



FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Review – Timing of September 2022 **Results Announcement**

FTSE Russell announces that the September 2022 FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Review Results will be published after US market close on Thursday 29 September 2022.

The FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Framework assigns a Market Accessibility Level of '0', '1' or '2' to local currency fixed-rate government bond markets, with '2' representing the highest level of accessibility for international investors. These Market Accessibility Levels are incorporated into the index inclusion rules for the FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI), FTSE Emerging Markets Government Bond Index (EMGBI), the FTSE Frontier Emerging Markets Government Bond Index (FRNTEMGBI) and derived indices.

To ensure transparency, government bond markets that are being considered for potential reclassification of their Market Accessibility Level are placed on a Watch List. The FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification process allows for semi-annual reviews in March and September of markets that are on the Watch List for potential reclassification, as well as Watch List composition and a formal assessment of market size and credit rating for the purposes of benchmark inclusion.

Ahead of the publication of the September 2022 FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Results Announcement, FTSE Russell consults with members of its regional fixed income advisory committees, the FTSE Russell Policy Advisory Board and other stakeholders. Feedback is considered, and any classification or market accessibility decisions are approved, at a meeting of the FTSE Russell Index Governance Board.

The following markets were designated as Watch List markets as of March 2022:

- Switzerland possible reclassification from Market Accessibility Level 1 to 2.
- India possible reclassification from Market Accessibility Level 0 to 1.

A link to the FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Framework and the March 2022 Review Results can be found here.

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Key dates

The schedule leading to the September 2022 FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Review Results Announcement is as follows:

Weeks commencing 05, 12 and 19 September	Regional fixed income advisory committees
Thursday 22 September	FTSE Russell Policy Advisory Board
Wednesday 28 September	FTSE Russell Index Governance Board
Thursday 29 September	Release of the September 2022 FTSE Fixed Income Country Classification Announcement (after US market close).

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