

Nomura EM Momentum Index Description

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Summary	
Description	

The Nomura EM Momentum Index (the "Index") is a US Dollar denominated index. The Index is based on a strategy which aims to generate a positive return based on the performance of a basket (the "Basket") of ten currencies (each a "Currency") versus the US dollar. The nominal position which the index takes in each of the currencies in the Basket is determined by a combination of the strategy's momentum signal and a risk weighting mechanism. Leverage on the Basket is adjusted weekly to target an index volatility of 8%.

Index Currency

U.S. Dollar ("USD")

Calculation Agent

Nomura International Plc

Index Business Day

Each day which is both a London and New York Business Day is an Index Business Day.

Each Index Business Day is denoted by t.

t+1 shall refer to the Index Business Day immediately following Index Business Day t t=0 on 13 February 1996.

Index₀

100

Index_t

 $Round[Index_{t-1} \times \{1 + Net \ Return_t\}, 8]$

Net Return_t

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} (Leveraged Return_t^i - Trading Costs_t^i)$$

Leveraged Return¹t

For each Currencyⁱ, if day t-1 is a Business Day in Holiday Centreⁱ then,

 $Leveraged \ Return_t^i = \ 0.1 \times Leverage_{t-1}^i \times Risk \ Weighted \ Return_t^i$

Otherwise,

Leveraged Return $_t^i = 0.1 \times Leverage_{t-n}^i \times Risk Weighted Return_t^i$

where n is the number of Index Business Days from but excluding t to and including the last Index Business Day that is also a Business Day in Holiday Centreⁱ.

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Leverage_t

If t is a New Leverage Day, then

$$Leverage_t = Min \left[Leverage\ Cap_t, \frac{Volatility\ Target}{Annualised\ Volatility\ [Return]_{t-60,t-1}} \right]$$

Otherwise

 $Leverage_t = Leverage_{t-1}$

New Leverage Day

The second Index Business Day in each Week.

Leverage Capt

$$Leverage \ cap_t = \ Min \left[400\% \ , 75th \ percentile \ of \left(\frac{Volatility \ Target}{Annualised \ Volatility \ [Return]_{k-60,k-1}} \right) \right]$$

The 75th percentile is calculated using the rolling series computed by taking k over all available values from 14 May 1996 to t.

Volatility Target

8%

Return_t

$$\frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \left(\textit{Risk Weighted Return}_t^i \right)$$

Risk Weighted Returnⁱt

For each Currencyⁱ, if day t-1 is a Business Day in Holiday Centreⁱ then,

 $Risk\ Weighted\ Return_t^i = Momentum\ Signal_{t-1}^i \times Risk\ Weight_{t-1}^i \times NMFX\ Return_t^i$

Otherwise,

 $Risk\ Weighted\ Return_t^i = Momentum\ Signal_{t-n}^i \times Risk\ Weight_{t-n}^i \times NMFX\ Return_t^i$

where n is the number of Index Business Days from but excluding t to and including the last Index Business Day that is also a Business Day in Holiday Centreⁱ.

Momentum Signalⁱt

If t is a New Leverage Day then

 $\textit{Momentum Signal}_t^i = \frac{1}{3} \times \left[1 \, \textit{Month Signal}_t^i + \, 3 \, \textit{Month Signal}_t^i + \, 12 \, \textit{Month Signal}_t^i \right]$

Otherwise

 $Momentum \, Signal_t^i = Momentum \, Signal_{t-1}^i$

1 Month Signalit

$$Max \left[-1, Min \left[\frac{Average \left[NMFX \ Return^i \right]_{t-22,t-1}}{Standard \ Deviation \left[Average \left[NMFX \ Return^i \right]_{k-22,k-1} \right]_{t-1249,t}}, 1 \right] \right]$$



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$$Max \left[-1, Min \left[\frac{Average \left[NMFX \ Return^i \right]_{t-66,t-1}}{Standard \ Deviation \left[Average \left[NMFX \ Return^i \right]_{k-66,k-1} \right]_{t-1249,t}}, 1 \right] \right]$$

