

# ICMR

## (Re)Insurance Specialty Index

### UK and EU BMR Benchmark Statement

As per the UK and EU Benchmarks Regulations

#### Change History

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#### Distribution

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Notes:

“DR” refers to [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1643](#)

“EU BMR” refers to the [EU Benchmarks Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1011](#)

“UK BMR” refers to the [Benchmarks \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#), commonly referred to as the “UK Benchmarks Regulation.”

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## 1. General Information

### 1.1. Date of publication DR 1(1)(a)

- 1.1.1. This document is the benchmark statement for the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index, as first published and dated above. Morningstar Indexes Ltd (“Morningstar Indexes”) is the administrator of the index. The company provides index calculation, benchmark research & design, benchmark governance and oversight services to other benchmark administrators.

### 1.2. Reviews of benchmark statement BMR 27(1)

- 1.2.1. An update of this and of any future benchmark statement will be made whenever the information it provides is no longer accurate or sufficiently precise, whenever there is a material change in the methodology for determining the indices, and will be in any case, reviewed at least annually.

### 1.3. Benchmark ISINs DR 1(1)(b)

- 1.3.1. Morningstar Indexes does not maintain an ISIN for this benchmark.

### 1.4. Contributions of input data DR 1(1)(c)

- 1.4.1. These benchmarks do not use contributed input data.

### 1.5. Regulated-data benchmark disclosures. DR 1(1)(d) / DR 2)

- 1.5.1. These benchmarks use prices sourced from exchanges either regulated by the UK or EU (as applicable for benchmarks administered under the relevant regulation), meeting the requirements of Article 3(24)(a), or that are “readily-available data” as defined within the BMRs. Exchanges that provide prices deemed appropriate for use are listed within the index methodology.

Input FX data is sourced from Refinitiv, whose FX rates are administered by Refinitiv Benchmark Services under the UK and EU BMR.

### 1.6. Significant / non-significant benchmarks disclosure DR 1(1)(d)

- 1.6.1. These benchmarks are non-significant benchmarks.

## 2. Content

### 2.1. Market reality BMR 27(1)(a)

- 2.1.1. A full description of the market reality and geographical boundaries covered by the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index is set out in its methodology document, available at <https://indexes.morningstar.com/>.

### 2.2. Use of discretion BMR 27(1)(b)

- 2.2.1. The methodology of the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index is designed to remove discretion to the greatest extent possible.
- 2.2.2. The members of the Morningstar Index Services Methodology & Administration Committee (the "ISM") will look to ensure the index methodology is developed from its members' very significant market experience, and is updated whenever appropriate to reflect changing circumstances.
- 2.2.3. As a result, discretion / expert judgement in the calculation of the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index is expected to be extremely rare, limited to the identification of an appropriate approach for handling unusual corporate events, or in very particular circumstances, to the assessment of valuations where on-exchange traded prices are not available. After ad-hoc discretion or expert judgement is applied, the ISM will consider whether the approach taken was suitable, and whether the relevant methodology should be updated to ensure the handling of a repetition of the event is clear.
- 2.2.4. Other than in the handling of corporate events, Morningstar Indexes believes discretion / expert judgement might be necessary in the general area of stock trading suspensions. Index methodologies provide a standard approach for handling suspensions, based upon the length of a suspension. However, companies' trading can be halted for various reasons, including in some circumstances at the request of their management, and there may be scenarios where it would be appropriate, in order to minimise disruption to the indices and to minimise cost to index product investors, to retain an index constituent within the indices rather than to remove it as per the methodology.

### 2.3. External Factors BMR 27(1)(c)

- 2.3.1. Morningstar Indexes notes that it is possible that circumstances may arise that cause the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index and its methodology to have to be materially altered or its publication ceased. Further details are available within the Morningstar Indexes Material Change and Cessation Policy, available from <https://indexes.morningstar.com/>.

### 2.4. Changes / Cessation BMR 27(1)(d)

- 2.4.1. Those issuing or using contracts or other instruments referencing the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index should note that such contracts or other instruments should be able to withstand material changes to or cessation of the indices.

### 2.5. Key terms BMR 27(2)(a) / DR 1(2)

- 2.5.1. Key terms relating to the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index are defined within the methodology document.

