ISDA-Clarus RFR Adoption Indicator

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ISDA-Clarus RFR Adoption Indicator is intended to track how much trading activity (as measured by DV01) is being conducted in cleared over-the-counter (OTC) and exchange-traded interest rate derivatives (IRD) that reference the identified risk-free rates (RFRs) in six major currencies.

**RFR Adoption Indicator**

- The RFR Adoption Indicator was at **4.7%** vs. 5.4% last month (Chart 1).
- DV01 of RFR-linked IRD was **$1.3 Bn** vs. $1.4 Bn last month (Chart 2).
- RFR-linked IRD notional transacted was **$8.0 Tn** vs. $8.2 Tn last month (Chart 3).
- Split of RFR activity OTC vs ETD was **62.2%** vs. 69.5% last month (Chart 4).

**RFR Risk by Currency**

- **GBP**
  - saw the largest percentage of RFR risk traded at 24.4%
  - of total GBP risk (Chart 5a).
- **JPY**
  - saw the highest percentage of RFR risk traded at 24.4%
  - in SOFR this month.
  - (Chart 5b)
  - transactions with tenors >2Y (Chart 6).

**Total IRD Activity**

- **$27.9 Bn**
  - Total IRD DV01 transacted this month vs. $25.5 Bn the prior month.
- **$119.3 Tn**
  - Total IRD notional transacted this month vs. $117.0 Tn the prior month.
- **$26.6 Bn**
  - Other indices DV01 transacted this month vs. $24.1 Bn the prior month.

Chart 1: RFR Adoption Indicator: % of DV01 Transacted as RFR-linked IRD Products in USD, EUR, GBP, JPY, AUD, CHF

**Calculation:** The sum of all DV01s for RFR-linked IRD products, including OTC and exchange-traded derivatives (ETD) for all six currencies, divided by the sum of DV01s for all indices (both RFR and other indices) across all IRD products.
Chart 2: Total IRD DV01 Traded per Month

**Calculation:** Total DV01 traded per month across all IRD products split by RFRs (including OTC and ETD) and all IRD products referencing other indices.

Chart 3: Total IRD Notional Traded per Month

**Calculation:** Total traded notional per month across all IRD products split by RFRs (including OTC and ETD) and all IRD products referencing other indices.
Chart 4: RFR-linked IRD DV01 Traded per Month Split by OTC and ETD

**Calculation:** The sum of DV01s for OTC RFR-linked IRD products across all six currencies divided by the sum of DV01s for OTC and ETD RFR-linked IRD products.

Chart 5a: The Percentage of DV01 per Currency Traded as an RFR-linked IRD Product

**Calculation:** The sum of DV01s for RFR-linked IRD products (OTC and ETD) per currency divided by the sum across all OTC and ETD IRD products (both RFR and other indices) per currency.
Chart 5b: The Percentage of IRD DV01 Traded as an RFR in USD, EUR and JPY

**Calculation:** Same data as in Chart 5a with the focus only on USD, EUR and JPY RFR.

Chart 6: The Percentage of RFR-linked IRD DV01 per Currency Traded with a Tenor Longer than Two Years

**Calculation:** The sum of DV01s for RFR-linked IRD products (OTC and ETD) per currency in the 5Y, 10Y, 30Y and 50Y tenors divided by DV01s for RFR-linked IRD products (OTC and ETD) per currency across all tenor buckets.
About ISDA-Clarus RFR Adoption Indicator

- Data is collected from all major CCPs that clear OTC and ETD IRD products in the six currencies, including ASX, CME, EUREX, ICE, JSCC, LCH and TFX. Only cleared transactions are captured.
- Other indices include IBORs (USD LIBOR, GBP LIBOR, CHF LIBOR, EUR LIBOR, EURIBOR, JPY LIBOR, TIBOR, Euroyen TIBOR and AUD BBR-BBSW) and overnight rates (the effective federal funds rate (EFFR) and EONIA).
- RFRs include SOFR, SONIA, SARON, €STR, TONA and AONIA.
- This data is standardized and collated to produce notional-equivalent volumes in six tenor buckets (based on duration of transactions).
- The notional data is converted into a maturity agnostic measure of risk, DV01.
- Notional volumes are collected in millions of USD-equivalent and converted to DV01 on the USD curve.
- The measures of volumes are extremely broad, covering many OTC IRD products (interest rate swaps, overnight index swaps, forward rate agreements and basis swaps), as well as short-term interest rate futures contracts.
- RFR volumes are measured across both swaps and futures.
- A whitepaper detailing the exact methodology can be found here.
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