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# Introduction

## Index Objectives and Highlights

The S&P BSE Fixed Income Indices are market capitalization weighted indices covering the principal sectors of the Indian fixed income markets. The family currently consists of the following:

**S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index.** The index seeks to measure the performance of the Benchmark 10 Year Indian Sovereign Bond (“Benchmark”). For more information on the Benchmark, please refer to *Appendix I*.

**S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index.** The index represents the returns from a daily rolling deposit at the Tri-Party Repo (TREP) rate. For more information on Tri-Party Repo, please refer to *Appendix I*.

In addition, the index family also includes the following indices:

- S&P BSE India Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Government Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Sovereign Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Government Bill Index
- S&P BSE India Agency Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Provincial Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Corporate Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Financials Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Services Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Utilities Bond Index
- S&P BSE India Industrials Bond Index

For further information about these indices, please refer to the *S&P Pan Asia Bond Index Methodology* available at [www.spdji.com](http://www.spdji.com).

Please refer to *Appendix I* for a list of defined terms used throughout this document.

Index returns and other statistics are calculated daily. For further details regarding index calculations please refer to *S&P Dow Jones Indices’ Fixed Income Index Mathematics Methodology*.

## Supporting Documents

This methodology is meant to be read in conjunction with supporting documents providing greater detail with respect to the policies, procedures and calculations described herein. References throughout the methodology direct the reader to the relevant supporting document for further information on a specific topic. The list of the main supplemental documents for this methodology and the hyperlinks to those documents is as follows:

Supporting Document	URL
S&P Dow Jones Indices’ Fixed Income Policies & Practices Methodology	<a href="#">Fixed Income Policies &amp; Practices</a>
S&P Dow Jones Indices’ Fixed Income Index Mathematics Methodology	<a href="#">Index Mathematics Methodology</a>

This methodology was created by Asia Index Private Limited to achieve the aforementioned objective of measuring the underlying interest of each index governed by this methodology document. Any changes to or deviations from this methodology are made in the sole judgment and discretion of Asia Index Private Limited so that the index continues to achieve its objective.

# Eligibility Criteria

## Eligibility Factors

**S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index.** The index contains only one security, the Benchmark bond. Bid price is provided by Thomson Reuters. Bonds not priced by the designated pricing source are ineligible for index inclusion.

**S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index.** The index is calculated using the TREP rate for transactions maturing on the following business day and with settlement type T+0. Rates used are provided by Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL).

# Index Construction

## Index Calculations

**S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index.** The total return for the index is calculated by aggregating the interest return (reflecting the return due to paid and accrued interest) and price return (reflecting the gains or losses due to changes in the end-of-day price). Coupons are reinvested into the index on the coupon payment dates.

**S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index.** The index is calculated by applying the return implied by the TREP rate as defined in the eligibility criteria to the previous day's index level. Please refer to *Appendix II* for further details.

*For further details regarding index calculations please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Fixed Income Index Mathematics Methodology.*

# Index Maintenance

## Rebalancing

**S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index.** In order to keep the index current, the index is reviewed and rebalanced monthly in accordance with the below stated schedule. The Index Committee, nevertheless, reserves the right to make adjustments to an index at any time that it believes appropriate.

Rebalancing Schedule	
Rebalancing Frequency	Monthly
Rebalancing Date	Last day of the rebalancing period (T)
Announcement Date	T minus 3
Reference Date	T minus 4

*All days reflect after the close and count business days*

Additions, deletions and other changes to the index arising from the rebalancing are made provided the security's reference information and pricing are available by designated pricing and data providers on the rebalancing reference date. Changes to the index are published on the announcement date and become effective on the rebalancing date. Information related to the rebalancing is obtained and disseminated after the close of business.

## Additions

A replacement security is added to the index at the rebalancing, as long as S&P Dow Jones Indices has access to price and coupon information from Thomson Reuters.

## Deletions

A constituent is deleted from the index at the rebalancing when the corresponding replacement security is added to the index.

## Ongoing Maintenance

The index is also reviewed on an ongoing basis to account for the following:

- When an index bond is in default or misses an interest payment, the price reported by the pricing source is used. However, the Index Committee may determine that the bond be removed from the index at a different price and may specify a price of 0.00. The decision of the Index Committee is final.
- If an index bond is no longer priced by the pricing source, the last available price is used.

However, the Index Committee may determine that a different price be used. The decision of the Index Committee is final. For clarity, index bonds that are no longer priced by the pricing source fail to meet the pricing eligibility factors and are removed at the next rebalancing date. If the bond is priced for at least one of the five business days prior to the rebalancing announcement date, the bond remains in the index. Otherwise, it is removed from the index at the subsequent rebalancing date.

**S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index.** The index represents the performance of a daily rolling deposit and does not undergo a rebalancing, unlike the S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index.

