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# J.P. Morgan EMU Government Bond Investment Grade Index

## Index Methodology and Profile

### Highlights

The J.P. Morgan EMU Government Bond Investment Grade Index aims to track the performance of eligible fixed-rate, euro-denominated domestic government debt issued by Eurozone countries with investment grade local currency long term ratings. The index is based on the composition and established methodology of the J.P. Morgan Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) Government Bond Index.

### Index Criteria

<b>Instrument Type</b>	<b>Included:</b> Liquid, bullet, fixed-rate coupon bonds <b>Excluded:</b> Callable, puttable, inflation linked or convertible features
<b>Remaining Maturity</b>	Remaining maturity at rebalance is at least 13 months
<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<b>Countries</b> must have at least €20 billion eligible debt in issue to be eligible <b>Issues</b> must have minimum €1 billion outstanding to be eligible
<b>Currency</b>	Euro denominated
<b>Country Eligibility</b>	Issued by a Eurozone country

### Index Characteristics and Methodology

<b>Pricing</b>	Bid and Ask prices are taken from a third party pricing source <sup>1</sup> . Returns and statistics are calculated using mid prices.
<b>Aggregate Return</b>	Weighted average of bond total returns using closing mid prices
<b>Rebalancing</b>	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.
<b>Coupon Treatment</b>	Immediately reinvested back into the index
<b>FX Rates</b>	All FX rates are as of 4pm London time provided by WM Reuters
<b>Credit Rating</b>	Countries must be rated investment grade (i.e. minimum BBB- or equivalent rating) from each of the three rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch) to be eligible.

### Defining the universe of EMU IG instruments

The EMU Government Bond IG Index consists of regularly traded, fixed-rate, domestic currency government bonds issued Eurozone countries with investment grade local currency long term ratings

Eligibility for euro-denominated domestic debt issues is determined using the following criteria:

<sup>1</sup> **PricingDirect Inc.**, a market-based professional valuation service and a wholly owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase & Co, is utilized as the primary source for instrument level pricing ensuring transparency around pricing sourcing and consistency/accuracy of index constituent valuations.

## **Instrument Type**

The EMU IG index only includes liquid, bullet, fixed-rate coupon instruments. Floating-rate, inflation linked, and capitalizing/amortizing bonds are not eligible for index inclusion. Additionally, bonds with callable, puttable or convertible features are not part of the indices.

## **Country Eligibility**

For a country's issue to be considered for inclusion within the EMU IG Index, the country must have a total outstanding amount of eligible debt in issue of at least €20 billion. Post index launch, each issue within the EMU IG Index must have a minimum amount outstanding size of €1 billion.

If an existing euro zone country leaves the EMU, the country would be excluded from the EMU IG Index.

## **EMU IG Rebalancing**

Rebalancing takes place monthly on the last weekday of each month, regardless of any local holiday. On rebalance day, eligible new bonds must be settled on or before month-end to enter the index at the close-of-business, and bonds which fail to comply with the index criteria will be removed. Any additional taps or buybacks that occur during the month will also be reflected at this time.

Credit rating changes that take place before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month will be reflected in the index at the same month-end. Rating changes after the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month will take effect in the index at the following month-end.

## **Credit Rating**

For inclusion in the EMU IG Index, countries must have an investment grade (i.e. minimum BBB- or equivalent rating) local currency long term rating from each of the three major rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch). A country will be excluded from the EMU IG if it receives a non-investment grade rating from any one of the 3 rating agencies.

## **Liquidity**

The EMU IG Index only includes securities that satisfy liquidity considerations including but not limited to:

- *Pricing*: Bonds must trade with enough frequency to prevent stale price quotations. Regular pricing must be available through the primary third-party pricing source.
- *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.

## Index Profile, Characteristics and Returns

- As of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the EMU Government Bond IG Index contains 301 bonds.
- The average index yield is 1.03% with an average modified duration of 7.75 years.

Figure 1: Summary of Country Weight Exposure

Country	Weight (%)
France	24.80
Italy	24.00
Germany	17.28
Spain	14.75
Belgium	6.30
Netherlands	5.31
Austria	3.85
Ireland	2.11
Finland	1.61

Source: J.P. Morgan, as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Figure 2: Monthly return (% , local currency) of the EMU Investment Grade Index, 2013- 2018:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual/ YTD
<b>2013</b>	-0.6%	0.2%	0.7%	2.6%	-1.3%	-1.5%	0.7%	-0.5%	0.7%	1.4%	0.3%	-0.6%	2.1%
<b>2014</b>	2.2%	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	0.9%	1.9%	0.1%	0.3%	1.4%	1.1%	13.4%
<b>2015</b>	2.3%	0.7%	1.3%	-1.5%	-1.5%	-2.6%	2.3%	-1.1%	1.4%	1.0%	0.5%	-1.0%	1.7%
<b>2016</b>	2.0%	1.0%	0.5%	-1.2%	1.0%	2.4%	0.8%	-0.3%	0.2%	-2.2%	-1.6%	0.7%	3.2%
<b>2017</b>	-2.1%	1.2%	-0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	-0.5%	0.2%	0.9%	-0.5%	1.1%	0.3%	-0.9%	0.2%
<b>2018</b>	-0.4%	0.2%	1.6%	-0.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2%

Source: J.P. Morgan

## Where to find the EMU Investment Grade Index?

<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	GBIEMUIG
<b>DataQuery</b>	DB(BIGI,EMU.IG,TRADED,TR,,EUR)
<b>Morgan Markets</b>	<a href="http://www.jpmm.com">www.jpmm.com</a>
	Research -> Index-> Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)

## 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
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### 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:

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

$b$  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 $v(t)$
$ParOuts_t$	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.

*Total Return<sub>t</sub>* Total return value on day t, incorporating both principal and interest

*Index<sub>t</sub>* Index value on day t

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