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REBALANCING PREVIEW PERIOD EXTENDED

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Rebalancing preview period extended

Beginning in October we will publish daily rebalancing preview files starting on the 15th of each month and continuing through the last business day before the rebalancing. Previously, rebalancing files were only published on the last three business days before the rebalancing, so this change gives investors significantly more time to monitor anticipated changes in the index constituencies as they evolve. If the 15th falls on a weekend or a Global Holiday then preview data will begin on the next business day.

Lock-out date for changes unaffected

The cut-off for events to be incorporated at the next rebalancing is unaffected by the change in the length of the preview period. The rebalancing lock-out date will remain the third business day before the last business day of each month.

Accessing index preview data

Projected rebalancing index stats and constituent data are available on the [ICE Index Platform](https://indices.theice.com) (<https://indices.theice.com>) and select third-party platforms. In addition to viewing/downloading preview data, users can schedule automated ftp and/or email delivery of daily projected rebalancing data.

Start of rebalancing preview period moved forward to mid-month

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How to access rebalancing preview information

Index preview files can be view on screen and/or downloaded directly from the ICE Index Platform (<https://indices.theice.com>). Through the ICE Index Platform you can also set up automated feeds of index and constituent preview files delivered to your FTP server or designated email address(es). In addition, preview files are available on various third-party platforms.

On the ICE Index Platform, preview information can be accessed through the following tools, which are described in more detail in the following sections of this report:

- **Index Viewer** (under Index Analysis menu): view top-level characteristics for the upcoming month.
- **Profile Analysis** (under the Index Analysis menu): generate customized segmented reports using preview constituents.
- **Index-Level** and **Bond-Level Data files** (under Report Scheduler menu): schedule automated delivery of index and constituent preview files.

ICE Index Platform main menu bar

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Index Viewer – Characteristics

View projected statistics in the Characteristics tab of the Index Viewer. During the preview period, the first two columns of the Characteristics screen are populated with projected index statistics for the upcoming rebalancing. In this example, on August 30, 2018, a 0.05 year duration extension was projected for the Emerging Markets Corporate Plus Index at the August 31 rebalancing.

INDEX VIEWER

Index: EMCB Date: 08/30/2018

ICE BofAML Emerging Markets Corporate Plus Index Inception Date: 12/31/1998

Characteristics	Constituents	Distribution	History	Return Summary	Flexible Returns	Index Rules
Currency: USD	Calculation: SemiAnnual					
Projected Rebalancing		Aug Market Change		7/31 Rebalancing		
Projected Sep Statistics	Projected change	Aug Index 08/30/2018	Aug Index 07/31/2018	MTD chg 08/30/2018	Jul Index 07/31/2018	Rebal Chg 07/31/2018
Returns						
Total Return Value		394.892				
Valuations (Scale MM)						
2111	2	# of Issues	2109	2109	0	2133
		Face Value	1451690	1452169	-480	1468881
		Accrued Interest	18676	16458	2218	16485
		Cash	3357	0	3357	7634
		Full Market Value	1439645	1448849	-9204	1472179
100.00	0.00	% of EMCB	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Yield						
5.32	0.01	Effective Yield	5.31	5.07	0.24	5.04
5.33	0.01	Face Value	5.31	5.07	0.24	5.04
5.37	0.01	Yield to Maturity	5.36	5.12	0.24	5.08
Spread (in SemiAnnual Terms)						
284	0	To Worst (vs Govt)	284	252	32	250
285	0	OAS (vs Govt)	285	253	32	251
		Libor OAS	269	237	32	235
255	1	Asset Swap	254	228	26	226
Duration						
4.74	0.05	Effective Duration	4.70	4.78	-0.09	4.70
4.79	0.05	Spread Duration	4.74	4.83	-0.08	4.75
4.81	0.05	Mod Dur to Worst	4.76	4.84	-0.08	4.76

Index Viewer – Constituents

During the preview period, you can choose to view the projected constituent list (i.e., projected holdings for the next month) using the drop down menu for *Select Constituents*. After choosing the Projected option and desired layout, press the View (👁) or Download (📥) icon to view or download the data.

INDEX VIEWER

Index: Date: 👁 📥

ICE BofAML Euro Corporate Index

Characteristics **Constituents** Distribution History Return Summary Flexible Returns Index Rules

Select Constituents: Layout Filter Group By

Cusip	Description	Ticker 1	Coupon 3	MtyDate 2	Rating	ISO
AU053739	Fl4000348966	AABHFFH	0.5	09/13/2021	BBB2	EUR
EJ932699	X50995040051	AALLN	2.875	11/20/2020	BBB3	EUR
EJ646981	X50923361827	AALLN	2.5	04/29/2021	BBB3	EUR
EJ102177	X50764637194	AALLN	3.5	03/28/2022	BBB3	EUR
EK150567	X51052677892	AALLN	3.25	04/03/2023	BBB3	EUR

Profile Analysis

Create a preview report that segments an index into custom buckets. You can bucket the index across up to three attributes and calculate projected statistics for each cell in the matrix. After the report template is set, click the *Run*, *Save* or *Save As* button. You will then be prompted to enter the Profile Name, Date and Universe Selection. If the selected as-of date for the report falls in the preview period the *Select the Universe* option can be toggled to “Projected.”

Do you also want to Run the analysis?

Profile Name:

As of Date: 📅 🔍

Select the universe (Returns always use old universe): ▼

Current
Projected

Report Scheduler

You can schedule automated ftp and/or email delivery of daily projected rebalancing data. You can set up customized automated files to deliver either Index-Level or Bond-Level data during the preview period. First select Index-Level Data or Bond-Level Data from the Report Scheduler menu. That will open up a blank report template in which you can enter the indices and data fields you want included in the file. Be sure to select the “Daily” option for the Schedule frequency. Finally, check the box for *Send projected files*. You will receive a version of the file using actual current-month constituents every day of the month. During the preview period you will receive a second version of the file based on preview data for the upcoming month.

Bond-Level Data | Add Index Constituents Schedule

Schedule Information	
Sch Name (Max 20 chars)	<input type="text" value="Constituent_Data"/> <input type="button" value="Save"/>
User Name	Description <input type="text"/>
Sch Frequency	Constituents on Month End
<input type="text" value="Daily"/>	<input type="text" value="Old"/>
Send projected files during lockout period <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Select the Indices	Select the data elements
<div>Index</div> <div><input type="text"/> ...</div> <div><div>COA0</div><div>H0A0</div><div>HUCD</div><div>EMU0</div><div>COCO</div></div> <div><div>Add</div><div>Del</div><div>Up</div><div>Down</div></div> <div><input type="button" value="Load List"/></div>	<div>Category</div> <div><input type="text" value="Spread, Yield, Price"/></div> <div>Available Data Elements</div> <div><div>OAS</div><div>OAS-PrevMend</div><div>OAS 1-day Change</div><div>OAS 1-wk Change</div><div>OAS 1-mo Change</div><div>OAS 3-mo Change</div><div>OAS 12-mo Change</div><div>OAS MTD Change</div><div>OAS QTD Change</div></div> <div><input type="button" value=" >>"/></div> <div><div>As of Date</div><div>ISIN number</div><div>Ticker</div><div>Par Wtd Coupon</div><div>Maturity Date</div><div>Total Return % MTD USD uh</div><div>Excess Return % MTD</div><div>Price</div><div>Accrued Interest</div><div>Yield to Worst (conv.)</div><div>OAS</div></div> <div><div>Up</div><div>Down</div><div>Del</div></div>

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