

#### **BofA Merrill Lynch Commodity MLCIA3C0 Excess Return Index**

#### 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The BofA Merrill Lynch Commodity MLCIA3C0 Excess Return Index (MLCIA3C0 or "the Pricing Reference") is a BofA Merrill Lynch Commodity Pricing Reference and is calculated pursuant to the BofA Merrill Lynch Commodity Pricing Reference Calculation Methodology for Indices (the "Benchmark Methodology") with modifications in the following sections. It is available as an Excess Return (ER) Pricing Reference (ticker: MLCIA3C0). All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined have the meaning ascribed to them in the Benchmark Methodology.

#### **Definitions**

Contracts are the futures contracts included in the Included Pricing References listed in Table 1.

**Daily Pricing Reference Settlement Value** means, in respect of each Pricing Reference Business Day, the value of the Pricing Reference as calculated and reported by the Pricing Reference Sponsor in respect of such Pricing Reference Business Day.

A Market Disruption Event means the occurrence on any Pricing Reference Business Day of any one or more of the following circumstances: (1) A material limitation, suspension, or disruption of trading in one or more Contracts which results in a failure by the exchange on which each such Contract is traded to report an exchange published settlement price for such contract on the day on which such event occurs or any succeeding day on which it continues. (2) The exchange published settlement price for any Contract included a "limit price", which means that the exchange published settlement price for such contract for a day has increased or decreased from the previous day's exchange published settlement price by the maximum amount permitted under applicable exchange rules. (3) Failure by the applicable exchange or other price source to announce or publish the exchange published settlement price for any Contract. (4) A suspension of trading in one or more Contracts, for which the trading does not resume prior to the scheduled or rescheduled closing time.

A **Pricing Reference Business Day** is a day on which the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) is open for trading.

Pricing Reference Sponsor means Merrill Lynch Commodities Inc.

## 2. SELECTION OF PRICING REFERENCE COMPONENTS

# 2.1. List of Included Commodity Pricing References

The MLCIA3C0 will only have exposure to a basket of BofA Merrill Lynch Commodity Pricing References. The list of Included Pricing References comprises only single commodity long-short Pricing References and is given in Table 1.

Table 1: Single Commodity long-short Included Pricing References								
Commodity Pricing Reference Bloomberg Ticker								
Aluminium	MLCILPAL							
Brent	MLCILPBL							
Coffee	MLCILPEL							
Copper (COMEX)	MLCILPPL							
Corn	MLCILPCL							
Cotton	MLCILPOL							



Crude oil (WTI)	MLCILPWL
Gasoil	MLCILPQL
Gasoline (RBOB)	MLCILPXL
Gold	MLCILPGL
Heating oil	MLCILPHL
Lean hogs	MLCILPLL
Live cattle	MLCILPVL
Natural gas	MLCILPNL
Nickel	MLCILPIL
Silver	MLCILPSL
Soybean	MLCILPYL
Soybean meal	MLCILPML
Soybean oil	MLCILPJL
Sugar	MLCILPUL
Wheat	MLCILPTL
Wheat (Kansas)	MLCILPKL
Zinc	MLCILPZL

# 2.2. Single commodity roll schedules

The long leg and short leg roll schedules for the single commodity long-short Included Pricing Reference from Table 1 are listed in Tables 2 and 3. The long leg of Included Pricing References for all commodities rolls from -11 to 4 Pricing Reference Business Days while the short leg of Included Pricing References rolls from 5 to 9 Pricing Reference Business Days of each month.

Ta	Table 2: Long leg roll schedules of Included Pricing References											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Aluminium	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Brent	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+	H+
Coffee	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+	H+
Copper (COMEX)	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+	H+
Corn	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+	H+
Cotton	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	H+	H+
Crude oil (WTI) Roll year !=2020	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Crude oil (WTI) Roll year =2020	Н	K	K	N	U	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Gasoil	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Gasoline (RBOB)	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Gold	J	J	M	M	Q	Q	Z	Z	Z	Z	G+	G+
Heating oil	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Lean Hogs	J	J	M	M	N	Q	V	V	Z	Z	G+	G+
Live Cattle	J	J	M	M	Q	Q	V	V	Z	Z	G+	G+
Natural Gas	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Nickel	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Silver	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+	H+
Soybean	Н	K	K	N	N	X	X	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Soybean Meal	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	F+	F+	H+
Soybean Oil	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	F+	F+	H+
Sugar	Н	K	K	N	N	V	V	V	H+	H+	H+	H+
Wheat	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+	H+
Wheat (Kansas)	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+	H+
Zinc	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+



