# **ABA Policy Advocacy Committee Meeting**

# From Interbank Offered Rates to Risk-Free Rates - Update

Position Paper by Erste Group Bank AG

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## **NOTE**

- The following presentation is an update to the previous ABA Policy Advocacy Committee Position Papers dated 14 November 2019, 13 November 2020, and 28 March 2021
- Please refer to these previous papers for basics, such as Fundamental Problems with LIBOR, Key Differences between IBORs and RFR, How to use RFR in Cash Products, etc.



## **UPDATE RISK-FREE RATES (RFR)**

CURRENCY	RFR	ADMINISTRATOR	NATURE	DATA SOURCE	O/N RATE	FORWARD TERM RATES	WORKING GROUP
**** * ****	€STR	European Central Bank	Unsecured MMSR transactions		✓ T+1, 08:00 CET	Under consideration for specific use cases	Working Group on Euro Risk-Free Rates
GBP	SONIA	Bank of England	Unsecured	Unsecured overnight sterling transactions negotiated bilaterally and brokered in London by WMBA	✓ T+1, 09:00 GMT	1M, 3M, 6M, 12M	Working Group on Sterling Risk-Free Rates
USD	SOFR	Federal Reserve Bank of New York	Secured	Tri-party repo, FICC GC repo, FICC bilateral treasury repo	✓ T+1, 08:00 ET	CME SOFR Term Rate	Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC)
CHF	SARON	SIX Swiss Exchange	Secured	CHF repo transactions in the interbank market			National Working Group on Swiss Franc Reference Rates
JPY	TONAR	Bank of Japan	Unsecured	Data provided by money market brokers	✓ T+1, 10:00 JST	1M, 3M, 6M	Cross-industry Committee on Yen Interest Rate Benchmarks

Note: A number of key Asian benchmarks are derived by applying a Forward FX curve to the USD LIBOR curve, notably SOR (Singapore), THBFIX (Thailand), MIFOR (India), and PHIREF (Philippines). Replacement rates also will need to be identified here



## **OLD WORLD VS. NEW WORLD AS OF 01 AUGUST 2021**

#### **Old World Benchmarks**

CCY	Name	O/N		Forv	vard-look	ing Term	Rate		Cessation Date	No new business
CCT	INAITIE	O/N	1W	1M	2M	3M	6M	12M	Cessation Date	after
USD	LIBOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	30.06.2023*	31.12.2021
EUR	EONIA	✓							03.01.2022	15.06.2020
JPY	LIBOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	31.12.2021	30.06.2021
GBP	LIBOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	31.12.2021	31.03.2021
CHF	LIBOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	31.12.2021	30.06.2021

<sup>\*</sup>USD LIBOR 1W and 2M will cease on 31.12.2021

#### **New World Risk-Free Rates**

CCY	CY Name O/N			Forv	rward-looking Term Rate				Backward-looking Comp. Rate					
661	IVallie		1W	1M	2M	3M	6M	12M	1W	1M	2M	3M	6M	12M
USD	SOFR	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
EUR	ESTR	✓							✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
JPY	TONA	✓		✓		✓	✓							
GBP	SONIA	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓						
CHF	SARON	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓



