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**Slovakia has joined the FTSE World Government Bond Index as of June 2026**

Slovakia has met the criteria for inclusion in the global government bond index FTSE World Government Bond Index (FTSE WGBI), as confirmed by FTSE Russell in its semi-annual review.

In September 2025, all objective index inclusion criteria for market size, credit rating, and a minimum Market Accessibility Level of “2” were met, paving the way for its entry into the world’s most prestigious government bond benchmark. This achievement is the result of sustained efforts by the Debt and Liquidity Management Agency (ARDAL), which has systematically worked to enhance the liquidity, transparency, and accessibility of the Slovak government bond market for international investors.

FTSE WGBI is the largest and most closely followed global government bond index, representing more than USD 3 trillion in assets, and Slovakia’s inclusion reflects the growing size and liquidity of its domestic government bond market, as well as its credit quality, rating, and accessibility for foreign investors.

FTSE Russell announced that Slovakia would be added to the index as of June 2026. This also triggered its inclusion in derived indices, including the FTSE European Government Bond Index.

This represents a significant milestone that opens access for Slovakia to extensive global capital flows it could not previously reach. Increased demand and higher liquidity in the government bond market are expected, along with growing interest from passive funds and ETFs that replicate the index. For many funds mandated to invest according to WGBI, an immediate mechanical demand for eligible Slovak bonds arised, which may contribute to tighter spreads and broader investor participation.

This development will support the stability of the domestic market while creating room for cheaper government financing. By joining the FTSE WGBI, Slovakia becomes a fully integrated participant in global capital flows and strengthens its position in international financial markets.