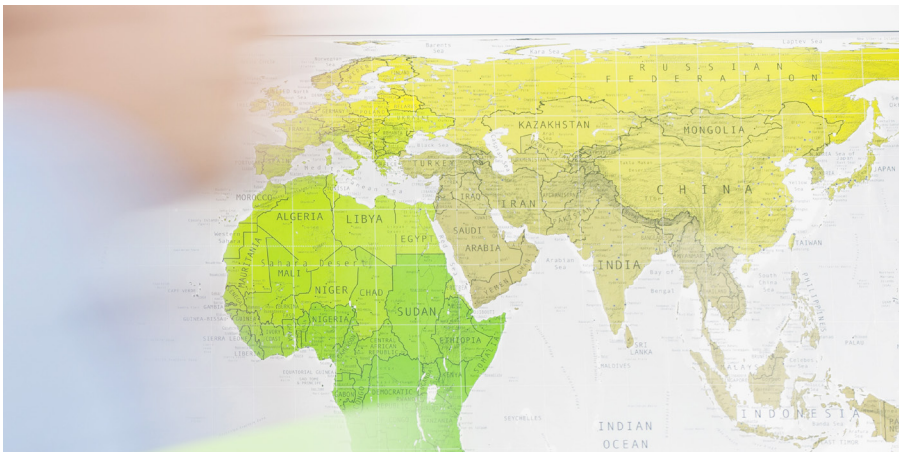


Clearstream Spotlight

Bond Connect: Increasing access to China's Interbank Bond Market



The launch of Clearstream's link to Bond Connect is part of our ongoing commitment to provide our international customers with enhanced access to the Chinese market.

Customers can benefit from a system that is efficient in terms of cost and time thanks to a simplified application procedure. There are fewer documentation requirements and there is no longer any need to open custody and bank accounts on the mainland. In addition, customers can now enjoy much faster turnaround when compared with the alternatives.

Bond Connect represents a non-competing alternative that complements our existing China Bond Link, accessing the China Interbank Bond Market (CIBM) by a simplified procedure. Foreign

investors will be able to buy CIBM eligible fixed income instruments through the Hong Kong exchange and benefit from easy and quota-free access.

Continued liberalisation of China's capital markets

CIBM is the fastest growing bond market globally. In China's ongoing process to liberalise its financial markets, Bond Connect creates a new route for international investors to access Chinese onshore fixed income products, thereby facilitating foreign participation in the local bond market.

Clearstream's Bond Connect offering

Clearstream's link to Bond Connect builds on our existing principles of ensuring the highest levels of safety and security. It also offers comprehensive settlement and custody services for CIBM eligible fixed income instruments.

Key customer benefits

With Bond Connect, access to CIBM has never been easier.

Simple registration process

Bond Connect brings operational ease with foreign investors being able to conduct the registration process offshore in Hong Kong in a shorter proposed application timeframe.

No quotas

There are no quota restrictions for Bond Connect and there is also no need to stipulate the intended investment amount prior to investment.

Trading on familiar electronic platforms

Participants have access to approved electronic trading platforms, that provide a familiar trading interface for international investors to trade directly with onshore participating dealers.

Why invest in China's bond market?

China's fixed income market is the third largest in the world, of which foreign investors account for 1%. A number that is expected to increase given continued improvements to access the onshore market.

CIBM is the fastest growing bond market globally and Bond Connect creates a new route for international investors to access Chinese onshore fixed income products in an attempt to increase foreign participation.

More information

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