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# **FTSE 100 Fixed Dividend Yield Equal Weight Custom Index**

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## Section 1

# Introduction

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### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 These Ground Rules should be read in conjunction with the FTSE UK Equally Weighted Index Series which are available using the link below:

[FTSE UK Equally Weighted Index Series.pdf](#)

- 1.2 The FTSE 100 Fixed Dividend Yield Equal Weight Custom Index does not take account of ESG factors in its design.

#### 1.3 FTSE Russell

FTSE Russell is a trading name of FTSE International Limited, Frank Russell Company, FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Limited (and its subsidiaries FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Inc. and FTSE Fixed Income Europe Limited), FTSE Fixed Income LLC, The Yield Book Inc and Beyond Ratings.

- 1.4 FTSE Russell hereby notifies users of the indices that it is possible that circumstances, including external events beyond the control of FTSE Russell, may necessitate changes to, or the cessation of, the indices and therefore any financial contracts or other financial instruments that reference the indices or investment funds which use the indices to measure their performance should be able to withstand, or otherwise address the possibility of changes to, or cessation of, the indices.

- 1.5 Index users who choose to follow this index or to buy products that claim to follow this index should assess the merits of the index's rules-based methodology and take independent investment advice before investing their own or client funds. No liability whether as a result of negligence or otherwise is accepted by FTSE Russell (or any person concerned with the preparation or publication of these Ground Rules) for any losses, damages, claims and expenses suffered by any person as a result of:

- any reliance on these Ground Rules, and/or
- any inaccuracies in these Ground Rules, and/or
- any non-application or misapplication of the policies or procedures described in these Ground Rules, and/or
- any inaccuracies in the compilation of the index or any constituent data.



## Section 2

# Management Responsibilities

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## 2.0 Management Responsibilities

### 2.1 FTSE International Limited (FTSE)

2.1.1 FTSE is the benchmark administrator of the index.<sup>1</sup>

2.1.2 FTSE is responsible for the daily calculation, production and operation of the index and will:

- maintain records of the index weightings of all constituents;
- make changes to the constituents and their weightings in accordance with the Ground Rules;
- carry out the periodic index reviews of the index and apply the changes resulting from the reviews as required by the Ground Rules;
- publish changes to the constituent weightings resulting from their ongoing maintenance and the periodic reviews;
- disseminate the index.

2.2 The rate used in the calculation of the FTSE Custom 100 Equally Weighted Net Cost Index is determined in consultation with clients of the index.

### 2.3 Amendments to These Ground Rules

2.3.1 These Ground Rules shall be subject to regular review (at least once a year) by FTSE Russell to ensure that they continue to best reflect the aims of the index. Any proposals for significant amendments to these Ground Rules will be subject to consultation with FTSE Russell advisory committees and other stakeholders if appropriate. The feedback from these consultations will be considered by the FTSE Russell Index Governance Board before approval is granted.

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<sup>1</sup> FTSE is not the benchmark administrator of the Index Series as the term administrator is defined in the [IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks](#) and [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds](#) (the European Benchmark Regulation) and [The Benchmarks \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (the UK Benchmark Regulation).

## Section 3

# FTSE Russell Index Policies

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### 3.0 FTSE Russell Index Policies

These Ground Rules should be read in conjunction with the following policy documents which can be accessed using the links below:

#### 3.1 Corporate Actions and Events Guide

- 3.2 Full details of changes to constituent companies due to corporate actions and events can be accessed in the Corporate Actions and Events Guide for Non Market Capitalisation Weighted Indices using the following link:

[Corporate Actions and Events Guide for Non Market Cap Weighted Indices.pdf](#)

#### 3.3 Index Policy for Trading Halts and Market Closures

- 3.3.1 Guidance for the treatment of index changes in the event of trading halts or market closures can be found using the following link:

[Index Policy for Trading Halts and Market Closures.pdf](#)

#### 3.4 Index Policy in the Event Clients are Unable to Trade a Market

- 3.4.1 Details of FTSE Russell's treatment can be accessed using the following link:

[Index Policy in the Event Clients are Unable to Trade a Market.pdf](#)

#### 3.5 Policy for Benchmark Methodology Changes

- 3.5.1 Details of FTSE Russell's policy for making benchmark methodology changes can be accessed using the following link:

[Policy for Benchmark Methodology Changes.pdf](#)

### 3.1 **FTSE Russell Governance Framework**

- 3.1.1 To oversee its indices, FTSE Russell employs a governance framework that encompasses product, service and technology governance. The framework incorporates the London Stock Exchange Group's three lines of defence risk management framework and is designed to ensure compliance with the IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks<sup>2</sup>, the European benchmark regulation<sup>3</sup> and the UK benchmark regulation<sup>4</sup>. The FTSE Russell Governance Framework can be accessed using the following link:

[FTSE\\_Russell\\_Governance\\_Framework.pdf](#)

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<sup>2</sup> IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks Final Report, FR07/13 July 2013

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds

<sup>4</sup> [The Benchmarks \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (the UK Benchmark Regulation).

## Section 4

# Calculation Methodology

### 4.0 Calculation Methodology

Unless stated in these Ground Rules, the FTSE 100 Fixed Dividend Yield Equal Weight Custom Index will follow the same construction methodology as the FTSE UK Equally Weighted Index Series.

#### 4.1 Calculation Methodology

$$IL(t) = IL(t-1) \times \left[ \frac{UKXEQTR(t)}{UKXEQTR(t-1)} - FD \times ACT \frac{(t-1, t)}{365} \right]$$

$IL$  (1 March 2017) = 1000

$UKXEQTR(t)$  means in respect of Calculation Date ( $t$ ) the closing level of the FTSE 100 Equally Weighted Gross Return as of such date.

$UKXEQTR(t-1)$  means in respect of Calculation Date ( $t-1$ ) the closing level of the FTSE 100 Equally Weighted Gross Return as of such date.

$FD$  means fixed dividend

Calculation Date means any date of calculation of the FTSE 100 Equally Weighted Gross Return.

$ACT(t-1, t)$  means the number of calendar days between Calculation Date ( $t-1$ ) (excluded) and Calculation Date ( $t$ ) (included).

#### 4.2 List of indices

Index Code	Index Name	Fixed Dividend
GPSOC001	FTSE 100 Fixed Dividend Yield Equal Weight Custom Index	5.00%
GPMS014	FTSE Custom 100 Equally Weighted 4.75% Fixed Dividend Index	4.75%

## Section 5

# Corporate Actions and Events

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### 5.0 Corporate Actions and Events

- 5.1 The FTSE 100 Fixed Dividend Yield Equal Weight Custom Index will follow the same corporate actions and events treatment as the FTSE UK Equally Weighted Index Series.
- 5.2 If a constituent in the underlying index has a stock split, stock consolidation, rights issue, bonus issue, a change in the number of shares in issue or a change in free float (with the exception of tender offers), the constituent's weighting in the FTSE 100 Fixed Dividend Yield Equal Weight Custom Index will remain unchanged pre and post such an event.
- 5.3 Full details of changes to constituent companies due to corporate actions and events can be accessed in the Corporate Actions and Events Guide for Non Market Capitalisation Weighted Indices using the following link:

[Corporate Actions and Events Guide for Non Market Cap Weighted Indices.pdf](#)

A Corporate 'Action' is an action on shareholders with a prescribed ex date. The share price will be subject to an adjustment on the ex date. The index will be adjusted in line with the ex date.

These include the following:

- Capital Repayments
- Rights Issues/Entitlement Offers
- Stock Conversion
- Splits (sub-division) / Reverse splits (consolidation)
- Scrip issues (Capitalisation or Bonus Issue)

A Corporate 'Event' is a reaction to company news (event) that may impact the index depending on the index rules. For example, a company announces a strategic shareholder is offering to sell their shares (secondary share offer) – this could result in a free float weighting change in the index.

Where an index adjustment is required FTSE Russell will provide notice advising of the timing of the change.

### 5.4 Suspension of Dealing

Suspension of Dealing rules can be found within the Corporate Actions and Events Guide for Non Market Capitalisation Weighted Indices.



## 5.5 Takeovers, Mergers and Demergers

The treatment of takeovers, mergers and demergers can be found within the Corporate Actions and Events Guide for Non Market Capitalisation Weighted Indices.



## Appendix A: Further Information

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A Glossary of Terms used in FTSE Russell's Ground Rule documents can be found using the following link:  
[Glossary.pdf](#)

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