Price Source Change for Korean Government Bonds in the FTSE Fixed Income Indices

After a thorough review of the pricing methodology for fixed-rate and inflation-linked local currency Korean government bonds in FTSE fixed income indices, FTSE Russell announces a change in the price source to Refinitiv for these securities. The change will be implemented in the FTSE Korean Government Bond Index, the FTSE Korean Inflation-Linked Securities Index, and indices that derive their membership from these indices effective with the August 2022 index profiles. This annoucement provdes further details on the change and a projected impact analysis.

Details of the Price Source Change and Projected Impact

Effective with the August 2022 index profiles, the price source for fixed-rate and inflation-linked local currency Korean government bonds in FTSE fixed income indices will change to Refinitiv and will represent a bid-side price as of 4:00 p.m. (Seoul time) snap time.

Figure 1 provides a projected impact assessment as of March 31, 2022 for the FTSE Korean Government Bond Index (KRGBI), the FTSE Asian Government Bond Index (AGBI), the FTSE Asian Government Bond Index – Capped (AGBIC), and the FTSE Korean Inflation-linked Securities Index (KRILSI). This change aligns the pricing methodology used for these securities with the majority of FTSE fixed income indices, which are primarily sourced from Refinitiv Pricing and Reference Data.

Figure 1. Projected Impact of the Price Source Change for Korean Government Bonds in Select FTSE Fixed Income Indices

Index	Average Price			Effective Duration		
Index	Current	Refinitiv	Difference	Current	Refinitiv	Difference
FTSE Korean Government Bond Index (KRGBI)	93.26	93.31	0.05	9.38	9.39	0.01
FTSE Asian Government Bond Index (AGBI)	100.04	100.05	0.01	6.56	6.56	0.00
FTSE Asian Government Bond Index – Capped (AGBIC)	99.97	99.98	0.01	6.96	6.96	0.00
FTSE Korean Inflation-linked Securities Index (KRILSI)	109.99	109.67	-0.32	4.53	4.54	0.01

Source: FTSE Russell as of March 31, 2022.

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