Under unusual circumstances, the Index Committee reserves the right to not publish the index on a specific date.

Where applicable, index changes published in the announcement are not normally subject to revision and become effective on the rebalancing date, as long as S&P Dow Jones Indices has access to price and coupon information.

### **Currency of Calculation and Additional Index Return Series**

The indices are calculated in Indian rupees. In addition, the S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index is also calculated in U.S. dollars and Qatari riyals.

**S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index.** The Financial Benchmarks India Private Limited (FBIL) Reference Rate is used for the U.S. dollar version.<sup>1</sup> Thomson Reuters' spot rate, captured at 3:45 PM Qatar time, is used for the Qatari riyal version.

Additional currency and currency hedged versions of the indices, as well as maturity, sector, and rating-based sub-indices, may be available. For a list of available sub-indices and tickers, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Fixed Income Index Directory available at [www.spdji.com](http://www.spdji.com).

*For information on the calculation of different types of indices, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Fixed Income Index Mathematics Methodology.*

### **Base Dates and History Availability**

Index history availability, base dates and base values are shown in the table below.

<b>Index</b>	<b>Launch Date</b>	<b>First Value Date</b>	<b>Base Date</b>	<b>Base Value</b>
S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index <sup>2</sup>	06-Dec-13	07-Apr-99	07-Apr-99	100
S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index	26-Jul-16	31-Dec-15	31-Dec-15	1000

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 07/10/2018, the reference rate was published by Reserve Bank of India.

<sup>2</sup> Note that the historical prices of the securities used for index construction have been compiled using multiple sources.



# Index Governance

## Index Committee

The S&P BSE Bond Indices Index Committee oversees the indices. All members of the Committee are full-time professionals at S&P Dow Jones Indices and the BSE. Meetings are held whenever deemed appropriate.

The Committee oversees the management of the index, including the monthly rebalancing, determinations of intra-rebalancing changes to the index, and maintenance and inclusion policies, including additions or deletions of bonds and other matters affecting the maintenance and calculation of the index.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Committee has full and complete discretion to (i) amend, apply, or exempt the application of index rules and policies as circumstances may require and (ii) add, remove, or by-pass any bond in determining the composition of the index.

The Committee may rely on any information or documentation submitted to it or gathered by it that the Committee believes to be accurate. The Committee reserves the right to reinterpret publicly available information and to make changes to the index based on a new interpretation of that information at its sole discretion. All S&P BSE Index Committee discussions are confidential.

The Index Committee is separate from and independent of other analytical groups at S&P Global. In particular, the Index Committee has no access to or influence on decisions by S&P Global Ratings analysts.

S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Committees reserve the right to make exceptions when applying the methodology if the need arises. In any scenario where the treatment differs from the general rules stated in this document or supplemental documents, clients will receive sufficient notice, whenever possible.

In addition to the daily governance of indices and maintenance of index methodologies, at least once within any 12-month period, the Index Committee reviews the methodology to ensure the indices continue to achieve the stated objectives, and that the data and methodology remain effective. In certain instances, S&P Dow Jones Indices may publish a consultation inviting comments from external parties.

*For information on Quality Assurance and Internal Reviews of Methodology, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Fixed Income Policies & Practices Methodology.*

# Index Policy

## Announcements

Announcements of any relevant information pertaining to the Indices are made after the close. Press releases are posted on S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at [www.spdji.com](http://www.spdji.com), the BSE Ltd. Web site at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com), and Asia Index Private Limited's Web site at [www.asiaindex.co.in](http://www.asiaindex.co.in).

## Holiday Schedule

**S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index.** The index is calculated daily, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays in Mumbai.

**S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index.** The index is calculated only on those days when both BSE and CCIL are open.

## Rebalancing

The Index Committee may change the date of a given rebalancing for reasons including market holidays occurring on or around the scheduled rebalancing date. Any such change will be announced with proper advance notice where possible.

## End-of-Day Calculation

Index levels are calculated at the end of every business day. They are distributed via S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site, Asia Index Private Limited's Web site, and the BSE Ltd. Web site. On business days that the Reserve Bank of India recommends closing the Indian fixed income markets early, index levels may be calculated at a time in accordance with the recommended early close time set for that day.

## Index Releases

Releases are issued by S&P Dow Jones Indices at the end of the business day.

## Recalculation Policy

For information on the recalculation policy please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Fixed Income Policies & Practices Methodology.

*For information on Calculations and Pricing Disruptions, Expert Judgment and Data Hierarchy, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Fixed Income Policies & Practices Methodology.*

## Contact Information

For questions regarding an index, please contact: [index\\_services@spglobal.com](mailto:index_services@spglobal.com).

