ISDA SIMM Crowdsourcing Facility

ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA) operates a polling mechanism for firms trading uncleared derivatives that provides consensus risk buckets as a key input to the ISDA SIMM™ methodology.

Crowdsourcing provides the answers regarding which risk bucket to select for each underlying asset traded across the equity and credit asset classes.

The crowdsourcing facility reduces margin call disputes between by providing firms which use the ISDA SIMM™ methodology with an aligned set of risk buckets.

How does it work?

1. Firms submit daily files voting on their nominated ISDA risk bucket for underlying assets, using the underlier’s ISIN code.
2. For each underlier the crowdsourcing facility calculates the risk bucket with the most votes.
3. Each underlier with two or more votes is included in the results. Tie-breaker logic applies to an underlier with the same number of votes for different risk buckets.
4. Firms wishing to use crowdsourcing facility can participate as both a submitter and user or just as a user of the results.
5. Participant firms collect results and all use the same risk buckets as inputs to SIMM calculations.

Asset Classes
- Equity
- Credit qualifying
- Credit non-qualifying

When
- Updated results published daily 5:15am EST

Licensing
- Licensing and Usage Fee schedules are available here www.theice.com/iba/licensing

Key Features of ISDA SIMM™ Crowdsourcing Facility:

- Daily file updates: The polling mechanism and consensus calculation run daily. Results are published each business day and can be accessed via ICE website or MFT service.
- Reference data files: As well as daily and historical risk bucket results IBA also publish reference files containing the ISDA risk bucket weightings, sectors and correlations.
- 20,000 ISINs: More than 20,000 ISINs included in the results across equity, credit qualifying and credit non-qualifying asset classes. The number of ISINs increasing as firms continue to join the facility.
- Wide participation: Buy and Sell side firms trading uncleared derivatives from all phases of initial margin regulations. Firms can choose to submit votes or just use results.