12 Month Signalⁱt

$$Max \left[-1, Min \left[\frac{Average \left[NMFX \ Return^i \right]_{t-250, t-1}}{Standard \ Deviation \left[Average \left[NMFX \ Return^i \right]_{k-250, k-1} \right]_{t-1249, t}}, 1 \right] \right]$$

Risk Weightⁱt

$$\text{If } \left[\frac{\underset{t=1}{Raw \ Risk \ Weight}_t^i}{\Sigma_{i=1}^{10} \ Raw \ Risk \ Weight}^{i} \right] > Risk \ Weight \ Proportion \ Cap, \ \text{then:}$$

$$\textit{Risk Weight}_t^i = \textit{Risk Weight Proportion Cap} \times \sum\nolimits_{i=1}^{10} \textit{Raw Risk Weight}_t^i$$

Otherwise

 $Risk\ Weight_t^i = Raw\ Risk\ Weight_t^i$

Raw Risk Weightⁱt

If t is a New Leverage Day, then

$$Raw\ Risk\ Weight^i_t\ =\ Min \left[Risk\ Weight\ Cap^i_t\ \ , \frac{Risk\ Weight\ Volatility\ Target}{Annualised\ Volatility[NMFX\ Return^i]_{t-60,t-1}} \right]$$

Otherwise

 $Raw\ Risk\ Weight_t^i = Raw\ Risk\ Weight_{t-1}^i$

Risk Weight Cap't

$$\label{eq:min} \textit{Min} \left[300\% \text{ ,75th percentile of } \left(\frac{\textit{Risk Weight Volatility Target}}{\textit{Annualised Volatility}} \right) \right]$$

The 75th percentile is calculated using the rolling series computed by taking k over all available values from 31 March 1995 to t.

Risk Weight Volatility Target

10%

Risk Weight Proportion Cap

25%

NMFX Return't

$$\frac{NMFX_t^i}{NMFX_{t-1}^i} - 1$$

Where NMFXⁱ refers to the Nomura FX Return Index for Currencyⁱ as detailed in Appendix 1.

Trading Costsit

For each Currencyⁱ, if day t-1 is a Business Day in Holiday Centreⁱ then,

 $Trading\ Costs_t^i = Transaction\ Cost_{t-1,t}^i + Roll\ Cost_{t-1,t}^i$



Otherwise.

 $Trading\ Costs_t^i = Transaction\ Cost_{t-n,t}^i + \ Roll\ Cost_{t-n,t}^i$

where n is the number of Index Business Days from but excluding t to and including the last Index Business Day that is also a Business Day in Holiday Centreⁱ.

Transaction Costⁱ_{t-k,t}

 $T^{i} \times 0.1 \times \left\{ ABS \left[\left(Leverage_{t} \times Risk \ Weight_{t}^{i} \times Momentum \ Signal_{t}^{i} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \left(Leverage_{t-k} \times Risk \ Weight_{t-k}^{i} \times Momentum \ Signal_{t-k}^{i} \right) \right] \right\}$

Where ABS denotes the absolute value of the function between the brackets, and Tⁱ can be found in Appendix 3.

Roll Costit-k.t

 $R^i \times ABS[\left(0.1 \times Leverage_{t-k} \times Risk \ Weight_{t-k}^i \ \times \ Momentum \ Signal_{t-k}^i\right)] \times \left(\frac{12}{250}\right)$

Where Ri can be found in Appendix 3.

General Definitions

Average [α] $_{a,b}$

$$\frac{1}{(b-a+1)} \times \sum_{k=a}^{b} \alpha_k$$

Standard Deviation [α] $_{a,b}$

$$\sqrt{\sum_{k=a}^{b} (\alpha_k - Average[\alpha]_{a,b})^2 \over b - a}$$

Annualised Volatility[α] _{a,b}

Standard Deviation[α]_{a,b} $\times \sqrt{250}$

Round [α , β]

Rounds value α to the β th decimal place.

Documentation

All capitalized terms used in this document and not otherwise defined will have the meanings given to them in the 2006 ISDA Definitions.



