



# Morningstar UK Core Bond Indexes

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Investors have long used core bond strategies for their principal fixed income portfolio allocation. Because they are diversified across government, corporate, and securitized debt instruments and focus on investment grade securities, core bond strategies are typically more resilient in the face of interest-rate increases or credit quality scares than more narrowly focused offerings.

The Morningstar UK Core Bond Indexes are a comprehensive, modular range of indexes designed to reflect the performance and fundamental characteristics of the UK bond market. Coverage includes Treasury, government related, securitized, and corporate asset classes and can be tailored according to a wide variety of specifications and exposures. The indexes offer the following key features:

- Comprehensive coverage—Broad representation of the UK bond market and its sub asset classes with history since 1999.
- Discrete building blocks—The index series is composed of discrete building blocks to pinpoint desired exposure.
- Objective and transparent—Built and maintained according to a transparent and predictable set of rules.
- Investable and replicable—Rules carefully balance liquidity and accurate market coverage to ensure investability.

#### Starting universe

The Morningstar UK Core Bond Indexes consist of fixed rate, investment grade GBP-denominated securities with maturities greater than one year.

#### Index eligibility

Securities must meet the following criteria to be eligible for inclusion in the Morningstar UK Core Bond Indexes:

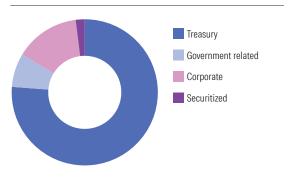
- · Securities must have a stated final maturity.
- Securities entering the indexes must have a minimum of 24 months to final maturity at the time of inclusion to qualify for the indexes.
- Securities must have a minimum of 12 months to final maturity to remain in the indexes.

#### **Asset class segmentation**

The Morningstar UK Core Bond Indexes are an aggregation of four nonoverlapping sub asset classes. Each sub asset class has a minimum par amount outstanding requirement. The following asset classes are included in the indexes:

Asset class	Minimum par amount outstanding
Treasury (domestic)	GBP 2 billion
Government related (foreign treasury, domestic or foreign government related, sovereign guaranteed, domestic agency, government sponsored enterprises, and supranational)	GBP 250 million
Corporate	GBP 250 million
Securitized	GBP 200 million

#### **Asset allocation mix**



As of 6/30/2025

#### **Exclusions**

The UK Core Bond Indexes exclude security types with characteristics that challenge liquidity or do not materially contribute to a reflection of the market, resulting in a more liquid and easily investable index. Examples of exclusions include callable bonds, convertible bonds, and perpetual bonds.

#### **Index weighting**

Constituents are market value weighted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A complete list of exclusions is located in the <u>Construction Rules</u> for the Morningstar Bond Indexes.

#### Rebalancing

The indexes are rebalanced monthly, implemented after the close of business on the last working day of the month and effective the following business day.

#### **Construction process**

## Starting universe

- Must be an eligible security type (no loans, zero-coupon bonds, perpetual bonds, etc.)
- · Must be issued in GBP
- Must have an investment grade composite rating

#### Eligibility

- Must have a minimum of 24 months to final maturity to enter the index
- Must have a minimum of 12 months to final maturity to remain in the index
- Must have a fixed coupon rate and stated final maturity

### Asset class segmentation

- Eligible bonds are segmented into subindexes
  - Corporate bonds
  - Treasury
  - Government related
  - Securitized

#### **Portfolio construction**

- Constituents are market value weighted within each subindex
- Subindexes are combined to create the Morningstar UK Core Bond Index

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### Subindexes

Subindexes across a wide array of credit quality segments and sectors are available to help investors understand the performance and behaviors of precise segements of the UK bond market.<sup>2</sup>

Indexes	Subindexes
Morningstar UK Core Bond Index	Morningstar UK 1-3 Year Core Bond Index
	Morningstar UK 1-5 Year Core Bond Index
	Morningstar UK 5-10 Year Core Bond Index
	Morningstar UK 10+ Year Core Bond Index
Morningstar Corporate Bond Index	Morningstar UK 1-10 Year Corporate bond
Morningstar UK Gilt Bond Index	
Morningstar UK Securitized Assets	



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A full list of available indexes is located in the <u>Construction Rules</u> for the Morningstar Bond Indexes.



#### **About Morningstar Indexes**

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