

ISDA Statement on CARR and RBSL Announcements on CDOR

NEW YORK, December 17, 2021 – The International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) has published the following statement in response to yesterday's announcements by the <u>Canadian Alternative Reference Rate (CARR)</u> working group and <u>Refinitiv</u> <u>Benchmark Services (UK) Limited</u> (RBSL), the administrator of the Canadian Dollar Offered Rate (CDOR).

"On December 16, CARR published a paper analyzing the status of CDOR, which recommends RBSL cease publication of all CDOR's remaining tenors after the end of June 2024. The paper adds, however, that the decision to cease CDOR ultimately lies with RBSL as the administrator of CDOR. RBSL separately published a statement acknowledging CARR's announcement and stating its intention to conduct its own analysis, engage with market participants and consider what further steps might be necessary to reach a conclusion over CDOR's future.

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