Appendices

Appendix 1: Nomura FX Return **Indices** and **Price Sources**

*NMFXCNY is used until 30 April 2012. From 01 May 2012 onwards NMFXCNH replaces NMFXCNY.

i	Currency ⁱ	Source
1	Brazilian Real ("BRL")	NMFXBRL
2*	Chinese Yuan ("CNY")	NMFXCNY
2*	Chinese Yuan ("CNH")	NMFXCNH
3	Indian Rupee ("INR")	NMFXINR
4	South Korean Won ("KRW")	NMFXKRW
5	Mexican Peso ("MXN")	NMFXMXN
6	Polish Zloty ("PLN")	NMFXPLN
7	Russian Ruble ("RUB")	NMFXRUB
8	Singaporean Dollar ("SGD")	NMFXSGD
9	Turkish Lira ("TRY")	NMFXTRY
10	South African Rand ("ZAR")	NMFXZAR

Appendix Currency Holidays

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*CNY is used until 30 April 2012. From 01 May 2012 onwards CNH replaces CNY.

i	Currency ⁱ	Holiday Centre ⁱ	
1	BRL	Bolsa de Mercadorias y Futuros (BMF)	
2*	CNY	Beijing	
2*	CNH	Hong Kong	
3	INR	Mumbai	
4	KRW	Seoul	
5	MXN	Mexico City	
6	PLN	Warsaw	
7	RUB	Moscow	

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	9	TRY	Istanbul
	10	ZAR	Johannesburg
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Appendix 3: Transaction and Roll Costs

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i	Currency ⁱ	T ⁱ	R ⁱ
1	BRL	0.050%	0.030%
2*	CNY	0.040%	0.010%
2*	CNH	0.040%	0.010%
3	INR	0.095%	0.020%
4	KRW	0.070%	0.030%
5	MXN	0.040%	0.015%
6	PLN	0.045%	0.030%
7	RUB	0.060%	0.020%
8	SGD	0.040%	0.010%
9	TRY	0.010%	0.020%
10	ZAR	0.040%	0.030%

Appendix 4: Disruption Events and Fallbacks

The following Disruption Events and Fallback provisions shall apply to the Index:

Price Source Disruption: In the event that, in the sole determination of the Calculation Agent, in relation to any day a Price Source fails to publish a level in relation to any variable which is required in order to determine the Index, the Calculation Agent will determine the level of such variable: (a) using the Fallback Price Source specified in relation to such variable (if any); (b) if no Fallback Price Source is specified or such Fallback Price Source is also subject to a Price Source Disruption, in its sole discretion.

References to "Price Source" shall be construed as referring also to any successor page or information on which the relevant rate may be published as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion acting in a commercially reasonable manner.

Error in methodology: in the event that the Calculation Agent determines that there is an error in the method for determining an Index, it shall make such adjustments as it deems necessary in its sole discretion to correct such error.



Market Disruption Event: In the event that, on any day, there is any event or circumstance which, in the sole opinion of the Calculation Agent, generally prevents dealers in the market from entering into transactions of the type which would be required to replicate the Index, the level for the Index for such day shall be as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion.

Price Materiality Event: In the event that, on any day, the level published on any Price Source in relation to any variable which is required in order to determine an Index is, in the sole determination of the Calculation Agent, significantly different to the level of such variable prevailing in the market, such variable shall instead be determined by the Calculation Agent using its sole discretion, acting in a commercially reasonable manner.

Appendix 5: Replacement of Index Components

If the Calculation Agent, acting in its sole discretion, determines that on any day a variable, rate or other component which is necessary in order to determine a level of the Index (an "Index Component"): (a) is no longer available; or (b) has been materially modified and such modification will have a materially adverse effect on the Strategy achieving its Objective, then the Calculation Agent shall remove or replace such affected Index Component with an alternative rate, variable or component (a "Replacement Index Component") which, in it its sole determination, better achieves the objective of the Strategy. In making such removal or replacement, the Calculation Agent may make such adjustments to the Replacement Index Component as it considers necessary so that the level of the Index after event reflects a similar level to that calculated prior to the removal or replacement, acting in its sole discretion.

Following the removal or replacement of an Index Component (as specified above), the Calculation Agent will promptly publish a notice which specifies the Index Component(s) removed or replaced and any Replacement Index Components.

Appendix 6: Disclaimer

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