Bloomberg US High Yield Intermediate BB ex Financials 2% Cap Index

This document is intended to be read in conjunction with the <u>Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index Methodology</u>; these documents collectively constitute the index methodology for this Index.

The Bloomberg US High Yield Intermediate BB ex Financials 2% Cap Index measures the High Yield, fixed-rate, US dollardenominated securities issued by industrial and utility corporate issuers. The index includes publicly issued securities with at least USD 150mn amount outstanding. Securities must carry a high yield rating between BA3/BB- and BA1/BB+ using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch. The index was created in January 2019, with history backfilled to January 1, 2019. The features specific to this Index are set out below.

Index Ticker I38511US Index: Total Return USD Unhedged

Eligibility Requirements:

Currency	Principal and coupon must be denominated in USD
Sector	Corporates (Industrials and Utilities issuer only)
Credit Rating	Securities must carry a high yield rating between BA3/BB- and BA1/BB+ using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used.
Minimum Amount Outstanding	USD 150mn minimum par amount outstanding
Maturity	At least one year and up to, but not including, ten years until final maturity, regardless of optionality.
Minimum Liquidity Requirements	See Minimum Amount Outstanding specified above
Rebalance Date	Monthly
Issuer Capping Methodology	Issuers that exceed 2% of the market value of the uncapped US High Yield Intermediate BB ex Financials Index are limited at 2%. The excess market value over the 2% cap is redistributed on a pro rata basis to all other issuers' bonds in the index that are under the 2% cap. The process is repeated until no issuer exceeds the 2% limit. For example, an issuer that represents 5% of the uncapped index will have 3% of the index's market value redistributed to each bond from all issuers under the 2% cap on a pro rata basis. The 2% issuer cap is applied each month as the index is rebalanced.

Publication Currency

Bloomberg may offer this index in additional currencies for both unhedged and hedged indices.

- See Appendix 2 of the <u>Bloomberg Fixed Income Index Methodology</u> for Currency Hedging and Currency Returns.
- See Appendix 12 of the <u>Bloomberg Fixed Income Index Methodology</u> for Index Identification and Publication Currency.



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