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# THOMSON REUTERS CONVERTIBLE INDICES

## MONTHLY EUROPE FOCUS CONVERTIBLE INDEX

### METHODOLOGY

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## **1 Introduction**

Defined terms used in this document have the meaning ascribed to them in Base Index unless otherwise defined.

The Thomson Reuters Monthly Europe Focus Convertible Index is referenced in this document as “Index”, the Thomson Reuters Europe Focus Convertible Index is referenced in this document as the “Base Index”.

The Methodology for the selection and maintenance of the Base Index is contained in the Thomson Reuters Convertible Indices Methodology ( [www.thomsonreuters.com/convertible-indices/](http://www.thomsonreuters.com/convertible-indices/) ).

## **2 Selection Method**

The Index constituents are identical to that of the Base Index; however the weighting of each issue in the Index may not be the same as the weighting in the Base Index.

### **2.1 Changes to constituents between monthly reselections**

#### **2.1.1 Adds and Drops**

Issues will not be added to the Index between monthly reselections, this reflects the Methodology of the Base Index.

Issues that are dropped from the Base Index will be dropped from the Index on the same date and at the same price as they are dropped from the Base Index. Issues dropped in this manner will be dropped, in general, at the Bid Price.

Technical Adds and Drops will be applied to the Index at the same time as they are applied to the Base Index, these operations are necessary when the nature of the security changes such that a different reference is required for the issue, the physical asset represented by the entries remains unchanged during this process.

#### **2.1.2 Changes to Outstanding Issue Size**

Changes to the Outstanding Issue Size which reduce the Outstanding Issue Size will be applied to the Index at the same time as these changes are applied to the Base Index.

Changes to the Outstanding Issue Size which increase the Outstanding Issue Size will not be applied to the Index at the same time as these changes are applied to the Base Index. These changes will be applied at the monthly reselection on the Focus Monthly Review Effective Date

For the avoidance of doubt, should an issue be subject to an increase in Outstanding Issue Size followed by a decrease in Outstanding Issue Size between monthly reselections then the change will not be applied to the Index unless the resultant Outstanding Issue Size is less than the Outstanding Issue Size applicable to the Index at that time.

### **3 Calculation of Index**

#### **3.1 Pricing of constituents**

Constituents of the index will be priced at the same values as used for the Base Index.

#### **3.2 Overview of calculation approach**

##### **3.2.1 Income**

Income received by Index issues will not be reinvested in the Index immediately.

Income received by issues will be retained as cash in the currency of receipt in the index calculation and will be credited to the relevant cash balance on the ex-income date.

Income will include any cash distribution due to holders of the issue.

The amount of cash credited to the cash balance will be the same amount as would be reinvested under the Base Index Methodology.

##### **3.2.2 Changes to Outstanding Issue Size**

Changes to Outstanding Issue Size will generate an increase in the relevant cash balance equal to the value of securities represented by the change.

##### **3.2.3 Issues dropped between monthly reselections**

When issues are dropped between monthly reselections the relevant cash balance will be increased by the value of the issue at the time of removal from the Index.

##### **3.2.4 Cash balances**

Cash balances will not be credited with interest.

Cash balances will be reinvested in the index at EoD on the Focus Monthly Review Effective Date using the FX rates for index calculation at that point.

### 3.3 Detail of Index Calculation

The index calculation will be carried out in the same manner as the index calculation of the Base Index with the exception of the treatment of events which generate cash in the Index and the treatment of cash at the monthly reselection cash, which are treated as set out in the sections below.

#### 3.3.1 Daily Index Calculation

The daily index calculation is as shown below.

In order to derive:

$V^t$  The value of the index on day  $t$ . Index values are only computed for weekdays and if day  $t$  is a Friday then day  $t+1$  will be the following Monday

The values required are:

$D_i^t$  The dirty cash value of one unit of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  issue in the index on day  $t$ .

$B^t$  The combined value of all cash balances on day  $t$ , each held in the currency of receipt and converted to the index currency using the relevant Eod FX rate for index calculation.

$S_i^t$  The issue size outstanding in units of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  issue in the index on day  $t$

$X_i^t$  The exchange rate used to convert the cash price of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  issue in the index on day  $t$  to the index currency.

$F^t$  The index factor on day  $t$

$n^t$  The number of issues in the index on day  $t$

The value of the index is given by:

$$V^t = \frac{B^t + \sum_{i=1}^{n^t} (D_i^t * S_i^t * X_i^t)}{F^t}$$

The value of F will remain unchanged except in any the following circumstances:

- A change to the constituents of the index that is not reflected solely as a change in the cash balances
- A change to the issue size of one or more of the constituents that is not reflected solely as a change in the cash balances
- The Focus Monthly Review Effective Date when the cash balances are re-invested in the Index

The derivation of the new value for the index factor in each of these circumstances is shown below.

