

# INDEX GUIDELINE

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## INTRODUCTION

This document (the "Guideline") is to be used as a guideline with regard to the composition, calculation and maintenance of the Solactive China Government Bond TR CNY Index (the "Index"). Any amendments to the rules made to the Guideline are approved by the Oversight Committee as specified in the Bond Index Methodology. The Index is owned, calculated, administered and published by Solactive AG ("Solactive") assuming the role as administrator (the "Index Administrator") under the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the "Benchmark Regulation" or "BMR"). The name "Solactive" is trademarked.

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## 1. INDEX SPECIFICATIONS

#### 1.1. SCOPE OF THE INDEX

The INDEX is a rules-based, market value weighted index engineered to mirror the Chinese CNY denominated government bond market.

The INDEX is a Total Return index including government bonds with a maturity of more than 1 month.

#### 1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Туре	Calculation Formula*	RIC	BBG ticker
Solactive China Government Bond TR CNY Index	DE000SL0AYW8	CNY	TR	Periodic	.SOLCNSOV	-

<sup>\*</sup>TR means that the INDEX is calculated as Total Return index as described in the Bond Index Methodology, which is available on the SOLACTIVE website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-index-methodology/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-index-methodology/</a>

<sup>\*</sup>The calculation formula refers to the index calculation's dependency on cash reinvestment, based on whether the cash reinvestment occurs on a daily/direct basis or periodically.



The INDEX is published on the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR (www.solactive.com) and is, in addition, available via the price marketing services of Boerse Stuttgart GmbH and may be distributed to all of its affiliated vendors. Each vendor decides on an individual basis as to whether it will distribute or display the INDEX via its information systems.

Any publication in relation to the INDEX (e.g. notices, amendments to the GUIDELINE) will be available at the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/">https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/</a>.

#### 1.3. INITIAL LEVEL OF THE INDEX

The initial level of the INDEX on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 is 1000. Levels of the INDEX published for a period prior to this date have been back-tested. Historical values will be recorded in accordance with Article 8 of the BMR.

### 1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The Index is calculated and distributed once every Business Day based on the Last Evaluated Bid Price of the Index Components. Bonds added in a rebalancing (see Section 3) are included the Index at the Last Evaluated Ask Price on the relevant Rebalance Day. Bonds which are excluded from the Index in a rebalance are reflected in the calculation of the level of the Index for the Rebalance Day at the Last Evaluated Bid Price on the relevant Rebalance Day. Index analytical values are calculated each Business Day using the Last Evaluated Bid Price based on Fixing Time.

## 2. INDEX SELECTION

On each Selection Day, all bonds which meet the Index Component Requirements are eligible for inclusion in the Index and will be added as Index Component on the Rebalance Day. Additionally, on each Selection Day, it will be evaluated whether all current Index Components still meet the Index Component Requirements. Each Index Component that does not meet the Index Component Requirements will be removed from the Index on the next Rebalance Day.

### 2.1. SELECTION OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

The initial composition of the INDEX, as well as any selection for a rebalance (as specified in Section 3) is determined using the following rules:

- Only sovereign bonds issued by the Government of China.
- The bonds must be denominated in CNY.
- The Amount Outstanding of the bond must not be lower than CNY 5 000 000 000.
- TIME TO MATURITY of the bonds must be more than 1 month from the REBALANCE DAY.
- Fungible Strips, Principal Only Strips and Interest Only Strips are specifically excluded.



- TREASURY BILLS, FLOATING RATE NOTES, INFLATION-LINKED BONDS, HYBRID AND BANK CAPITAL BONDS AND SECURITIZED BONDS are not eligible.
- A price from the PRICING PROVIDER must be available for each INDEX COMPONENT on each SELECTION DAY.

(the "INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS")

The determination of the INDEX COMPONENTS is fully rule-based and the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR has no discretion.

#### 2.2. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each Rebalance Day each Index Component is weighted using the market value based on the Last Evaluated Bid Price and accrued interest as on the Selection Day in order to achieve the aim of the Index. The weighting of the Index Components will be as follows:

The INDEX COMPONENTS are weighted according to their respective Market Values in proportion to the aggregated Market Value of all INDEX COMPONENTS in the index.

## ORDINARY REBALANCE

In order to reflect the new selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS determined on the SELECTION DAY (in accordance with Section 2.1) the INDEX is adjusted on the REBALANCE DAY after CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

For more information on the rebalance procedure please refer to the Bond Index Methodology, which is incorporated by reference and available on the Solactive website: <a href="https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-index-methodology/">https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-index-methodology/</a>.

SOLACTIVE will publish any changes made to the INDEX COMPONENTS with sufficient notice before the REBALANCE DAY on the SOLACTIVE webpage.

## 4. CORPORATE ACTIONS

As part of the INDEX maintenance Solactive will consider various events — also referred to as corporate actions — which result in an adjustment to the INDEX between two regular REBALANCE DAYS. Such events have a material impact on the price, weighting or overall integrity of INDEX COMPONENTS. Therefore, they need to be accounted for in the calculation of the INDEX. Adjustments to the INDEX to account for corporate actions will be made in compliance with the Bond Index Methodology.

## 5. **DEFINITIONS**

"BENCHMARK INDEX" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"BENCHMARK REGULATION" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"BMR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".



"Business Day" is with respect to the INDEX each day Monday to Friday except the following sets of days:

Saturday and Sunday as well as the 24th and 31th of December are not considered Business Days. Any day other than a Saturday or Sunday, as well as the 24th and 31th of December and other than holidays as recommended by SIFMA and Target 2 holidays in Europe.

"CLOSE OF BUSINESS" is a time stamp when an INDEX is calculated.

"CURRENCY HEDGE INDEX" represent the return resulting from the sum of an underlying index performance and the performance of the hedge of this index using currency forward contracts.

"GUIDELINE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX ADMINISTRATOR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX CALCULATOR" is SOLACTIVE or any other appropriately appointed successor in this function.

"INDEX COMPONENT" is each bond reflected in the INDEX.

"INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.1.

"ISSUER" is the issuing entity of the respective bond.

"OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" shall have the meaning as defined in the Bond Index Methodology.

**"PRICING PROVIDER"** is available under https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-pricing-provider/

"REBALANCE DAY" is the last Business Day of the month.

**"SELECTION DAY"** is 6 BUSINESS DAYS before the scheduled REBALANCE DAY, disregarding any potential change of the REBALANCE DAY.

"SOLACTIVE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

Please note that the definitions included in the Bond Index Methodology apply to this guideline. In case of a discrepancy, the definition presented in the guidelines should prevail.

## 6. HISTORY OF INDEX CHANGES

Version	Date	Description
1.2	25 March 2024	Updating to new format
1.1	13 January 2021	Format Changes
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