### ARRC PACED TRANSITION PLAN FOR SOFR MARKET

	Step	Anticipated Date of Completion	Actual Date
1.	Infrastructure for futures and/or OIS trading in the new rate is put in place by ARRC members.	2018 H2	Completed 2018 H1
2.	Trading begins in futures and/or bilateral, uncleared, OIS that reference SOFR.	By end 2018	CME launched SOFR Futures on May 7, 2018
3.	Trading begins in cleared OIS that reference SOFR in the current (EFFR) PAI and discounting environment.	2019 Q1	LCH began clearing SOFR swaps on July 18, 2018; CME began clearing SOFR swaps on October 1, 2018
4.	CME and LCH converts discounting and PAI/PAA from EFFR to SOFR on all outstanding cleared USD-denominated swap products. For CME, the conversion applies to all cleared USD interest rate swap products comprising fixed/float interest rate swaps, overnight index swaps, forward rate agreements, zero coupon swaps, basis swaps, and swaptions. For LCH, these products are USD LIBOR, USD fed funds, USD SOFR interest rate swaps, and USD CPI zero coupon inflation swaps. All new contracts after the conversion date uses SOFR for discounting and PAI for both CME and LCH.	2021 Q2	CME and LCH converted discounting and PAI/PAA on all outstanding cleared USD-denominated swap products starting close of business on October 16, 2020 and finishing doing so before open of business on October 19, 2020
5.	Creation of a term reference rate based on SOFR-derivatives markets once liquidity has developed sufficiently to produce a robust rate.	Goal for completion in 2021 H1	The ARRC announced its formal recommendation of the CME SOFR Term Rates on July 29, 2021

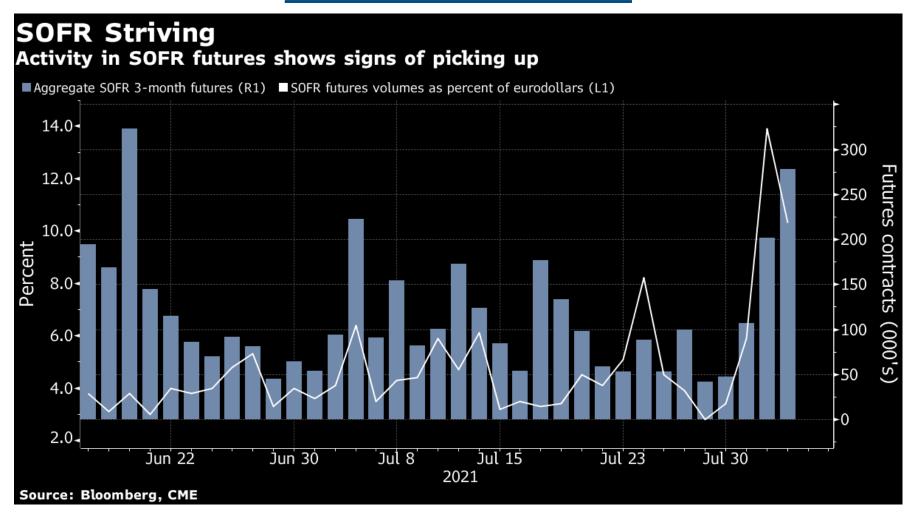
\*In the original formulation of the ARRC's Paced Transition Plan set out in the ARRC's 2017 Second Report, there had been six steps, with a Step 4 that involved CCPs providing a choice between SOFR and EFFR PAI and discounting environments for new trades (by 2020 Q1), and a Step 5 in which the CCPs would move to only offer a SOFR PAI and discounting environment for new trades (by 2021 Q2). In consultation with stakeholders, both CME and LCH subsequently determined that it was appropriate to move to the model outlined in the current Step 4, involving an immediate switchover from EFFR to SOFR PAI and discounting in a single step for both cleared new trades and legacy instruments in October 2020.

The original formulation of the Paced Transition Plan also had stated that the goal for the creation of a term reference rate was anticipated by the end of 2021. In line with the ARRC's 2020 Objectives, this was since adjusted to note that the goal for completion is in the first half of 2021. The ARRC announced its formal recommendation of the CME SOFR Term Rates in July 2021.

