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J.P. Morgan India Government Fully Accessible Route (FAR) Bonds Index

Methodology and Factsheet

Highlights

- The J.P. Morgan India Government Fully Accessible Route (FAR) Bonds Index aims to track the performance of eligible fixed-rate, INR-denominated Indian government bonds that have been made eligible for investment to non-residents under the FAR. The index is based on the composition and established methodology of the J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index Emerging Market (GBI-EM).

Index Criteria

Minimum Issue Size	Minimum US\$1 billion equivalent
Instrument Type	Includes: FAR-eligible Fixed-rate and zero-coupon bonds Excludes: Bills, floating-rate bonds, capitalization/amortizing bonds, bonds with callable, puttable, or convertible features, fixed-rated bonds not classified under FAR category
Remaining Maturity	Inclusion: Greater than 2.5 years remaining maturity on rebalance date Exclusion: Less than 6 months remaining maturity on rebalance date
Currency Denomination	Indian Rupee (INR) denominated
Issuer	Indian central government

Index Characteristics and Methodology

Pricing	Mid prices are taken from a third party pricing source, PricingDirect
Aggregate Return	Weighted average of bond returns using mid prices
Rebalancing	Rebalances on the last weekday of the month. If FX rates from WM Reuters are unavailable on the last weekday of the month (i.e. Good Friday), indices are rebalanced on the previous business day.
Coupon Reinvestment	Immediately reinvested in to the respective local market returns
FX Rates	All FX rates used for hedged/unhedged returns are as of 4pm London time provided by WM/Reuters
Weighting	Market capitalization based weighting
Credit Rating	Lowest rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch
Holiday Calendar	India Bond market calendar
Bloomberg Ticker	GBIEINFU Index (USD unhedged)

Source: JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Instrument type

Only FAR-eligible fixed-rate and zero coupon bonds are included in this index. Bills, floating-rate and capitalization, amortizing bonds or bonds with callable, puttable or convertible features are not part of the indices.

Liquidity

- *Pricing:* Bonds must trade with enough frequency to prevent stale price quotations
- *Availability:* Bonds must be regularly traded in size at acceptable bid-offer spreads and readily redeemable for cash. A reasonable two-way market must exist for the instrument to be included in the index portfolio.
- *Replication costs:* Investors should be able to replicate the index without incurring excessive transaction costs.

Bond calculations

Calculations are according to market convention: all calculations including accrued interest, duration, yield, etc., are done according to local market convention using parameters (ex-dividend rules, settlement conventions, etc.). All calculations are gross of tax and ignore transactions costs.

Bond pricing: Pricing for our underlying instruments is provided on a daily basis from Pricing Direct, a third party valuation vendor. In the event the primary source for pricing is unable to provide a quote, the Index Group reserves the right to consider the use of an appropriate alternative source for index inputs. Please see <http://www.pricing-direct.com> for further details.

Returns and return indices: return indices on individual bonds are calculated on a daily basis and measure bond performance over time:

- Principal return index is based on changes in clean price
- Interest return index is based on changes in accrued interest
- Total return index is based on changes in both clean price and accrued interest

Reinvestment of coupons: the J.P. Morgan indices are always fully invested. All coupons received are immediately reinvested back into the local market.

Interest accruals: interest is accrued starting from the bond's dated date up to the first coupon value date. Accrued interest is calculated according to market convention, on a settlement day basis. Interest is accrued by value or settlement date. Weekly, seven days of interest are accrued, including the weekend.

In markets with ex-dividend rules, if a bond is purchased after the ex-dividend date the purchaser will not receive the bond's next coupon. In order to compensate the buyer of the bond, the price paid for the bond must be less than the clean market price, thus, accrued interest will be negative.

Coupon value date: The coupon value date is the trade date associated with settlement on coupon date (the day the coupon is paid). Thus, the coupon value date is the last trade date which an investor may purchase a bond and have that bond settle prior to payment of the subsequent coupon. On coupon value date, accrued interest resets to zero, and accruals begin towards the next coupon.

Yield: effective annual rate of return, expressed as a percentage. For the J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index body of data, yields are all calculated as yield- to-maturity, which is the discount rate that the present value of future payments equals the price of the security.

Index calculations

The index rebalances on the last weekday of each month. Bonds comprising the indices are required to have more than 3 months remaining to maturity on rebalance day for inclusion in the index.

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The index is weighted by the component countries' aggregate normalized market capitalization (dirty price times par outstanding). The weights change monthly on each rebalance day, and those weights remain active for the remainder of that month.

Daily indicative pricing for each security and FX rate is closely scrutinized and are reconciled using market movements and other pricing sources as guidance. As necessary, an established alternate source will be used to maintain the integrity of daily index calculations. On any given calculation day, if the primary source is unable to provide a quote, the Index Group reserves the right to consider the use of an appropriate alternate source for index inputs, such as pricing and FX. If a permanent switch for the primary third party pricing source is necessary, clients will be notified in advance prior to any official switch.

