

Blended Benchmarks

Simplifying the management of blended benchmarks

A portfolio investment strategy is dictated by its mandate. Benchmarks are used to implement the strategy, measure performance and communicate with stakeholders. Investment strategies often require composite or blended benchmarks but synthesizing benchmarks requires specialist knowledge and expertise.

The management of blended benchmarks commonly involves spreadsheets or generic system tools. This can be at odds with data governance programs due to the lack of control and is at best only a tactical solution. As well as making inventory management for internal or regulatory reporting difficult, there is a constant risk of data license breaches, missing audit trails and inconsistencies in the application of the methodology.

With our expertise in managing benchmarks on behalf of our clients, RIMES offers a strategic, flexible solution to the blended benchmark challenge. With our managed data service we build and manage composites and blends to your specifications, delivering them fit for purpose and ready for use in each of your functions.



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RIMES blended benchmark service An expert approach

RIMES blended benchmark services offer a strategic solution to the blended benchmarks challenge. We have a deep understanding of the different methodologies and our consultative approach means that we deliver the optimum solution to meet your strategy. Our practical experience enables us to identify problems before they arise and offer a cost-effective solution.

We already build and manage blended benchmarks on behalf of many clients in line with their license terms. All RIMES blended benchmarks are set up, system-ready in line with your requirements, using our specialist tools and once in production undergo the same rigorous validation and remediation processes as standard benchmarks. As part of our fully managed service, we also provide tools to allow the self-management of weight allocations as well a full reporting package that incorporates blend methodologies, destination systems and a comprehensive audit trail of changes.

Aligning with business needs





Aligning blended benchmarks with business needs

RIMES simplifies the creation and maintenance of blended benchmarks.

Benefits include:

- **Improved productivity:** a partnership with RIMES provides access to RIMES expertise, enabling blended benchmarks to be created quickly, easily and cost effectively, shortening time to market
- **Quality data:** all of our blended benchmarks are created using proven methodologies, delivering you accurate data that is fit for purpose and ready for use in systems across the firm
- **Improved transparency and control:** detailed inventory and methodology information that allows blended benchmarks are brought into the firm's data governance program enabling a strategic view.



Case Study
'The firm quickly achieved sustainable improvement in quality, accuracy and timeliness'

This UK-based asset management firm wanted to improve its blended benchmark calculations to support front office trading and risk management. Its asset allocation team struggled to source all the necessary data and reliance on manual processes often caused delays and increased the chance of errors. The asset allocation team sought a solution to facilitate sourcing, proactive remediation and

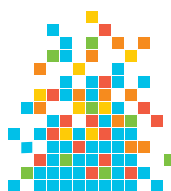
frequent changes to blend components and weights. The ideal solution would deliver timely data, ready for use in front-office systems. After careful consideration, the firm decided to adopt a new approach. Already a client, the firm used RIMES to build and manage their composite indexes for them, as a result of which they quickly achieved a sustainable improvement in the quality, accuracy and timeliness in the management of blended benchmarks with fewer resources. Business processes were streamlined and time to market was reduced from months to days. Free from the increasing burden of data management, the firm was able to focus more on its core business of investment management.



With RIMES MDS, your blended benchmarks are delivered system-ready. You retain full transparency and control with a comprehensive inventory of the blends we deliver, including underlying components and weights, and even the ability to self-manage weights allocations if required.



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