As of 07/29/2021



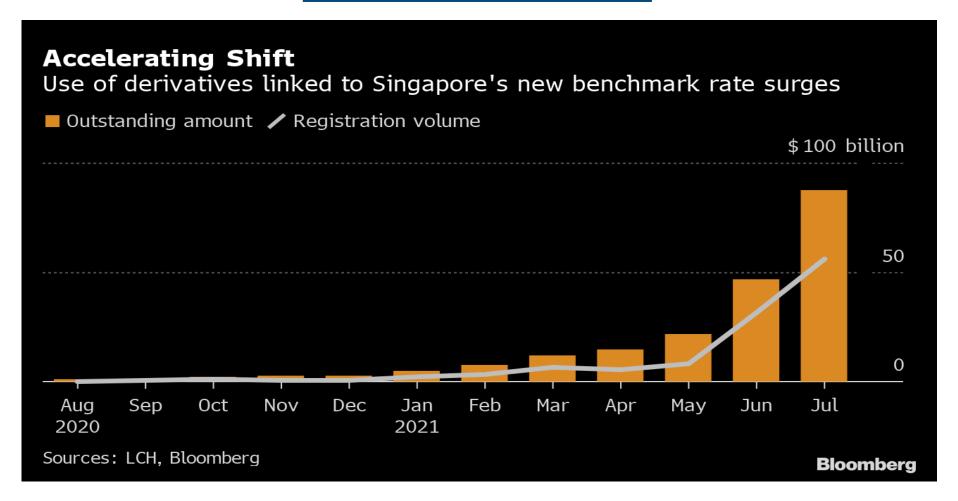
#### **SOFR FUTURES VOLUMES**



• SOFR First Initiative - CFTC MRAC on 26 July 2021 recommended interdealer brokers to change USD linear swap trading conventions from LIBOR to SOFR



### **SORA FUTURES VOLUMES**

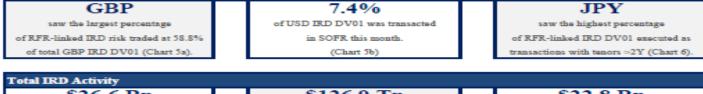


Note: MAS since August 2020 has been issuing SORA-linked FRN around SGD10bn, supporting the move to SORA



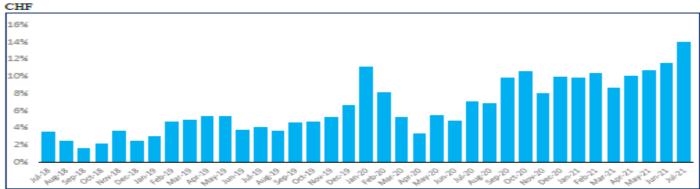
#### **ISDA-CLARUS RFR ADOPTION INDICATOR 31 JULY 2021**





I otal IRD Activity		
\$26.6 Bn	\$126.9 Tn	\$22.8 Bn
Total IRD DV01 transacted this month	Total IRD notional transacted this month	Other indices DV01 transacted this month
vs. \$32.2 Bn the prior month.	vs. \$155 Tn the prior month.	vs. \$28.4 Bn the prior month.

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



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.



