



Press Release

Standard & Poor's Announces the August Monthly Rebalancing for the S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index

New York, July 30, 2009– Standard & Poor's Index Services today announced the results of the monthly rebalancing of the S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index for August 2009. The index was launched on October 1st, 2008 and is rebalanced monthly. Changes to the Index will become effective after the close of business on Friday, July 31st, 2009.

Additions to and deletions from the index can be [found here](#).

The S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index is a broad based index that measures the performance of the U.S. commercial paper market. The Index consists of commercial paper with one to three month maturities from both the financial and non-financial sectors. Asset backed commercial paper are excluded from the index.

To be eligible for the S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index, a security must be from a U.S. dollar corporate issuer which includes publicly traded and privately held corporations, as well as subsidiaries of corporations. The issuer must have a maximum program size of at least US\$ 2 billion and the commercial paper of each issuer must have a current rating from Standard & Poor's, Moody's, or Fitch. Each issue must be priced by IDC as of the reference date and have between 31 and 91 days left to maturity as of the last calendar day of each month. Each issuer may have a maximum of 10 issues in the index.

The index follows a weighting structure that allows for representation of a broad issuer base, but limits the impact that several extremely large issuers of commercial paper could potentially have on the index return. At each rebalancing, constituents that meet eligibility requirements are weighted on a tiered basis. Weight factors are assigned to each security based on each issue's maximum program size. The three weighting bands are as follows: US\$ 2 billion to US\$ 5 billion; US\$ 5 billion to US\$ 15 billion; and US\$ 15 billion or more.

The index is rebalanced on the last trading date of each month, and the rebalancing reference date is the fifth business day prior to each calendar month end. As of each rebalancing reference date, the universe of commercial paper securities priced by IDC is compared to the list of eligible securities and maturity ranges. Those passing the eligibility factor screens comprise the index constituents and are tier-weighted. On the fifteenth of June and December of each calendar year, the list of issuers with maximum program sizes of at least US\$ 2 billion is gathered and analyzed to remove asset-backed securities and non-rated issuers. This eligible universe, in accordance with previously mentioned criteria, is used for the following six months.

To learn more about the S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index or Standard & Poor's growing family of fixed income indices, please visit www.fixedincomeindices.standardandpoors.com.

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