r')}{GIL(r)} * \frac{MV(i,r)}{MV(i,r')}$$

Where the Gross index level is calculated as

$$GIL(r) = IL(r') * (1 + R(r))$$

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DBIQ EM USD Country Selection 2021

DBIQ EM Country Guiding Selection Rules

From February 2019 DBIQ has formalised the following rules to determine the EM country list. These rules will be managed according to the principles published in the DBIQ User Guidance and Administrator Handbook Overview which can be found on the DBIQ website.

1. All countries that have a minimum $3bn USD total Bond debt outstanding identified – see Appendix A for the bond selection criteria
2. Countries where the sovereign issuer is in default are removed
3. Countries that are identified as developed are excluded – see Appendix B for a list of countries issuing USD bonds identified as being developed
4. Countries subject to US sanctions or similar embargoes that restrict the ability of a US investor holding all bonds will be excluded

For 2021 the DBIQ EM Country list is below. The 3 countries in bold were removed due to Default during the past year and remain ineligible. There are 5 additions underlined

ARGENTINA
ECUADOR
LEBANON

ANGOLA
AZERBAIJAN
BAHRAIN
BELARUS
BRAZIL
CHILE
CHINA
COLOMBIA
COSTA RICA
CROATIA
Dominican Republic
EGYPT
EL SALVADOR
GUATEMALA
HUNGARY
INDIA
INDONESIA
JORDAN
KAZAKHSTAN
KENYA
KUWAIT
LITHUANIA
MALAYSIA
MEXICO
MONGOLIA
MOROCCO

NIGERIA
OMAN
PAKISTAN
PANAMA
PARAGUAY
PERU
PHILIPPINES
POLAND
QATAR
ROMANIA
RUSSIA
SAUDI ARABIA
SOUTH AFRICA
SRI LANKA
TURKEY
UKRAINE
United Arab Emirates

Appendix A - Bond criteria:

The USD Bond selection Data totals are determined as of the last business day of January for every given year

- Sector: sovereign, sub-sovereign and quasi-sovereign;
- Market issue *exclusion*: 144A, private placement, municipal, Brady, restructured bonds;
- Bond type: fixed coupon. Excluded types: zero coupon, floating/variable, convertibles, inflation-linked, callable, putable, sinker, perpetual, accrued only;
- Collateral type *exclusion:* covered
- Amount outstanding per bond: >=$100mm

Appendix B

AUSTRIA
BELGIUM
BRITAIN
CANADA
DENMARK
FINLAND
FRANCE
GERMANY
HONG KONG
ISRAEL
ITALY
JAPAN
LUXEMBOURG
NETHERLANDS
NORWAY
PORTUGAL
SOUTH KOREA
SPAIN
SWEDEN
UNITED STATES

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