FINRA-Bloomberg Active U.S. Corporate Bond Indices

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and Bloomberg have created a family of U.S. corporate bond indices geared toward individual investors. Individuals can now gauge the performance of their corporate bond holdings against broad benchmarks representing the most liquid bonds in the market.

These new end-of-day indices represent the fixed coupon actively traded portion of the market, and are derived using transacted prices (not matrix or estimated prices) from TRACE—the U.S. over-the-counter corporate bond market’s only regulated intra-day price dissemination service.

FINRA and Bloomberg are making the indices available free of charge for redistribution.

Index Firsts

- Based on Real Transaction Prices – Uses the latest transacted prices from TRACE (not quotes, matrix or estimated prices)
- Neutral Source – Pricing is derived from all trades executed by all firms reporting to TRACE
- Free Redistribution – There are no charges for receipt or redistribution of index values and data
- Retail Investor Driven – First set of fixed income indices geared toward the retail investor as a broad benchmark to gauge market performance and movements

Index Features

- Easy to Understand and Monitor – 100 percent transparent methodology
- Addresses Investment-Grade and High-Yield Markets Separately:
  - FINRA-Bloomberg Active Investment Grade U.S. Corporate Bonds Index (Symbol: NBBI)
  - FINRA-Bloomberg Active High Yield U.S. Corporate Bonds Index (Symbol: NBBH)
- Represents Active Bonds – Represents most actively traded portion of TRACE
- Research Ready – Data available dating back to October 1, 2002, to view historical performance
ABOUT TRACE

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