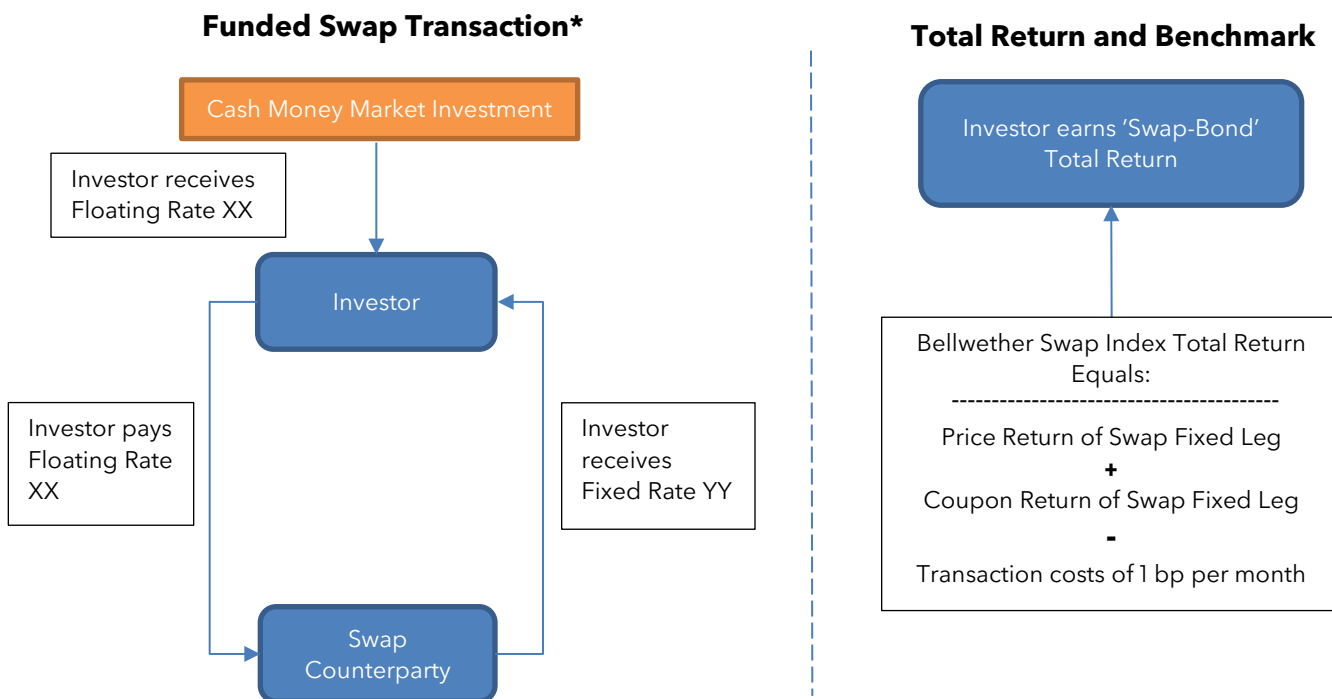


# GBP Bellwether Swap Indices

The Bloomberg GBP Bellwether Swap Indices are a series of benchmarks tracking the performance and attributes of the fixed leg across major tenor points of the GBP SONIA Swap (S141) curve ranging from 3m to 30-years and represents a funded total return of the fixed leg of a constant maturity swap with a specific tenor treated as a bond. The Bellwether Swap indices follow the Bloomberg Indices' monthly rebalancing conventions. The indices have history backfilled to January 01, 1999.



\*Assumes no transaction costs on the funding leg

## Membership

**Hypothetical Par Bond** For each swap index, Bloomberg constructs a hypothetical par bond that matches the terms of the fixed leg of the swap.

**Par Bond Construction** At each month-end the hypothetical bond is constructed with maturity matching the Bellwether tenor such as 3-month, 6-month, 1 year, 2 year, 5 year, etc.) and with coupon matching the prevailing market swap rate so that the bond reprices to par. This means that the indices maintain a constant maturity month to month.

**Pricing Methodology** On each subsequent day of the month the hypothetical bond is priced daily by discounting its cash flows using discount factors from the market swap curve.

