

**Consultation regarding the ICAP Benchmarks
Family**

1st February 2023

Introduction

The purpose of the consultation is to ensure that the ICAP Benchmark Family are consistent with the index objectives, and reflect the dynamic nature of the markets. Parameta Solutions is committed to transparency when developing or reviewing benchmark methodologies, or considering material changes to its benchmarks.

The feedback received from the consultation will assist Parameta Solutions in their consideration of potential future enhancements to the Benchmarks.

The consultation will close on 28th February 2023 (“Consultation Close”) and the results will be published within two weeks of the Consultation Close.

Any methodology changes resulting from the consultation will be communicated in advance.

Potential changes to methodologies may be implemented over an extended period of time to ensure an orderly transition.

Responding to the Consultation

The information set out in this consultation document are included in order to gather feedback and may or may not result in changes to our indexes or data solutions.

Please email your response to the questions included in this consultation to benchmarkqueries@parametasolutions.com.

All responses will be treated as confidential.

Parameta Solutions may publish a summary of the consultation results, but no individual responses will be published and no respondents will be named.

Consultation Background

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Parameta Solutions seeks to ensure that its benchmarks evolve as markets and industry conditions change, however the methodologies cannot capture every circumstance. As a consequence, Parameta Solutions wishes to consult on the following aspect of the methodologies for the ICAP Benchmark Family.

1. Calculation Times

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The ICAP Benchmark Family is currently calculated between 8am – 6:30pm European Time as set out in the methodology (“Calculation Times”). Parameta Solutions understands that due to varying market conditions, it may be the case that liquidity falls in circumstances such as where there are limited market participants due to regional bank holidays and early closures.

To ensure the integrity of the benchmarks and the market, Parameta Solutions is keen to understand the effect on the market if it had the ability to close the benchmarks by giving 2 hours’ notice where at its sole discretion makes a determination that liquidity had fallen below levels that would facilitate reliable price discovery.

Consultation Questions:

1. Do you believe closing the benchmark earlier than the published Calculation Times based on a determination of low liquidity at the sole discretion of Parameta Solutions, would have a negative impact on you, your firm or the industry?

Yes

No

Comments:

2. Should the benchmarks follow a scheduled calendar of publication, with reasonable advance notice given to the market in case of changes to the publication schedule?

Yes

No

Comments:

3. Would 2 hours’ notice to the market on a trading day be reasonable advance notice, or would it cause you, your firm and the market any disruption?

Yes, 2 hours’ notice for early closure on a trading day would be reasonable advance notice

No, any notice on a trading day would cause disruption.

Comments:

4. Under which circumstances, if any, do you believe that low liquidity may justify early closure of the benchmarks?

Comments:



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