

REFINITIV BENCHMARK OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 9 December 2021, 14:30 UK time

Location: Virtual only

Attending Members

Mark Evans [ME], Chair

Phil Lloyd [PL]

Jayne Fagas [JF]

Vinay Reddy [VR]

Alex Hardouin [AH]

Refinitiv Representatives

Shirley Barrow [SB]

Tristan Long [TL]

Wendy Trump [WT]

Thomas McWilliams [TM]

Andrei Brenko [AB]

Jacob Rank-Broadley [JRB]

Edward Kendrick [EK]

Keith Elliott [KE]

Dennis Higham [DH]

Tracey Rebello [TR]

Richard Davies [RD]

Apologies

John Mason [JM]

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Irina Ons Vilaboa [IOV]

Robert Walton [RW]

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order and declared quorate.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Members were asked if there were any conflicts of interest and no new ones were reported.

3. Approved minutes of previous meeting 23 September 2021

For noting - Previous meeting minutes had been approved prior to the meeting and the public version is available on the Refinitiv website.

4. Action items

Two action items have been reviewed and closed.

5. Oversight Committee Terms of Reference

The Oversight Committee Terms of Reference has been circulated and approved by the OC.

Convertibles

6. Operations Update for Convertibles

6.1 Index Management and Technology

- There were 6 instances of late publication in October and 5 in November. The root cause has been established and a fix is being implemented.

6.2 Convertibles Content Operations.

- Content Ops provided an update for Convertibles Content Operations.

7. Methodology Update

The Convertibles Indices methodology was updated as version 10 incorporating minor changes. The OC reviewed and approved the methodology.

8. Convertible Criticality Assessment

Convertible Criticality Assessment were provided to the OC. Refinitiv performed an assessment on the usage of Convertibles in the UK rather than the EU and the usage dropped substantially from 70 billion to 11 million in the UK, which did not meet the €50 billion threshold for a Significant Benchmark under the UK Benchmarks Regulation, therefore it was categorised as a non-Significant Benchmark.

9. Technology Update

Technology team provided an update on the progress of team project plan.

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10. Content Operations Update

- Three late publications have occurred in the last 3 months due to internal network issues.
- The other late publication in October was due to low liquidity in the market.
- A republication occurred in November due to manual error in the rounding of the rate. A refix was then incorrectly applied, as the rounding error did not meet the refix materiality threshold.

11. Monitoring and Surveillance Update

All alerts in the previous quarter (Sep-Nov) were investigated by the M&S team and closed.

12. Methodology Update

No proposed changes to the Methodology.

SAIBOR

13. SAIBOR Content Operations Update

All publications on time with no republications during the last quarter.

14. SAIBOR Monitoring & Surveillance Update

No material matters were identified, and all alerts were closed by Monitoring & Surveillance with no further action taken.

15. SAIBOR Methodology Update

A Methodology update was provided to the OC.

16. Contributors Assessment

The Contributor Assessment was shared with the OC. This process is to review how the contributors have been performing on a quarterly basis and Refinitiv will share it with the OC at every meeting.

TONA TSR

17. Content Operations Update

- TONA TSR launched at the end of October. No Fix on 1st November for both AM and PM publication due to data from Tradeweb being unavailable. Tradeweb provided an incident report, including the root cause analysis and the implemented fix.

18. Monitoring and Surveillance Update

All Alerts were triggered between 28th October and 30th November. 4 Alerts were escalated to the Benchmark Manager and closed at level 2. Remaining 11 alerts were investigated by the M&S team and closed at level 1 for minor tolerance breaches and no impact to the benchmarks.

19. Methodology Update

JRB briefed the OC with the TONA TSR methodology, and the source data from Tradeweb and Tradition. Refinitiv are waiting for the finalization and execution of the commercial contract with Tradition and delivery of the data, and looking to implement around the start of next year.

USD IBOR Cash Fallbacks

20. Content Operations Update

- USD IBOR Cash Fallback Institutional rates went on live on 26th November.
- 1-week & 2-month rates will go live as a prototype rate on 16th December and as a production rate on 3rd January 2022.

21. USD IBOR Consumer Cash Fallbacks 1 week & 2 months Tenors

JRB briefed the OC with the description of USD IBOR Cash Fallback Institutional and Consumer rates, the strategy and timeline of launching these rates.

22. Business Update

With Tokyo Swap Rates for swaps referencing JPY LIBOR to be ceased at the 30th December, Refinitiv will launch TSR fallback under RBSL on 4th January 2022.

23. Regulatory Update

A regulatory update was provided to the OC including workstream updates, regulatory news and developments.

24. Overall Summary

The Oversight Committee is satisfied with the work Refinitiv has done in response to any issues (Quality Control, Monitoring and Surveillance or other issues) brought to the attention of the Oversight Committee in the quarterly period leading up to this meeting.

25. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was brought to a close at 16:30 BST.