### 2.6. Methodology, and changes to the methodology, and cessation of benchmarks BMR 27(2)(b) / DR 1(5)

2.6.1. The published methodology document details the economic interest of the benchmarks, and how they are created and maintained, including details of how the benchmarks are periodically reviewed. The published Morningstar Index Services Methodology Change Policy and Morningstar Indexes Cessation Process details how potential changes are managed and if appropriate, approved. In brief, this document clarifies:

- A definition of materiality
- That any benchmark stakeholder can propose a change to the methodology
- That proposed changes will initially be considered by the Morningstar Index Services Methodology & Administration Committee
- That where material, the ISM will consult with stakeholders
- That the final decision regarding a proposed change rests with the Morningstar Index Services Methodology & Administration Committee
- That suitable forewarning will be given to stakeholders of a material change wherever possible, with a clear timetable for the implementation of the change.
- That there may be changes resulting from external factors (those beyond the control of Morningstar Indexes) that require changes to be made more rapidly.

## 2.7. Input data BMR 27(2)(c)

2.7.1. The methodology document details the source of pricing and other data used in the construction, maintenance and determination of the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index.

## 2.8. Controls over judgement and discretion BMR 27(2)(d) / DR 1(4)

2.8.1. Judgement and discretion is reduced as far as possible within the methodology of the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index. Response 2.2 explains where Morningstar Indexes considers discretion may be required.

## 2.9. Determination of the benchmarks during stress periods BMR 27(2)(e)

2.9.1. Certain events can make it difficult for users of index-based products to trade index constituent securities. The Morningstar Index Services Equity Index Calculation Guide, available from <https://indexes.morningstar.com/>, details how market disruption events are managed within the determination of the ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index.

## 2.10. Input data errors BMR 27(2)(f)

2.10.1. The Morningstar Indexes Recalculation Guidelines, available from <https://indexes.morningstar.com/>, details how index determination errors are managed and where appropriate resolved.

## 2.11. Potential limitations BMR 27(2)(g) / DR 1(3)

- 2.11.1. The calculation of the indices is reliant on prices received from the various exchanges on which the index constituents trade. Where a market is closed for holidays or other reasons, or a “normal” closing price is not received (in most cases, an auction price where closing auctions normally determine official closing prices), the last traded price will be used.
- 2.11.2. The weighting of index constituents is derived from (re)insurance exposure metrics sourced from annual reports. If the availability of this data is reduced, fewer index constituents could be assessed, with ongoing impact to the index. The methodology details the process for using this data to assess and weigh constituents and prospective constituents.

### 3. Review and Update of Benchmark Statements

#### 3.1. Review and Update of Benchmark Statements DR 6

- 3.1.1. An update of this and of any future benchmark statement will be made whenever the information it provides is no longer correct or sufficiently precise, whenever there is a material change in the methodology for determining the indices, and will be in any case, reviewed at least annually.

### 4. Disclosures

#### 4.1. Interest rate benchmarks DR 1(1)(d) / DR 3

- 4.1.1. Not applicable

#### 4.2. Commodity benchmarks DR 1(1)(d) / DR 4

- 4.2.1. Not applicable

#### 4.3. Critical benchmarks DR 1(1)(d) / DR 5

- 4.3.1. Not applicable

#### 4.4. EU Climate Transition / Paris alignment benchmarks BMR 19a / BMR 19b

- 4.4.1. Not applicable

#### 4.5. Alignment with carbon emissions reductions or Paris Agreement objectives BMR 27(2a)

- 4.5.1. This methodology does not align with the target of carbon emission reductions or seek to attain the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

#### 4.6. ESG Factors disclosure BMR 13(1)(d) / BMR 27(2a)

- 4.6.1. The ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index does not take account of ESG factors in its design.

#### 4.7. Specific disclosures relating to significant equity/bond benchmarks and EU Climate Transition / Paris-aligned benchmarks BMR 27(2a)

4.7.1. Not applicable

## 5. Approval

This Benchmarks Statement was approved by the directors of Morningstar Indexes Ltd and is reviewed at least annually.