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Tal	Table 3: Short leg roll schedules of Included Pricing References											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Aluminium	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Brent	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Coffee	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Copper (COMEX)	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Corn	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Cotton	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	H+
Crude oil (WTI)												
Roll year !=2020	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Crude oil (WTI)	Н	Н	K	K	N	U	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Roll year = 2020	TT	TT	17	17	NI	NI	U	TT	37	37	г.	Е.
Gasoil	Н	Н	K	K	N	N		U	X	X	F+	F+
Gasoline (RBOB)	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Gold	G	J	J	M	M	Q	Q	Z	Z	Z	Z	G+
Heating oil	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Lean Hogs	G	J	J	M	M	N	Q	V	V	Z	Z	G+
Live Cattle	G	J	J	M	M	Q	Q	V	V	Z	Z	G+
Natural Gas	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Nickel	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Silver	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Soybean	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	X	X	X	X	F+	F+
Soybean Meal	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	F+	F+
Soybean Oil	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	F+	F+
Sugar	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	V	V	V	H+	H+	H+
Wheat	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Wheat (Kansas)	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Zinc	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+

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## 3. CALCULATION AND REBALANCING OF THE PRICING REFERENCE

# 3.1. Rebalancing the Pricing Reference

The **Rebalancing Day** is the last Pricing Reference Business Day of the month on which all exchanges in all underlying Contracts are open for business.

Non-rebalancing Day is a Pricing Reference Business Day which is not a Rebalancing Day.

# 3.2. Pricing Reference Calculation

The Daily Pricing Reference Settlement Value of the Pricing Reference is calculated and reported on each Pricing Reference Business Day under Bloomberg ticker MLCIA3C0 <Index> for the ER Pricing Reference.

The Pricing Reference calculations are based on Percentage Target Weights. The Percentage Target Weights are always non-negative and sum to 100%.

On any Pricing Reference Business Day t, the ER level  $I_{t,ER}$  is calculated as:

$$I_{t,ER} = I_{R,ER} \times \left[ 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} PTW_{i,R} \times \left( \frac{C_{it,ER}}{C_{iR,ER}} - 1 \right) \right]$$

where n is the number of Included Basket of Pricing Reference (in Table 1),  $I_{R,ER}$ ,  $PTW_{i,R}$  and  $C_{iR,ER}$  represent the ER Pricing Reference value, the Percentage Target Weights and the closing ER levels of the Included Basket of Pricing Reference on the previous Rebalancing Day R, respectively. Additionally,  $C_{it,ER}$  represents the ER Pricing Reference value of the Pricing Reference component i on day t. The Pricing Reference is set to  $I_0$ =100 at inception, 31-Dec-2002. For the purposes of Pricing Reference calculation, the inception day is considered a Rebalancing Day with initial Percentage Target Weights.

## 3.3. Percentage Target Weights Computation

In January each year, the Percentage Target Weights (PTWs) are set equal to Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM) percentage target weights. For January 2020, those target weights are as specified in Table 4:

Table 4: January 2020 Percentage Target Weights								
Commodity	2020							
Crude oil (WTI)	7.990648%							
Heating oil	2.113715%							
Wheat	3.042251%							
Corn	5.833139%							
Aluminium	4.326651%							
Gold	13.622413%							
Natural Gas	7.960135%							
Live Cattle	4.020119%							
Soybean	5.636760%							
Soybean Meal	3.295077%							
Coffee	2.712152%							
Nickel	2.750797%							
Zinc	3.426238%							
Sugar	3.009894%							
Silver	3.778578%							
Gasoline (RBOB)	2.258358%							
Lean Hogs	1.777952%							
Soybean Oil	2.898580%							
Cotton	1.491557%							
Gasoil	2.599085%							
Copper (COMEX)	6.960582%							
Brent	7.009355%							
Wheat (Kansas)	1.485964%							

For the months of February to December, the PTWs are calculated using Contract Units (CUs) associated with each MLCIA3C0 contract and made available in January. The CUs are BCOM CPWs and for 2020 CUs are listed in Table 5 below.