# **APAC FI SOFR BONDS (79 ISSUES)**

ssuer Name		Cty Risk 🕶				BBG Comp 🔽				Fl. Spread (bp)
Bank of China Ltd/Hong Kong	BCHINA	CN		8/10/2024	EMTN	A		AT MATURITY		48
Bank of China Ltd/Macau	BCHINA	CN		10/17/2022		A		AT MATURITY		95
Bank of East Asia Ltd/The	BNKEA	HK		9/15/2021	FRCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		17
BankGuam Holding Co	BKGM	GU		7/1/2031	n/a	n/a	20,000,000	CALLABLE	USD	413
China Construction Bank Corp/Hong Kong	ССВ	CN	0.230001993		FRCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		19
Commonwealth Bank of Australia/New York NY	CBAAU	AU		7/21/2022	YCD	n/a	150,000,000	AT MATURITY		1.3
Commonwealth Bank of Australia/New York NY	CBAAU	AU		9/10/2021	YCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		19
Export-Import Bank of Korea	EIBKOR	KR	0.300003126		GMTn	n/a		AT MATURITY		25
Export-Import Bank of Korea	EIBKOR	KR	О	8/5/2024	GMTN	n/a	50,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	n/a
Export-Import Bank of Korea	EIBKOR	KR	0.370003126		GMTN	NR	400,000,000			32
Export-Import Bank of Korea	EIBKOR	KR		10/14/2022	144A	NR	50,000,000			22
Export-Import Bank of Korea	EIBKOR	KR	0.520003194		GMTN	NR		AT MATURITY		47
Export-Import Bank of Korea	EIBKOR	KR		8/25/2021	EMTN	AA	100,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	60
Export-Import Bank of Korea	EIBKOR	KR	0.344288136	3/11/2024	144A	NR	240,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	30
ndustrial Bank of Korea	INDKOR	KR	0.280003126	3/31/2022	EMTN	NR	25,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	23
Kookmin Bank/Seoul	CITNAT	KR	0.500003	8/3/2022	144A	A+	200,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	45
Korea Development Bank/The	KDB	KR	0.29341	3/9/2024	n/a	AA-	300,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	25
Korea Development Bank/The	KDB	KR	0.32391	5/18/2025	GMTN	NR	200,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	29
Korea Development Bank/The	KDB	KR	0.598726	3/21/2022	144A	AA	200,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	55
Macquarie Group Ltd	MOGAU	AU		6/23/2032	144A	BBB+	1,000,000,000	CALLABLE	USD	144
Macquarie Group Ltd	MQGAU	AU	1.34	1/12/2027	144A	BBB+	1,250,000,000	CALLABLE	USD	106.9
Macquarie Group Ltd	MQGAU	AU		9/23/2027	144A	BBB+	950,000,000	CALLABLE	USD	91
Macquarie Group Ltd	MQGAU	AU	0.970003126		1446	BBB+	300,000,000	CALLABLE	USD	92
Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking Corp/NY	MUFG	JP		8/23/2021	YCD	n/a	100,000,000			16
Mizuho Bank Ltd/New York NY	MIZUHO	JP		1/28/2022	YCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		10
Mizuho Bank Ltd/New York NY	MIZUHO	JP		10/12/2021	YCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		16
Mizuho Financial Group Inc	MIZUHO	IP.		9/8/2031	n/a	A	800.000.000	CALLABLE	USD	153.161
Mizuho Financial Group Inc	MIZUHO	JP		7/10/2031	n/a	A	1.000.000.000	CALLABLE	USD	177.161
Mizuho Financial Group Inc	MIZUHO	IP.		9/13/2025	n/a	A	600,000,000	CALLABLE	USD	136.161
Mizuho Financial Group Inc	MIZUHO	JP		7/10/2024	n/a	A	1,100,000,000		USD	125.161
Mizuho Financial Group Inc	MIZUHO	JP		9/8/2024	n/a	A	900,000,000	CALLABLE	USD	87.161
Mizuho Financial Group Inc	MIZUHO	JP		7/16/2025	n/a	A	500,000,000	CALLABLE		124.161
Mizuho Financial Group Inc	MIZUHO	JP		9/13/2030	n/a	A	500,000,000	CALLABLE	USD	157.161
Nomura International Funding Pte Ltd	NOMURA			7/10/2027	EmTN	n/a	600,000			170
Nomura International Funding Pte Ltd	NOMURA			7/10/2026	EMTn	n/a		AT MATURITY		175
Nomura International Funding Pte Ltd	NOMURA		1.421090221		EMTn	n/a	4,000,000		USD	137
Norinchukin BK NY BR	NORBK	JP		11/18/2021	CD	n/a	300,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	18
Norinchukin BK NY BR	NORBK	JP		1/7/2022	CD	n/a	250,000,000	AT MATURITY		10
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp	SUMIBK	JP		6/22/2022	YCD	n/a	200,000,000	AT MATURITY		17
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		4/22/2022	YCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		15
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		8/2/2022	YCD	n/a	650,000,000	AT MATURITY		18
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		7/29/2022	YCD	n/a	500,000,000	AT MATURITY		18
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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		4/29/2022	YCD	n/a	550,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	15
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP	0.2	4/25/2022	YCD	n/a	200,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	15
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP	0.16	2/4/2022	YCD	n/a	200,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	11
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP	0.23	8/3/2022	YCD	n/a	230,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	18
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP	0.2	9/10/2021	YCd	n/a	100,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	15
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP	0.14	1/21/2022	CD	n/a	50,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	9
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP	0.35	1/13/2023	CD	n/a	75,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	30
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP	0.16	12/1/2021	YCD	n/a	50,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	11
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		1/21/2022	YcD	n/a	150,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	11
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		11/12/2021	YCD	n/a	350,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	15
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		11/18/2021	YCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		15
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		8/9/2021	YCD	n/a	50,000,000	AT MATURITY		14
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		12/2/2021	YCD	n/a	250,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	11
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp/New York	SUMIBK	JP		10/7/2021	YCD	n/a	50,000,000			16
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Ltd/ New York	SUMITE	JP		1/19/2022	YCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		10
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Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Ltd/ New York	SUMITE	JP		2/2/2022	YCD	n/a	100,000,000	AT MATURITY		10
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Westpac Banking Corp	WSTP	AU	0.563045789		n/a	AA-	300,000,000	AT MATURITY		52
Westpac Banking Corp/NY	WSTP	AU		7/15/2022	YCD	n/a	490,000,000	AT MATURITY		13
Westpac Banking Corp/NY	WSTP	AU		5/17/2022	YCD	n/a	100,000,000			16
Westpac Banking Corp/NY	WSTP	AU		4/19/2022	YCD	n/a		AT MATURITY		17
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Westpac Banking Corp/NY	WSTP	AU	0.17	6/22/2022	YCD	n/a	100,000,000	AT MATURITY	USD	12
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		AU		5/5/2022 5/13/2022	YCD	n/a n/a		AT MATURITY		
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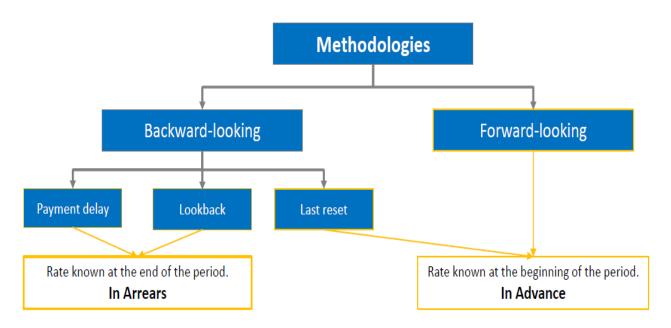


## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- **SOFR Term Rate** constructed based on underlying SOFR-linked derivatives transactions, robustness depends on volume proportionality
- New SOFR competitors BSBY, ICE Bank Yield Index, AMERIBOR
- Credit Basis Risk falling SOFR rates in times of stress vs. rising banks' funding costs
- Spread Adjustments fallback rates significantly higher than LIBOR rates, expect borrower pushback



#### **HOW TO DERIVE TERM RATES FROM O/N RFR's**



- Backward-looking term structures: based on simple mathematical calculations on the value of past realised daily fixings of the ON-rate over a given period of time. Within the payment delay and lookback methods, the term rate will only be known at the end of the period, while within last reset it will be known at the start of the period.
- **Forward-looking term structures:** based on the respective derivatives markets, reflecting market expectations on the evolution of the ON-rate during the upcoming interest rate period. Will be known at the start of the period.



## **COMPARISON LIBOR RATES VS. FALLBACK RATES (RFR + CAS)**

Fallback Rates (compounded RFR + CAS)									
	1M	6M							
CHF Fallback	-78,21	-72,06	-64,51						
GBP Fallback	8,14	16,83	32,82						
JPY Fallback	-4,62	-1,03	3,27						
USD Fallback	4,58	32,11	50,08						

RFR Benchmarks (compounded RFR)							
1M 3M 6M							
SARON (CHF)	-72,50	-72,37	-71,92				
SONIA (GBP)	4,88	4,90	5,16				
TONA (JPY)	-1,67	-1,87	-2,54				
SOFR (USD)	3,13	5,95	7,26				