## Rebalancing Rules

### Frequency

For each swap index, Bloomberg maintains two universes of securities: the Returns (Backward) and the Projected (Forward) Universes. The Returns Universe for each swap index is rebalanced at each month-end and represents a fixed coupon hypothetical bond that mirrors the fixed leg of the par swap on the last business day of each month and whose returns are calculated for the next month Index returns. The Projected Universe is a forward-looking hypothetical bond that updates daily to reflect the latest swap rate and maturity date for a given tenor, but is not used for return calculations. On the last business day of the month (the rebalancing date), the terms and coupon of the hypothetical bond in the Projected Universe are used to update the Returns Universe hypothetical bond for the following month.

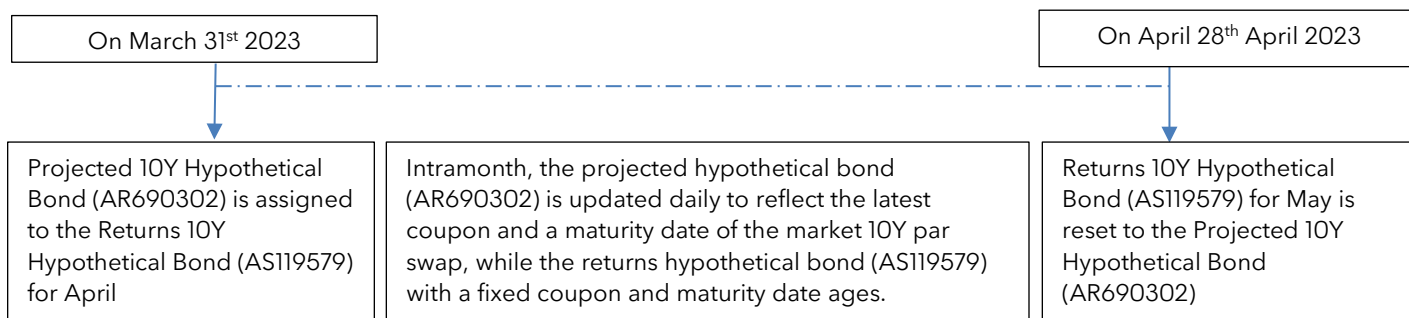
### Reinvestment of Cash Flows

Intra-month cash flows from interest and principal payments contribute to monthly index returns but are not reinvested at a short-term reinvestment rate between rebalance dates. At each rebalancing, cash is effectively reinvested into the Returns Universe for the following month so that index results over two or more months reflect monthly compounding.

Using the 10-year Bellwether Swap Index (I05151GB Index) as an example:

Projected BW Swap CUSIP: AR690302

Returns BW Swap CUSIP: AS119579



## Pricing and Related Issues

### Sources & Frequency

All Swap tenors are priced on a daily basis by Bloomberg's BGN pricing source.

### Pricing Quotes

Par Swap rates are priced.

### Timing

- 4:15 p.m. (London time).
- On early market closes, prices are taken as of 12:15 p.m. (London time), unless otherwise noted.
- If the last business day of the month is a public holiday, prices from the previous business day are used.

### Market Side

Swaps in the index are priced on the mid side.

### Settlement Assumptions

- T+1 calendar day settlement basis.
- At month-end, settlement is assumed to be the first calendar day of the following month, even if the last business day is not the last day of the month, to allow for one full month of accrued interest to be calculated.

### Verification

Daily price moves for each security are analyzed by the index pricing team to identify outliers. Index users may also challenge price levels, which are then reviewed and updated as needed.

### Calendar

The GBP Bellwether Swap Index follows the UK bond market holiday schedule.

**Swap Curve Type** Effective November 1, 2021 the GBP Bellwether Swap Indices migrated from the Libor swap curve to the market SONIA swap curve S141 (without any fixed spread adjustment) as a result of Libor deprecation.

**Transaction Costs** The published Total Return of all Swap Indices are net of a transaction cost of 1 bp per month on the fixed funding leg (12 bps per annum) i.e. a transaction cost of 1 bp per month is deducted from the published Total Return of any Swap Index.

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**Sample Index Ticker**

I05147GB: Bloomberg GBP Bellwether Swap: 6 Month Total Return Index Unhedged GBP  
 I05149GB: Bloomberg GBP Bellwether Swap: 2 Year Total Return Index Unhedged GBP  
 I05150GB: Bloomberg GBP Bellwether Swap: 5 Year Total Return Index Unhedged GBP  
 I05151GB: Bloomberg GBP Bellwether Swap: 10 Year Total Return Index Unhedged GBP  
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