

## RONIA Index Statement

ARTICLE 1 (General Disclosure)	
Benchmark or Index Name	Repurchase Overnight Index Average ("RONIA")
Benchmark or Index Family	N/A
Type of Benchmark or Index	Index representing the Volume Weighted Average of qualifying multilateral wholesale trades
ISIN (where available)	GB00BD5JWS49
Date of publication of initial benchmark statement	January 1999
Date of last update to benchmark statement	01 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Contributions of input data	None. See Article 2: <i>Specific Disclosure for Regulated-Data Benchmarks</i>
2. Key terms relating to the benchmark or index or family thereof, and, in particular, the market or economic reality measured by the benchmark or index or family thereof, the statement shall contain at least the following information:	
a.	<p>General description of the market or economic reality</p> <p><b><u>Statement of Underlying Interest</u></b> RONIA is a measure of the rate at which interest is paid on secured sterling overnight wholesale funds in circumstances where the collateral is not subject to any exceptional, special, nor specific demand in the cash market.</p> <p><b><u>Statement of methodology</u></b> See 'RONIA Methodology'.</p>
b.	<p>Geographical boundaries of the market or economic reality, where applicable</p> <p>RONIA represents the rate of secured GBP overnight interest rates traded on a trading venue in the UK and the EEA, where collateral is exchanged via a CSD permissioned in the UK or the EEA.</p>

<p>c. Any other relevant information the administrator considers beneficial for a wholesale market participant user to understand the relevant features of the market or economic reality. Subject to the availability of reliable data, the administrator shall consider including, inter alia:</p> <p>(1) information on actual or potential participants in the market;</p> <p>(2) barriers to market access;</p> <p>(3) an indication of the size of the market or economic reality.</p>	<p>See 'WLHL RONIA Methodology' document</p>
<p><b>3. For the purpose of defining the potential limitations of the benchmark or family of benchmarks or indices and, in particular, the circumstances in which the measurement of the relevant market or economic reality may become unreliable, the index statement shall contain at least the following elements, giving consideration to the methodology used:</b></p>	
<p>a. Circumstances in which the administrator would lack sufficient input data to determine the index according to the methodology;</p>	<p>See 'WLHL RONIA Methodology' document</p>
<p>b. Where relevant, circumstances in which the degree of liquidity of the underlying market becomes insufficient to ensure the integrity and reliability of the index determination according to the methodology;</p>	<p>Not applicable to RONIA</p>
<p>c. Any other relevant information the administrator considers beneficial for a wholesale market participant user to understand the circumstances in which the measurement of the relevant market or economic reality may become unreliable, including exceptional market events</p>	<p>Not applicable to RONIA</p>

4. For the purpose of providing information on the controls and rules that govern any exercise of judgment or discretion in the calculation of the benchmark or index or family thereof, the statement shall at least:		
a.	Indicate the position of each function or body that may exercise discretion;	Not applicable to RONIA – the index is entirely transaction based, and at no point in the selection of inputs, assessment of inputs, calculation or publication is discretion or judgement exercised.
b.	Outline each step of any ex-post evaluation process on the use of discretion, including a clear reference to the position of any person(s) who evaluates an exercise of discretion. integrity and reliability of the benchmark determination according to the methodology;	Not applicable to RONIA. The ex-post evaluation (for example requesting confirmation of trades or carrying out a re-calculation) is based on pre-defined criteria as detailed in the “WLHL RONIA Methodology”
5. For the purpose of providing information on the review of the methodology and of advising users in relation to changes to, or the cessation of, the benchmark or index or family thereof, a statement shall at least:		
a.	Refer to its procedures for public consultation on any material changes to its methodology;	See ‘WLHL RONIA Methodology’ document
b.	To the extent known, indicate possible impacts of changes to, or the cessation of the benchmarks or indices upon the financial contracts, financial instruments that reference the benchmark or index for the measurement of the performance of investment funds.	Not applicable to RONIA (non-benchmark).
8. A benchmark or index administrator may include additional information at the end of the benchmark statement by way of referencing to a published document, accessible free of charge.		
a.	Additional Information.	See ‘WLHL RONIA Methodology’ & ‘Administration Control Framework’ documents.

