

# Thomson Reuters Financial Benchmarks

## WM/Reuters FX Benchmarks

### The Financial benchmarks world is evolving

The benchmarks world is changing, and the expectations and requirements of users and authorities are much greater than before. The sophistication and complexity required to provide a benchmark service that conforms to regulatory rules, meets high standards of quality and integrity, and is suitable for transaction purposes mean continuing reviews of existing benchmarks are necessary.

The WM/Reuters spot rates are globally recognized as independent foreign exchange benchmarks and are up to date with the regulatory changes. The rates are aligned with the IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks, and

Thomson Reuters Benchmark Services Limited ("TRBSL"), the administrator of the WM/Reuters spot rates, maintains Part 4A permission to administer a specific benchmark by the UK's FCA (Financial Conduct Authority) and is seeking to obtain the relevant EU BMR authorization via the formal application process. TRBSL is fully engaged with relevant regulators on the EU BMR application process. WM/Reuters FX benchmarks are widely accepted as the global standard, providing an independent, comprehensive service that clients can trust. The WM/Reuters methodology, controls, processes and practices have been scrutinized and accepted by international regulators and authorities.

### WM/Reuters is a credible alternative

1. The WM/Reuters services are recognized as the global standard for FX benchmarks. WM/Reuters is the only FX benchmark to use multiple data sources, including market-leading trading venues, in order to source actual transaction data for appropriate currencies in order to reflect FX trading across global markets. This means we can deliver quality and accurate data using a highly credible methodology that aligns with expectations from the industry, regulators/authorities and IOSCO.
2. WM/Reuters has been reviewed by the Financial Stability Board and officially assessed by IOSCO and is routinely monitored by the UK's FCA. We are also committed to publishing independent and transparent benchmark rates in line with the EU Benchmark Regulation. Users have confidence in the methodology and practices used to calculate the benchmark rates.
3. WM/Reuters services are an alternative in the ISDA definitions for TKFE, TKFE2 and TKYFX and the WM/Reuters 11.00am (UK time) Spot rates are the replacement for the FXFIX data in the ISDA definitions.
4. WM/Reuters has been providing FX benchmarks to the global market since its launch in 1994. WM/Reuters Closing Spot Rates (4pm UK time) have history available from 1994 and the Intraday Spot Rates history is available from 2001.
5. WM/Reuters continuously evolves to meet users' data needs and provides access to a wide range of Spots, Forwards and NDFs across the global day, offering data 24 hours a day to daily services at various times of day.
6. WM/Reuters Spot rates services provide access to 155 Spot rates available at daily or hourly intervals with 22 currencies available every 30 minutes.
7. WM/Reuters supports business continuity, operating dual systems and distributing benchmark rates via multiple vendors and data feeds; has a dedicated team available 24 hours; and is committed to finding solutions for challenging markets.
8. Thomson Reuters makes a wide range of materials for the WM/Reuters services publicly available to assist users with their assessment and understanding of the WM/Reuters services. These include a comprehensive methodology, an IOSCO statement that includes a review of WM/Reuters against each of the principles, a range of policies and procedures to demonstrate best practices are enforced.

Thomson Reuters can help with the transition from JPNU/TKFE to WM/Reuters and to find the best solutions for clients.

### Aligning with global requirements

Thomson Reuters has conducted a review of the Hourly Spots/Cross rates designed for the Japan market. In order to ultimately align with global requirements for Benchmarks, we made the decision to change the data source of hourly Spot/Cross reference rates published on <JPNU>, <JPNV>, <JPNW>, <TKFE>, <TKFE2> and <TKYFX>. Therefore, we direct the market to use WM/Reuters for benchmarking purposes and <JPNU>, <JPNV>, <JPNW>, <TKFE>, <TKFE2> and <TKYFX> to be used for reference only.

<JPNU>, <JPNV>, <JPNW>, <TKFE>, <TKFE2> and <TKYFX> pages continue to be available and are designed for analysis and reference, using indicative data for all currencies, and are not compliant with global or regional regulations for benchmarks.

WM/Reuters FX benchmarks service is more advanced, sophisticated and better positioned for clients who need a credible FX benchmark service. Thomson Reuters directs users to transition from <JPNU>, <JPNV>, <JPNW>, <TKFE>, <TKFE2> and <TKYFX> to using WM/Reuters benchmark rates for trading, executing financial contracts, pricing and valuation purposes.

### WM/Reuters in 2018 and beyond

Thomson Reuters is committed to continued investment in the WM/Reuters FX Benchmarks and greater market engagement, to ensure the continuation of an independent, comprehensive service that clients can trust with rates that are transparent, reliable and reflective of the market.

Thomson Reuters recognizes that benchmarks are a fundamental component of many transactions, pricing, valuations and accounting practices, and thus it is imperative that the quality of the benchmarks we offer is of the highest standard. We are continually working with our clients to improve the WM/Reuters offering and regularly act on our customer feedback. It is in response to such feedback that we are focused on identifying ways to enhance users' experience of the WM/Reuters services; we are reviewing the WM/Reuters publication schedule, and we are assessing the cross spot rates service to determine if any enhancements or expansion to these would be viable.

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