Table 5: Contract Units for Reference Contract							
Commodity	2020						
Crude oil (WTI)	4.5743586						
Heating oil	37.2164642						
Wheat	19.7848544						
Corn	54.2880007						
Aluminium	0.0854342						
Gold	0.3096452						



Natural Gas	132.3043947
Live Cattle	113.6999908
Soybean	21.3675838
Soybean Meal	0.3913491
Coffee	79.2922012
Nickel	0.0070691
Zinc	0.0521510
Sugar	792.5553668
Silver	7.3514615
Gasoline (RBOB)	46.6247932
Lean Hogs	91.9083426
Soybean Oil	298.5749332
Cotton	76.4356000
Gasoil	0.1504977
Copper (COMEX)	89.1650680
Brent	3.6740581
Wheat (Kansas)	11.1947022

The Percentage Target Weights (PTW) for each month are calculated using the Contract Units (CU) and the prices of the Reference Contracts on the second last Pricing Reference business day of the month. The Reference Contracts for each commodity are given in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Reference Contracts and their roll schedules												
Reference Contracts (RC)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Aluminium	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Brent	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+	H+
Coffee	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Copper (COMEX)	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Corn	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Cotton	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	H+
Crude oil (WTI)	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Gasoil	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Gasoline (RBOB)	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Gold	G	J	J	M	M	Q	Q	Z	Z	Z	Z	G+
Heating oil	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Lean Hogs	G	J	J	M	M	N	Q	V	V	Z	Z	G+
Live Cattle	G	J	J	M	M	Q	Q	V	V	Z	Z	G+
Natural Gas	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Nickel	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+
Silver	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Soybean	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	X	X	X	X	F+	F+
Soybean Meal	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	F+	F+
Soybean Oil	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	Z	Z	Z	Z	F+	F+
Sugar	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	V	V	V	H+	H+	H+
Wheat	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Wheat (Kansas)	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	Z	Z	Z	H+
Zinc	Н	Н	K	K	N	N	U	U	X	X	F+	F+

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For each commodity i, the Percentage Target Weights of month j (denoted by  $PTW_{ij}$ ) will be calculated according to the following formula:

$$PTW_{ij} = \frac{RCP_{ij} \times CU_{i}}{\sum_{i} RCP_{ij} \times CU_{i}}$$



where  $RCP_{ij}$  is the price of Reference Contract for commodity i on the second last Pricing Reference Business day of the month before month j and  $CU_i$  are the Contract Units for commodity i. For each calculation, the Contract Units for the year of month j are used.

## 4. PRICING REFERENCE CALCULATION IN CASE OF A MARKET DISRUPTION EVENT

If, on any Rebalancing Day, there is a Market Disruption Event for one or more Contracts, the Pricing Reference will be calculated as follows: (1) The Daily Pricing Reference settlement value on the Rebalancing Day is calculated using the exchange published settlement price of all the Contracts, including those Contracts which have been affected by the Market Disruption Event (2) From the day after the Rebalancing Day to a day (inclusive) when at least one of the Contracts affected by a Market Disruption Event on the prior Rebalancing Day is not disrupted anymore, the daily Pricing Reference settlement value is adjusted to account for the fact that the Contracts affected by a Market Disruption Event on the prior Rebalancing Day could not be traded (3) On the day when at least one of the Contracts affected by a Market Disruption Event on the prior Rebalancing Day is not disrupted anymore, the Pricing Reference is rebalanced again to the weights of the prior Rebalancing Day (4) the steps 1-3 are repeated until a day when none of the Contracts are affected by a Market Disruption Event. If the Market Disruption Event persists for 5 consecutive Pricing Reference Business Days, on the 6th Pricing Reference Business Day the Pricing Reference Sponsor will use a different reference price, determined by commercially reasonable means to impose a Rebalancing Day, which is the last until the next scheduled Rebalancing Day (5) In case the rebalancing in step 3 conflicts with a scheduled Rebalancing Day with different weights, then the scheduled rebalancing is performed instead. The adjustments referred to in this section do not cover all events that may affect the value of the Pricing Reference. Accordingly, there might be situations in which the Pricing Reference may not be calculated and published.

The Pricing Reference is designated as a spread Pricing Reference which means that if there is a Market Disruption Event for one Contract of a commodity, then all the Contracts of that commodity in the Pricing Reference are considered disrupted too. COMEX copper and LME copper Contracts are treated as belonging to one commodity for this purpose

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