

# **S&P/BMV IPC VIX Index** *Methodology*

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# Introduction

## Index Objective

The S&P/BMV IPC VIX Index measures the implied volatility of the S&P/BMV IPC Futures over the next 90 days.

## Highlights

The index uses settlement prices for S&P/BMV IPC Index Futures put and call options to calculate a weighted average of the implied volatility of the options. The S&P/BMV IPC VIX Index is maintained by S&P Dow Jones Indices in agreement with the Bolsa Mexicana de Valores (BMV).

## Supporting Documents

This methodology is meant to be read in conjunction with supporting documents providing greater detail with respect to the policies, procedures and calculations described herein. References throughout the methodology direct the reader to the relevant supporting document for further information on a specific topic. The list of the main supplemental documents for this methodology and the hyperlinks to those documents is as follows:

Supporting Document	URL
S&P Dow Jones Indices’ Options Indices Policies & Practices Methodology	<a href="#">Options Indices Policies &amp; Practices Methodology</a>
S&P Dow Jones Indices’ Index Mathematics Methodology	<a href="#">Index Mathematics Methodology</a>

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Pursuant to an Index Operation and License Agreement dated May 2015 (the “Agreement”) between S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (“S&P DJI”) and Bolsa Mexicana de Valores, S.A.B. DE C.V. (“BMV”), as amended, S&P DJI and BMV have agreed to jointly publish and co-brand a family of indices (the “Indices”). The Indices will be co-branded with the S&P/BMV naming convention on June 5, 2017 in conjunction with S&P Dow Jones Indices’ assumption of index calculation and maintenance. Prior to June 5, 2017, the Indices were calculated and maintained by BMV.

# Index Construction

## Approaches

The index is derived from the near-term and next-term options on the S&P/BMV IPC Index Futures. To minimize pricing anomalies from the heavy trading on expiring options during the last few trading days, options roll to the next term and third term when the near-term options have 10 calendar days to expire. The TIIE rate, TIIE 28-day rate, TIIE 91-day rate and TIIE 182-day rate are used to interpolate the risk free rates of each maturity. The index is calculated and published daily.

## Derive VIX from Near-Term and Next-Term Options

The index generally uses put and call options in the two nearest-term expiration months in order to bracket a 90-day calendar period.

However, when the near-term options have less than 10 calendar days to expire, the index rolls to the second and third contract months in order to minimize pricing anomalies that might occur close to expiration.

For each maturity, put and call options are used to calculate the implied volatility. The detailed calculation is described in the next section.

The near-term volatility  $\sigma_1$  and the next term volatility  $\sigma_2$  are interpolated to arrive at a single value  $\sigma$  with a constant maturity of 90 days to expiration. The index is derived by taking  $\sigma$  (the square root of  $\sigma^2$ ) and multiplying by 100.

$$VIX = \sigma * 100 \tag{1}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{N_y}{N_m} \left\{ T_1 \sigma_1^2 \left[ \frac{N_{T_2} - N_m}{N_{T_2} - N_{T_1}} \right] + T_2 \sigma_2^2 \left[ \frac{N_m - N_{T_1}}{N_{T_2} - N_{T_1}} \right] \right\}$$

where:

- $\sigma$  = 90-day implied volatility
- $\sigma_1$  = Near-term volatility derived from the near-term options (see formula 5)
- $\sigma_2$  = Next-term volatility derived from the next term options (see formula 5)
- $N_y$  = Number of days in one year
- $N_m$  = Number of days in three months = 90
- $T_1$  = Time to expiration (in years) of the near-term options
- $T_2$  = Time to expiration (in years) of the next-term options
- $N_{T_1}$  = Number of days between the current day and the expiration date of the near-term options
- $N_{T_2}$  = Number of days between the current day and the expiration date of the next-term options

## Calculating Time to Maturity

The time to maturity ( $T$ ) is measured in years. The calculation consists of three parts:

- $N_1$  = Fractional number of days remaining from the calculation time until midnight of the current day
- $N_2$  = Number of days between the current day and the settlement day
- $N_3$  = Fractional number of days from midnight of the day prior to expiry to the settlement time on the expiry date

$$N_1 = \frac{\text{minutes remaining until midnight of the current day}}{24 * 60}$$

$$N_3 = \frac{\text{minutes from midnight to settlement time on expiry}}{24 * 60} \quad (2)$$

$$N_T = N_1 + N_2 + N_3$$

$$T = \frac{N_T}{N_y}$$

where:

- $N_y$  = Number of days in one year
- $N_T$  = Number of days until option expiration

Calendar days are used in all-the-day count calculations.

