



RIMES Blend Modeling

Navigating the complexities of benchmark blending

Blended benchmarks, created by combining multiple market indices, are used by asset managers, asset owners and capital markets firms to calculate fees and to provide a point of comparison for investment and operational strategies.

However, the process of blending benchmarks can be a challenge. Firms are under pressure to get new products to market fast, yet creating blends can all too often be a time consuming and complex process. And as benchmark blending is not a core task, it takes precious resources away from more valuable activities.

Meanwhile, creation and usage of benchmarks is being monitored by regulators. In Europe, the European Commission has introduced the EU Benchmarks Regulation (BMR) a regulatory regime governing the provision of, contribution to and use of benchmarks within the EU.

Organizations have a responsibility to ensure that they have appropriate systems and controls around their creation, ongoing management and, above all, their accuracy and reliability when using blends of authorized benchmarks.

Now more than ever, a range of financial sector firms need efficient mechanisms to blend benchmarks and also ensure appropriate levels of governance and oversight in order to meet regulatory expectations.

Blend Modeling from RIMES

RIMES Blend Modeling enables users to create and execute index-level blends in Excel in just a few steps. Leveraging RIMES' comprehensive coverage of indices, and years of expertise in blending management, RIMES Blend Modeling makes it easier than ever for the investment community to tailor blends to a range of investment strategies including funds, ETFs and multi asset funds. With RIMES, users benefit from robust calculation capabilities and enhanced blending functionality delivered in a sandbox environment for effective, risk-free blending.



RIMES Blend Modeling delivers benefits to a broad range of benchmark users including:

- ✓ **Quant and research teams**
- ✓ **Multi asset teams**
- ✓ **Asset allocation teams**
- ✓ **Product teams**
- ✓ **ETF issuers**

[Key use cases and features](#)





For more information on RIMES Blend Modeling, or to receive your blends through the RIMES data feed, contact info@rimes.com

Key use cases

With RIMES Blend Modeling tools, firms can enhance blending processes for a number of value-add use cases including:

- Measuring performance in back-test modeling
- Accelerating time-to-market for new funds
- Testing and launching thematic strategies and innovative investment styles
- Validating blend themes

Features of RIMES Blend Modeling

Using RIMES' Blend Modeling tools couldn't be easier. Users can store index-level blend definitions locally, download them from RIMES Online, or create blends in Excel through RIMES' new add-in tools. RIMES enables users to:

- Define a blend's weighting, either by the user or against market capitalization
- Use their own identifiers and names
- Define the blend's base value, start date, and rebalance date
- Adjust the frequency of blend rebalancing
- Leverage market capitalization scaling to align with various data partners' methodologies
- Add a cash component option with static or no return
- Manage multiple blends

Simplify benchmark blending with RIMES

RIMES' Blend Modeling tools replace time consuming and complex manual processes with fast and efficient benchmark creation and execution. Through automated and scalable processes financial professionals can quickly address their benchmark blending requirements, reduce their overall risk, and spend more time on core business activities. Firms using our tools can also benefit through:



Searching RIMES' database of more than 3.4 million indices



Simple processes to retrieve, manipulate and store data



Ability to break down views of sub-index components and constituents



Ability to receive completed and validated blends via a regular RIMES data feed