## Appendix: ESG Disclosure

<b>Explanation of how ESG factors are reflected in the benchmark statement<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>SECTION 1 – Consideration of ESG factors</b>	
Item 1. Name of the benchmark administrator	Morningstar Indexes Limited
Item 2. Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks	Equity
Item 3. Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks	ICMR (Re)Insurance Specialty Index
Item 4. Are there in the portfolio of the benchmark administrator any EU Climate Transition Benchmarks, EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks, benchmarks that pursue ESG objectives or benchmarks that take into account ESG factors?	No
Item 5. Does the benchmark or family of benchmarks pursue ESG objectives?	No
<b>SECTION 3 – Disclosure of the alignment with the objectives of the Paris Agreement</b>	
(a) Does the benchmark align with the target of reducing carbon emissions or the attainment of the objectives of the Paris Agreement;	No
(b) the temperature scenario used for the alignment with the target of reducing GHG emissions or attaining of the objectives of the Paris Agreement;	This Index does not use any temperature scenario for the alignment with the target of reducing GHG emissions or attaining the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
(c) the name of the provider of the temperature scenario used for the alignment with the target of reducing GHG emissions or the attainment of the objectives of the Paris Agreement;	This Index does not use any temperature scenario for the alignment with the target of reducing GHG emissions or attaining the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
(d) the methodology used for the measurement of the alignment with the temperature scenario;	This Index does not use any temperature scenario for the alignment with the target of reducing GHG emissions or attaining the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
(e) the hyperlink to the website of the temperature scenario used.	This Index does not use any temperature scenario for the alignment with the target of reducing GHG emissions or attaining the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
<b>Date on which information has last been updated:</b>	05/06/2023
<b>The reason why the information has been updated:</b>	Annual review

<sup>1</sup> The information herein contained is provided in accordance with the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816 of 17 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the explanation in the benchmark statement of how environmental, social and governance factors are reflected in each benchmark provided and published.



## About Morningstar Indexes

Morningstar Indexes was built to keep up with the evolving needs of investors—and to be a leading-edge advocate for them. Our rich heritage as a transparent, investor-focused leader in data and research uniquely equips us to support individuals, institutions, wealth managers, and advisors in navigating investment opportunities across major asset classes, styles, and strategies. From traditional benchmarks and unique IP-driven indexes to index design, calculation, and distribution services, our solutions span an investment landscape as diverse as investors themselves.

### **Morningstar Index Methodology Committee**

The Morningstar Index Methodology Committee oversees all new index development, index methodology changes, and cessation of indexes for any indexes where Morningstar owns the intellectual property. This committee is also charged with ensuring that indexes align with Morningstar Research principles and values. The group comprises members of the index team with index research, product development, product management, client service, index implementation, and operation expertise who provide the first layer of governance over index design and methodology.

### **Morningstar Index Services Methodology & Administration Committee**

The purpose of the Morningstar Index Services Methodology & Administration Committee (the "ISM") is to oversee all new index development, index methodology changes, and cessation of indexes for any indexes where Morningstar provides calculation and administration services but does not own the Intellectual Property of the indexes. This committee will also oversee the adequacy and effectiveness of the operational interactions between Morningstar and its calculation services clients, and of client governing committees, where relevant.

### **Morningstar Index Operations Committee**

The Morningstar Index Operations Committee governs the processes, systems, and exception handling of the day-to-day management of all live indexes, including index rebalancing and reconstitution, restatements, market classification, and contingency management. The committee oversees the annual review of index methodology (as required by UK and EU BMRs), ensuring that methodologies remain fit for purpose and continue to achieve their stated investment objectives. The Index Operations Committee is responsible for governing the operations of both Morningstar branded indexes as well as indexes where Morningstar only provides calculation services.

### **Morningstar Index Oversight Committee**

The Morningstar Index Oversight Committee is responsible for the index oversight function as per the requirements of the UK and European BMRs, providing independent oversight of all aspects of the governance of benchmark administration as required by the relevant BMR. Its remit extends to all calculation and administration-related business activities of Morningstar Indexes, including administration of Morningstar-owned benchmarks as well as client-owned benchmarks and index calculation. The oversight function is part of the organizational structure of Morningstar but is separate and independent from the index business, index management, and the other index committees.

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