# Index Dissemination

The Index levels are available through S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at [www.spdji.com](http://www.spdji.com), the BSE Ltd. Web site at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com), Asia Index Private Limited's Web site at [www.asiaindex.co.in](http://www.asiaindex.co.in), major quote vendors (see codes below), numerous investment-oriented Web sites, and various print and electronic media.

## Tickers

The table below lists headline indices covered by this document. All versions of the below indices that may exist are also covered by this document. Please refer to [S&P DJI's All Indices by Methodology Report](#) for a complete list of indices covered by this document.

Index	Return Type	INR	Bloomberg	
			USD	QAR
S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index	Price Return	SPBDISBP	SPBDISBS	SPBDISBA
	Total Return	SPBDISBT	SPBDISBU	SPBDISBQ
S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index	Total Return	SPICBLOT	-	-

## Index Data

Daily index level data is available via subscription.

For product information, please contact S&P Dow Jones Indices, [www.spdji.com/contact-us](http://www.spdji.com/contact-us).

## Web site

For further information, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at [www.spdji.com](http://www.spdji.com).

# Appendix I

## Defined Terms

**Benchmark.** For the S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index, the Benchmark is the most recently issued ten-year, fixed rate India Sovereign Bond.

**Tri-Party Repo.** A repo contract where a third party (apart from the borrower and lender), called a Tri-Party Agent, acts as an intermediary between the two parties to the repo to facilitate services like collateral selection, payment and settlement, custody and management during the life of the transaction.

**Announcement Date.** The date on which changes to the index are published, as further described in the Index Maintenance chapter.

**Rebalancing Date.** The date when the announcement becomes effective, as further described in the Index Maintenance chapter.

**Business Days.** Those days on which the Reserve Bank of India declares the Indian fixed income markets open.

**Close.** The end of a business day for the purpose of calculating index values and other statistics, currently 10:00 PM Indian Standard Time for regular business days. S&P Dow Jones Indices may calculate index values and other statistics at an earlier time for pre-holiday days, when there is a recommended early close as determined by the Reserve Bank of India.

**Eligible Security.** A security that meets all of the eligibility criteria, based on publicly available information as of the close of the business day preceding the announcement date, but is not already an index security.

**Index.** The S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index or S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index.

**Index Security.** A security that is included in the index.

**Par Amount.** The total par or “face value” amount outstanding of an index security.

# Appendix II

## S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index Calculation

$$IndexTR_t = \left( 1 + \frac{n[T + 1, T]}{365} * r_t \right) \times IndexTR_{t-1}$$

where:

$IndexTR_t$  = Index Value on current index calculation day  $t$

$IndexTR_{t-1}$  = Index Value on previous index calculation day  $t - 1$

$n[T + 1, T]$  = Number of days between next index calculation day  $t + 1$  and current index calculation day  $t$

$r_t$  = Weighted Average TREP Rate published by CCIL on current index calculation day  $t$  for T+0 settlement type with  $n[T + 1, T]$  days to maturity

Note:  $IndexTR_t$  calculated on current day is the face value of the rolling deposit maturing on following business day.

# Appendix III

## Methodology Changes

Methodology changes since January 1, 2015 are as follows:

Change	Effective Date (After Close)	Methodology	
		Previous	Updated
Deposit Rate Source Change:  S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index	11/02/2018	The rate is provided through Clearing Corporation of India Ltd.'s Collateralized Borrowing and Lending Obligation data feed.	The rate is provided through the Tri-Party Repo Dealing System data feed by Clearing Corporation of India Ltd.
Elimination of the Liquidity Criteria:  S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index	09/25/2017	At each regularly scheduled monthly rebalancing, all Indian sovereign bonds with remaining maturities close or equal to 10 years are identified and screened for liquidity (the total trading volume over the last 30 days, ending five business days prior to the rebalancing effective date). The most liquid bond that meets the maturity criterion is added to the index subject to Index Committee review.	At each monthly rebalancing the most recently issued 10 year on-the-run bond is selected as the index constituent.
Changing the Rebalancing Effective Date:  S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index	09/25/2017	The regularly scheduled monthly rebalancing is effective on the first Monday of each month.	The monthly rebalancing is effective on the first business day of each month.
Elimination of ad-hoc Rebalancing:  S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index	09/25/2017	In the event the Reserve Bank of India announces a new 10 Year on-the-run Sovereign Bond an additional rebalancing is conducted.	---
Cessation of Advisory Opinion Poll:  S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index	04/11/2017	The Index Committee may obtain feedback from major market participants including primary dealers, fund management companies, banks and insurance companies, by conducting an advisory opinion poll.	The Index Committee ceased conducting an advisory opinion poll.
Liquidity Definition:  S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index	04/11/2017	The total trading volume over the last 30 trading days, ending seven business days prior to the rebalancing effective date).	The total trading volume over the last 30 trading days, ending five business days prior to the rebalancing effective date).

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