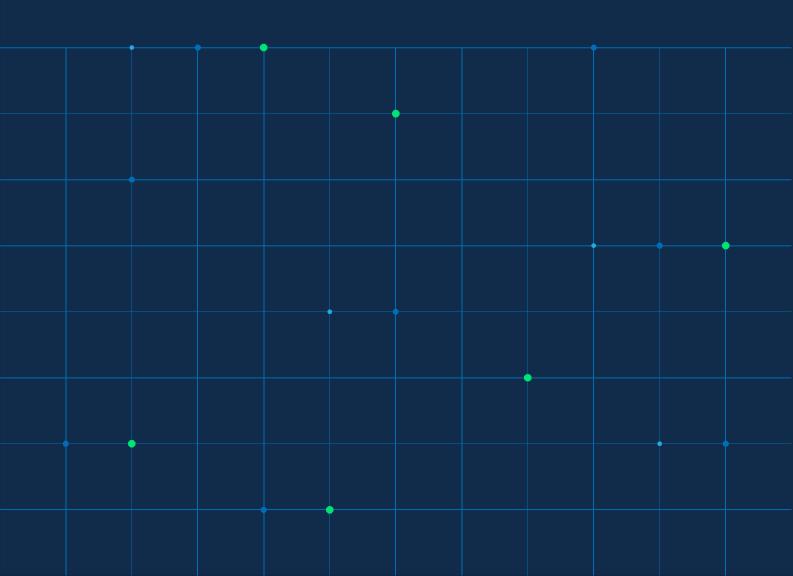


# BrokerTec US Treasury Benchmarks

**Oversight Committee Minutes** 

CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited May 18, 2021





# **Agenda**

- 1 Introduction to the Oversight Committee
- 2 Appointment of the Chairperson
- 3 Disclosure of any actual or perceived Conflict of Interest
- 4 Administrator's Report
  - Introduction to the BrokerTec US Treasury Benchmarks Family
  - Discussion and approval of the Benchmark Methodology
  - February 2021 April 2021 Analysis
  - Review of the IOSCO Statement and BMR Statement
- 4. Legal and Compliance Update
- 5. Schedule for next Oversight Committee

### **Minutes:**

The BrokerTec US Treasury Benchmarks Oversight Committee (OC) is declared guorate.

A Chairperson of the OC is proposed and approved unanimously by voting members.

The Chairman accept the appointment and proceeds reading a reminder of the obligations of OC Members. He also asks to declare any conflict of interest that OC Members might have; none are declared.

The Chairman ask the Administrator to present their report.

The Adminsistrator presents the characteristics of the BrokerTec US Treasury Benchmarks and an overview of the Benchmark Family. The Methodology is compliant with the IOSCO Principles and the BMR Regulation, in particular with regard to Governance requirements. The Methodology document has been drafted by CBA and reviewed by CME Legal and Compliance. The Administrator presents in details the calculation methodology and the waterfall approach.

It was asked when the snapshot of the Order-Book is taken. The Administrator replies that it is taken at the close of the observation window (11:00am, 03:00pm, 04:00pm and 05:00pm ET). It is suggested that the snapshot is taken at a random time during the observation window. CBA will closely consider the proposal and report for discussion at the next OC.

It was asked how Level 3 combined weights are calculated; the Administrator shows the formulae published in the methodology, explaining details of the weighting.

It was asked how the volume of the order-book is calculated; the Administrator explains that the top 5 levels are used and their total is equalised to the smaller total volume of the bid or ask side.

As there are no further questions, the Administrator asks the voting OC Members to approve the Methodology, which is unanomousy approved.



The Administrator presents the Management Information produced by CBA, with the aim to provide the OC with analytics on benchmarks performance and volumes used within the calculation. The analytics have been designed by the Administrator, however suggestions from OC Members for additional analytics are encouraged.

The following, available in the pack circulated ahead of the meeting are presented:

- Yield curve of BrokerTec UST
- Average Daily Volumes
- Calculation levels 1, 2 and 3 analysis

The Administrator asks members suggestions on additional analytics to present at the next OC.

It is suggested the addition of the average order-book volumes analysis; the Administrator states that it should be feasible and it will be presented at the next OC.

The Administrator announces the publication of the IOSCO and BMR statements, in conjuction with the new methodology, subject to biennial review.

## Legal and Compliance Update

Legal and Compliance have no updates to report.

# Schedule for next Oversight Committee

The Chairman asks whether the OC Members have topics for discussion at the mext meeting, none were raised.

The Chairman asks about the frequency of OC meetings suggesting to held one every 4/5 months, with a minimum requirement of 6 months.

It is reminded that CME will launch (August 15<sup>th</sup>) a future contract settling against the 03:00pm 10year BrokerTec UST benchmark. The next OC will be scheduled a few weeks after the future contract launch (August 15<sup>th</sup>) to provide the OC with the latest update.