Where:

$new\_B^t$  The combined value of all cash balances on day  $t$ , each held in the currency of receipt and converted to the index currency using the relevant Eod FX rate for index calculation. This value will be the same as  $B^t$  except in the case when cash balances are re-invested when  $new\_B^t$  will be set to zero.

$new\_S_i^t$  The issue size outstanding in units of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  issue in the index on day  $t$  following the change in circumstances for which the factor is to be adjusted.

$new\_F^t$  The index factor on day  $t$  following the change in circumstances for which the factor is to be adjusted.

$new\_n^t$  The number of issues in the index on day  $t$  following the change in circumstances for which the factor is to be adjusted.

The value of the index will be

$$\frac{new\_B^t + \sum_{i=1}^{i=new\_n^t} (D_i^t * new\_S_i^t * X_i^t)}{new\_F^t}$$

The value of the index is unchanged by the change in circumstances and therefore

$$V^t = \frac{B^t + \sum_{i=1}^{i=n^t} (D_i^t * S_i^t * X_i^t)}{F^t} = \frac{new\_B^t + \sum_{i=1}^{i=new\_n^t} (D_i^t * new\_S_i^t * X_i^t)}{new\_F^t}$$

And thus

$$new\_F^t = F^t * \frac{new\_B^t + \sum_{i=1}^{i=new\_n^t} (D_i^t * new\_S_i^t * X_i^t)}{B^t + \sum_{i=1}^{i=n^t} (D_i^t * S_i^t * X_i^t)}$$

### 3.3.2 Daily Index Calculation – Cash balances

#### 3.3.2.1 Income events – Cash balance treatment

The Base Index daily index calculation is

$$V^t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n^t} \{(D_i^t + C_i^t) * S_i^t * X_i^t\}}{F^t}$$

Where

$C_i^t$  is the cash value of income that becomes due for a unit of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  issue in on day  $t$ .

$D_i^t$  for an issue with income that becomes due on day  $t$  reflects the “ex-income” status of the issue either by way of adjustment of the contractual accrued or in market pricing for issues that trade “Dirty”.

The corresponding calculation for the index is:

$$V^t = \frac{B^t + \sum_{i=1}^{i=n^t} (D_i^t * S_i^t * X_i^t)}{F^t}$$

In the calculation for the index,  $B^t$  includes the cash value of all income due to constituents that are “ex-income” on day  $t$ .

#### 3.3.2.2 Constituent changes – Cash balance treatment

When an issue is dropped from the Index the impact is to change the cash balance.

Issues are dropped at the EoD price on the Drop Effective Date.

The cash balance is not increased on the Drop Effective Date as the issue remains a constituent at the time of the calculation; however the cash balance is updated immediately following the calculation using the EoD price and size of the issue. The cash is held in the currency of pricing of the issue until the following Focus Monthly Review Effective Date.

### **3.3.2.3 Outstanding Issue Size changes– Cash balance treatment**

When the Outstanding Issue Size decreases the impact is to change the cash balance.

The change is applied at EoD on the Change Effective Date.

The cash balance is not increased on the Change Effective Date as the issue size remains unchanged at the time of the calculation; however the cash balance is updated immediately following the calculation using the EoD price and the size of the change. The cash is held in the currency of pricing of the issue until the following Focus Monthly Review Effective Date.

In the event that the Outstanding Issue Size increases the impact of the change is to require a new index factor to be calculated as described in Section 3.3.1 above

## **3.4 Concentration Factors**

The Index is subject to a Concentration Level of 8%.

The calculation of the Concentration Factors to be applied to each issue will be calculated in accordance with the Base Index Methodology with the following exceptions:

- The concentration Factors will not be adjusted for constituent changes or Outstanding Issue Size changes between the Focus Monthly Review Effective Date and the following Focus Monthly Review Effective Date.
- The daily check to determine if any issuer or underlying exceeds 125% of the Concentration Level applying to the index will not be applied to the Index.

However, should the market capitalisation of a single component of the Index represent more than 25% of the Index market capitalisation at an Index calculation the concentration factors for that issue will be reset to take effect at the following index calculation using the methodology set out in the Base Index Methodology. In addition the concentration factors for any issues with a related issuer or underlying asset may be adjusted during this operation.