Credit Adjustment Spreads (CAS)\* 1M 3M 6M -5,71 0,31 CHF 7,41 3,26 11,93 27,66 **GBP** -2,92 0,84 5,81 JPY 11,45 26,16 42,83 USD As of 5.3.2021, Source: Bloomberg

Fixed since 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

LIBOR Rates								
	1M	3M	6M					
CHF LIBOR	-80,50	-75,44	-70,78					
GBP LIBOR	4,59	7,71	9,56					
JPY LIBOR	-7,17	-8,87	-5,10					
USD LIBOR	10,71	17,73	18,95					

As of 9.3.2021
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Difference Faliback Rates vs LIBOR Rates								
	1M	3M	6M					
CHF	2,29	3,38	6,27					
GBP	3,55	9,12	23,26					
JPY	2,55	7,84	8,37					
USD	3,87	14,38	31,13					

Difference Fallback Pates vs LIBOR Pates

In the current market environment, fallback rates are significantly higher than the LIBOR → an adjustment is expected.

- All numbers in bps
- CAS based on ISDA methodology (= 5Y median of spread between LIBOR and respective compounded RFR)



## **EXAMPLE – FLOATING RATE USD LOAN WITH MATURITY 31.12.2023**

#### As of 09 March 2021 **Post USD Libor Cessation** Fixed issuer-specific **Fixed** issuer-specific loan spread loan spread 1.0000% 1.0000% Interbank **Adjustment Spread** as Avg. Credit fixed on 05 March 2021 Premium 0.2616% Cost of Time Floating 3M LIBOR 3M USD **LIBOR** 0.1773% **Floating** SOFR 3M Compound 0.0595% 1.1773% 1.3211%



## **USEFUL LINKS**

#### **RFR Working Groups:**

EUR: https://www.ecb.europa.eu/paym/interest\_rate\_benchmarks/WG\_euro\_risk-free\_rates/html/index.en.html

USD: <a href="https://www.newyorkfed.org/arrc">https://www.newyorkfed.org/arrc</a>

GBP: https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/transition-to-sterling-risk-free-rates-from-libor

CHF: https://www.snb.ch/en/ifor/finmkt/fnmkt\_benchm/id/finmkt\_reformrates

#### **RFR Calculators**

SIX for SARON: https://www.six-group.com/en/products-services/the-swiss-stock-exchange/market-data/indices/swiss-reference-

rates/saron-calculator.html

IHS Markit: <a href="https://rfrcalculator.ihsmarkit.com/">https://rfrcalculator.ihsmarkit.com/</a> (recommended)
ICE Benchmark Administration: <a href="https://www.theice.com/iba/rfr-portal">https://www.theice.com/iba/rfr-portal</a>

NatWest: https://www.realisedrate.com/

#### New RFR's

#### **SONIA**

https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/fromshowcolumns.asp?Travel=Nlx&ShadowPage=1&SearchText=sonia&SearchExclude=&SearchTextFields=TC&Thes=&SearchType=&Cats=&ActualResNumPerPage=&TotalNumResults=12&XNotes2=Y&C=5JK&ShowData.x=41&ShowData.y=34

#### SARON (license required!)

https://www.six-group.com/exchanges/indices/data\_centre/swiss\_reference\_rates/values\_de.html

#### SOFR

https://apps.newyorkfed.org/markets/autorates/SOFR

#### **ISDA** Microsite

https://www.brattle.com/understanding-ibor-benchmark-fallbacks

#### Erste Group Bank AG - Update on LIBOR

https://youtu.be/RyB6RRGnh84



## **SOURCES**

- Erste Group Bank AG
- Working Group on Euro Risk Free Rates
- Alternative Reference Rate Committee (ARRC)
- International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA)
- Asia Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (ASIFMA)
- European Central Bank (ECB)
- Standard & Poor's (S&P)
- Bloomberg



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