Appendix A: Bond Total Return Methodology

A. Standard Case

The total return for an individual bond between days (t-1) and (t) is calculated as shown below:

$$Total\ Return_t = \left(\frac{P_t + A_{v(t)}}{P_{t-1} + A_{v(t-1)}} \right) - 1$$

$Total\ Return_t$	Total return value on day t, incorporating both principal and interest
P_t	Local market closing clean pricing of a bond on day t.
$A_{v(t)}$	Accrued interest for a bond on day t; it is calculated up to, but excluding the value date v(t)
t	Current market day
$t - 1$	Previous market day determined by the market's holiday calendar

Accrued interest for a bond is based on the following formula:

$$A_{v(t)} = \left(\frac{C_{v(t)} \times d_{v(t)}}{d_y} \right)$$

$C_{v(t)}$	Next coupon to be paid on a bond after the value date v(t)
$d_{v(t)}$	Number of days of accrued interest used to calculate : it can be zero or negative
d_y	Number of days in a year according to a bond's day count convention

Total return indices for individual bonds are calculated as shown below:

$$Index_t = Index_{t-1} \times Total\ Return_t$$

$Index_t$ Index value on day t

The base for the index level is December 31st, 2015 = 100.

B. On Coupon Value Date

On coupon value date, the accrued interest for specific bond is reset to zero. On that date, the coupon value will be added into calculation of the total return and the associated index.

$$Total\ Return_t = \left(\frac{P_t + C_{v(t)}}{P_{t-1} + A_{v(t-1)}} \right) - 1 \qquad Index_t = Index_{t-1} \times \left(\frac{P_t + C_{v(t)}}{P_{t-1} + A_{v(t-1)}} \right)$$

Appendix B: Bond Yield Methodology

Calculation of yield to maturity in the GBI indices is a two-step process. First, the following equation is solved iteratively for the discount rate (r):

$$P + A = \sum_{n=1}^{i-1} \left(\frac{C_i}{b} \right) \times [1 - \sum f_k] \times r^{t_i} + \sum f_i R_i \times r^{t_i} + f_F \times (R_F + A_F) \times r^{t_F}$$

P	Clean Price
A	Accrued interest through the value date
r	Discount rate
d_t	Number of days from settlement to coupon payment i (final payment if $i = F$)
d_y	Number of days in the year
t_i	Time to the i th cash flow expressed in coupon periods
N	Number of coupon payments left
F	Indicator for final redemption if $F > N$ (else, ignore this term)
C_i	Annual coupon rate in the i th period (percentage of face value)
f_i	Fraction of current amount outstanding redeemed on the i th coupon payment date (or on the final redemption date if $i = F$)
R_i	Redemption price on the i th coupon payment date (or on the final payment date if $i = F$)
A_F	Additional accrued interest from the final coupon date N to the final redemption date F

Once the discount factor is obtained, the true yield is calculated as follows:

$$Yield = 100 + \left[\frac{1(\frac{1}{b})}{r} - 1 \right] \times b$$

b Basis of yield quote ($b=1$ = annual, $b=2$ = semi-annual, etc.)

Appendix C: Total Return Calculation Methodology

Total return for a portfolio of bonds between days ($t-1$) and (t) is calculated as shown below.

$$Total\ Return_t = \sum_{n=1}^{bonds} \left[\left(\frac{P_{n_t} + A_{n_{v(t)}} (if\ A_{v(t)} < A_{v(t-1)}) + C_{v(t)}}{P_{n(t-1)} + A_{n_{v(t-1)}}} \right) - 1 \right] * \frac{ParOuts_{n_t}}{ParOuts_{n_{t-1}}}$$

The total return index is calculated as shown below:

$$T.R.Index_t = T.R.Index_{t-1} * Total\ Return_t$$

n	Indicates a given bond within the market portfolio. "n" moves from 1 to "bonds," with "bonds" being the last bond in the portfolio.
t	Current market day
$t-1$	Previous market day determined by the market's holiday calendar
P_{n_t}	Local market closing clean price of a bond n on day t
$A_{n_{v(t)}}$	Accrued interest for a bond n on day t ; it is calculated up to, but excluding the value date $v(t)$
$C_{v(t)}$	Next coupon to be paid on a bond after the value date $v(t)$

<i>ParOuts_t</i>	Par value outstanding in local currency. This value remains constant through a given month. This value is rebalanced for new issues, retiring issues and auctions as part of the month end process.
$\langle \text{if } A_{v(t)} < A_{v(t-1)} \rangle$	Equals 1 if the boolean expression is true; otherwise, it equals zero. This boolean will be true when t is equal to coupon value date and accrued interest is reset to zero.
<i>Total Return_t</i>	Total return value on day t, incorporating both principal and interest
<i>Index_t</i>	Index value on day t

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