## Interpolating Risk Free Rates

The TIIE rate ( $R_{on}$ ), TIIE 28-day rate ( $R_{1m}$ ), TIIE 91-day rate ( $R_{3m}$ ) and TIIE 182-day rate ( $R_{6m}$ ) are used to interpolate the risk free rates used in the near-term ( $R_1$ ) and next-term ( $R_2$ ).

$$R_1 = \frac{N_y}{N_{T_1}} \left\{ T_{on} R_{on} \left[ \frac{N_{1m} - N_{T_1}}{N_{1m} - N_{on}} \right] + T_{1m} R_{1m} \left[ \frac{N_{T_1} - N_{on}}{N_{1m} - N_{on}} \right] \right\}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{N_y}{N_{T_2}} \left\{ T_{3m} R_{3m} \left[ \frac{N_{6m} - N_{T_2}}{N_{6m} - N_{3m}} \right] + T_{6m} R_{6m} \left[ \frac{N_{T_2} - N_{3m}}{N_{6m} - N_{3m}} \right] \right\} \quad (3)$$

where:

- $R_1$  = Near-term risk free rate
- $R_2$  = Next-term risk free rate
- $N_{on}$  = Number of days remaining until the midnight of the next business day
- $N_{1m}$  = 28 days, as used in the 28-day TIIE rate interpolation
- $N_{3m}$  = 91 days, as used in the 91-day TIIE rate interpolation
- $N_{6m}$  = 182 days, as used in the 182-day TIIE rate interpolation
- $N_{T_1}$  = Number of days between the current day and the expiration date of the near-term options
- $N_{T_2}$  = Number of days between the current day and the expiration date of the next-term options
- $N_y$  = Number of days in one year

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{on} &= \frac{N_{on}}{N_y} \\
T_{1m} &= \frac{N_{1m}}{N_y} \\
T_{3m} &= \frac{N_{3m}}{N_y} \\
T_{6m} &= \frac{N_{6m}}{N_y}
\end{aligned}
\tag{4}$$

Note that the interpolation works when the near-term and next-term expirations are bracketed by the overnight-28 day and the 91-182-day maturities of interest rates, respectively. When the option expirations fall outside of the corresponding interest rate expirations, the correct interest rate must be selected. For example, if the near-term expiration is between 28 days and 91 days, the 28-day and 91-day TIE rates are used to interpolate the near-term risk free rate,  $R_1$ ; if the next-term expiration is beyond 182 days, the 91-day and 182-day TIE rates are used to interpolate the next-term risk free rate,  $R_2$ .

### Forward Index Level

For both near-term and next-term, the formula used to calculate the forward index level is as follows:

$$F = K + e^{RT} * (C_K - P_K) \tag{5}$$

where:

$F$  = Forward index level

$K$  = The strike price at which the absolute difference between the mid-price of the call and the put options is the smallest

$T$  = Time to expiration (see formula 2)

$R$  = Risk-free interest rate to expiration (see formula 3)

$C_K$  = Mid price of calls at strike  $K$

$P_K$  = Mid price of puts at strike  $K$

### Option Selection Methodology

To select the options in the volatility calculation for both near-term and next-term,

- Sort all the options in ascending order by strike prices.
- Determine at-the-money strike  $K_0$ . It is the strike nearest to the forward index level  $F$ .
- Both put and call options at strike  $K_0$  are selected.
- Out-of-the-money call options with strike prices higher than  $K_0$  are selected.