<b>ARTICLE 2 (Specific Disclosure for regulated-data benchmarks)</b> - In addition to Article 1, for a regulated-data benchmark or a family of regulated-data benchmarks, the benchmark statement shall at least:	
a. Indicate the benchmark's qualification as a regulated-data benchmark;	<p>Prior to November 2022, RONIA was a Regulated Data Benchmark from the outset of the BMR.</p> <p>The European Venues and Intermediaries Association ("EVIA") is the European industry association for the wholesale intermediation of Organised Venue and Over-the-Counter (OTC) markets in financial, energy, commodity and emissions markets and their traded derivatives. Prior to 2018, EVIA was known as the Wholesale Markets Brokers' Association ("WMBA").</p>
b. State, in its description of the input data, the source of the input data used; and	<p><b>Description of input data</b> RONIA is determined solely from transaction-based input data and therefore no prioritisation of different types of input data is required.</p> <p><b>Sources of input data</b> Input data is obtained from authorised investment firms permissioned to operate trading venues in the UK and the EU. As such, the sources of input data are already subject to various regulations, including but not limited to, the EU Markets in Financial Instruments Directive/Regulation (MiFID2/MiFIR), the Central Securities Depositories Regulation (CSDR), and the Market Abuse Regulation (MAR). They also abide by all applicable codes of conduct including all pertaining IOSCO Principles, the BOE Money Market Code of Conduct<sup>1</sup> and the Bank of England Money Laundering Code (JMLSG).</p> <p>WMBA &amp; LEBA (Holdings) Limited ('WLHL') takes reliance on the regulatory status and authorisations of the sources of input data, in addition to the regulations and codes that apply with respect to the conduct governing those reported transactions.</p>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/Documents/money/code/ukmoneymarketscode.pdf>

c.	State within which type of source of input data set out in the definition of a regulated-data benchmark in point (24) of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 the source of input data falls.	Trading Venue/ Platform
<b>ARTICLE 6 (Specific disclosure requirements for significant and non-significant benchmarks)</b> - In addition to Article 1, for a regulated-data benchmark or a family of regulated-data benchmarks, the benchmark statement shall at least:		
a.	In addition to Article 1, for a significant benchmark or a family of benchmarks that includes only significant benchmarks, the benchmark statement shall at least indicate the qualification of the benchmark(s) as a significant benchmark pursuant to point 26 of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011.	Not applicable to RONIA (non-benchmark).
b.	In addition to Article 1, for a non-significant benchmark or a family of benchmarks including only non-significant benchmarks, the benchmark statement shall at least indicate the qualification of the benchmark(s) as a non-significant benchmark pursuant to point 27 of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011.	<p>RONIA is an index and not a benchmark as defined by Article 3(27), even whereby a 'non-significant benchmark' means a benchmark that does not fulfil the conditions laid down in Articles 20(1) and 24(1).</p> <p>When authorised as a regulated benchmark from May 2015 until November 2022, RONIA did not meet the critical benchmark thresholds detailed in Article 20, nor did it meet the €50 billion significant benchmark threshold detailed in Article 24. WMBA Limited carried out a market wide survey in Q4 2017 to establish the extent and type of usage.</p> <p>WLHL identified a number of market-led alternatives including BOE SONIA and the CME GBP Repo Funds Rate.</p>
c.	In addition to Article 1, for a family of benchmarks that includes both a significant and a non-significant benchmark, the benchmark statement shall at least indicate that the family of benchmarks includes both a benchmark qualified as a significant benchmark, pursuant to point 26 of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, and a benchmark qualified as a non-significant benchmark, pursuant to point 27 of Article 3(1).	Not applicable to RONIA (non-benchmark).

**ARTICLE 7 (Updates)** - update of the benchmark or index statement is required whenever information it provides is no longer correct or sufficiently precise and at least where:

a.	There is a change in the type of the benchmark or index;	Index Statement would be updated in this circumstance.
b.	There is a material change in the methodology for determining the benchmark or index, or, where the benchmark statement refers to a family of benchmarks, in the methodology for determining any benchmark within the family of benchmarks.	See ' <i>Administration Control Framework</i> '.