Start with call option with strike price immediately higher than  $K_0$  and move to successively higher strike prices ( $K$ ). After encountering two consecutive calls with bid price of zero, no calls with higher strikes are considered.

Out-of-the-money put options with strike prices lower than  $K_0$  are selected. Start with put option with strike price immediately lower than  $K_0$  and move to successively lower strike prices ( $K$ ). After encountering two consecutive puts with bid price of zero, no puts with lower strikes are considered.

Options which are not good quotes will be excluded. A good quote is a quote with a bid price and an ask price available:

where:

- $0 < \text{bid price} \leq \text{ask price}$  (for all options)

and

- bid/ask price of selected call options  $\leq$  bid/ask price of the call option at  $K_0$

and

- bid/ask price of selected put options  $\leq$  bid/ask price of the put option at  $K_0$ .

### General Formula to Calculate Implied Volatilities

The index uses the settlement prices of options to calculate the implied volatilities.

For the near-term and the next term, respectively, implied volatilities are calculated using both puts and calls. The general formula is:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{2}{T} \sum_i \frac{\Delta K_i}{K_i^2} e^{RT} Q(K_i) - \frac{1}{T} \left[ \frac{F}{K_0} - 1 \right]^2 \quad (6)$$

where:

$\sigma$  = Implied volatility

$T$  = Time to expiration (see formula 2)

$F$  = Forward index level (see formula 5)

$K_i$  = Strike price of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  out-of-the-money option

$\Delta K_i$  = Interval between strike prices (see formula 7)

$K_0$  = At-the-money strike

$R$  = Risk-free interest rate to expiration (see formula 3)

$Q(K_i)$  = Settlement price of each option with strike  $K_i$

The index uses the S&P/BMV IPC Index futures price as the proxy for forward index level  $F$ . Define  $K_0$  as the strike that is closest to  $F$ .

The index uses both puts and calls in the volatility calculation:

- Select call options that have strike prices greater than  $K_0$  and a non-zero settlement price.
- Select put options that have strike prices less than  $K_0$  and a non-zero settlement price.
- Select both the put and call at strike  $K_0$  and a non-zero settlement price. Use the average of put and call settlement prices as  $Q(K_0)$  in the calculation.

Generally,  $\Delta K_i$  is half the distance between the strike on either side of  $K_i$  and is calculated as:

$$\Delta K_i = \frac{K_{i+1} - K_{i-1}}{2} \quad (7)$$

At the upper and lower edges of any given strip of options,  $\Delta K_i$  is simply the difference between  $K_i$  and the adjacent strike price.

## **Rolling Between Option Contract Months**

In calculating the index, when the near-term options have 10 days to expire, the index rolls to the second and third contract months.

## **Currency of Calculation and Additional Index Return Series**

In addition to the indices detailed in this methodology, additional return series versions of the indices may be available, including, but not limited to the following: currency, currency hedged, decrement, fair value, inverse, leveraged, and risk control versions. For a list of available indices, please refer to the [S&P DJI Methodology & Regulatory Status Database](#).

*For information on the index calculation, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.*

*For the inputs necessary to calculate certain types of indices, including decrement, dynamic hedged, fair value, and risk control indices, please refer to the Parameters documents available at [www.spglobal.com/spdji/](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji/).*



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## Tickers

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Index	Bloomberg	RIC
S&P/BMV IPC VIX	SPBMVVIX	.SPBMVVIX

## Index Data

Daily index level data are available via subscription.

For product information, please contact S&P Dow Jones Indices, [www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/contact-us](http://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/contact-us).

## Web site

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# Appendix

## ESG Disclosures

<b>EXPLANATION OF HOW ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL &amp; GOVERNANCE (ESG) FACTORS ARE REFLECTED IN THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Name of the benchmark administrator.</b> S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Underlying asset class of the ESG benchmark.<sup>2</sup></b> N/A
<b>3.</b>	<b>Name of the S&amp;P Dow Jones Indices benchmark or family of benchmarks.</b> <a href="#">S&amp;P DJI Options Indices Benchmark Statement</a>
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